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### On the Cover

Physics students flew high on the "Weightless Wonder" during NASA's summer '06 Microgravity University program in Houston. Front row: Desmond Campbell '06 and Daniel Keedy '06. Second row: Kevin Andring '07, John Janeski '07 and Sean Quinn '06 (see story on page 12).

Photograph by Ann Viano

# The Right Stuff

By President William E. Troutt

If you have any contact with today's high school students, you know that they speak a language of their own and can change how they choose to communicate with amazing speed. They are suspicious about any messages that sound like institutional hype. They only want "real" messages.

Our talented Admissions staff is working hard to meet this challenge of communicating effectively and authentically with prospective Rhodes students. One strategy that continues to work quite well is letting Rhodes students tell the college's story. Our new recruiting video and print materials utilize this technique, as does the new Web site. I hope you will visit [rhodes.edu](http://rhodes.edu) and read about the life transforming experiences of Aaron, Alex, Joel, Sini, John, Ashley, Caleb, Cassie, Hazami, Doug, Hallie, Jay, Korey, Latoya, Lizzie, Evan, Rachel, Ross, Shruti and Truett. Their own words reflect the real stories of Rhodes students.

As usual, there is a "story behind the story." All but three of these students receive financial assistance that allows them to take full advantage of a Rhodes education. Coping with fiscal challenges is a struggle, but many of them—particularly our Bonner Scholars and our Rhodes Student Associates—say that their out-of-the-classroom learning experiences have contributed immeasurably to their personal growth and academic success.

There is a story behind "The Right Stuff" article that appears in this issue. About halfway through the piece the following sentences appear under the heading, "Apparatus": "Four of the students completed construction of the experiment in Rhodes Tower during summer 2006. [Kevin] Andring, who had labored on it during spring semester, was off to his summer job as a commercial fisherman in Alaska. He would return in August."

I had the privilege last spring of talking with Kevin Andring about the job he has held on a fishing boat near



President Troutt speaking at Alumni Convocation, Homecoming 2006

the Arctic Circle for several summers. It is high-paying but incredibly difficult labor. In order to return to Rhodes in early August to participate in this NASA program, Kevin had to miss one trip out to sea on the fishing boat and forgo a significant amount of summer income. He tried to compensate by scrimping and saving, but by the end of the fall semester he was faced with the real possibility of having to drop out of school. Through the generosity of our community of donors, we were able to find funding to keep him here through graduation, and I look forward to a day when our students do not face such harrowing experiences to receive the aid they need.

My New Year's resolution is to find a way, sooner rather than later, to meet 100 percent of every one of our students' demonstrated financial need. With your help, the Rhodes community can meet this challenge.

I am confident we have the right stuff. **R**

# Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2006



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## Athletic Hall of Fame

Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were, left to right: Robert Echols '62, baseball and football; Bill Carrell '58, cross-country and track; Susan Clark '74, basketball, volleyball and tennis; Will Rhea Winfrey '39, football; Mike Gonda '94, basketball; Mallory Chamberlin '63, cross-country and track; and Carl Hill '76, track and football



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Fletcher Scott '48 (left) and Freeman Marr '48, members of the championship 1947 mile relay team, were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Frank Boswell '49 and Evin Perdue '49 were inducted posthumously

Also inducted was the championship 1961 Lynx baseball team. Those who attended were, front row left to right: Ronnie Splann '64, Pat Burke '62, Buddy McAfee '62, Jerry Manley '63. Back row: David White '64, Lou Johnson '61, Larry Thomas '64, Robert Echols '62, Mark Hartzog '63, Charley Killinger '64, Billy Landers '61

## Alumni Convocation

### Faculty Portrait

Dr. Harold Lyons, professor of chemistry at Rhodes from 1958-89, was the subject of the faculty portrait. Family members at the unveiling were, left to right: grandson Matthew Lyons '00, sons Chris Lyons '73 and Michael Lyons '66, Mrs. Helen Lyons and Bill Lyons '70, Matthew's father



JUSTIN FOX BURKS

### Award Recipients

Honorees were, left to right: Mickey Babcock '98, Rhodes College Footprints Award for service; Whitney Lockett Watkins '96, Strength and Courage Award for her battle with melanoma; Pam Palmer Montesi '80, Volunteer of the Year Award for leadership in the 2005 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend; Jim Eikner '57, president, Rhodes Alumni Association; President Troutt; pediatrician William Threlkeld '53, Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award; Sam Thompson '03, Young Alumnus of the Year Award for his efforts to help rebuild the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina



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### Mr. and Ms. Rhodes

Seniors Andy Greer and Katherine Stewart were named Mr. and Ms. Rhodes at halftime. The Lynx defeated Colorado College 28-10



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### BSA Alumnus of the Year

The Black Student Association elected Broadway, film and television actor Charles Holt '89 alumnus of the year

## Curb Foundation To Fund Music Institute

President William E. Troutt has announced the establishment of The Mike Curb Institute for Music to be housed at Rhodes. The institute is being created through a \$5 million donation from the Mike Curb Family Foundation to foster awareness and understanding of the distinct musical traditions of the South and to study the impact of music on its culture, history and economy. Mike Curb is chairman of Nashville-based Curb Records and a former California lieutenant governor. With more than 40 years in the industry as a songwriter and producer, he is a prominent figure in the entertainment world today and has made generous investments in higher education.

The announcement was made Oct. 5, 2006, at the arts leadership conference presented by Rhodes' Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts (CODA). CODA Director Timothy Sharp, Curb and Eddie Ray, Curb's mentor and a veteran music industry executive, participated on a panel at the conference titled "Preserving the Tennessee Music Miracle."

A primary objective of the Curb Institute is to provide undergraduate research opportunities that go beyond the campus gates. With faculty guidance, students will assist Rhodes and other institutions in preserving archival materials as well as accumulating and developing primary resources including oral interviews, recordings, instruments

and historical printed programs. Resources of partner institutions also will be brought to bear in addressing the study of the impact of music on the region.

"We envision partnerships with the Stax Museum, National Civil Rights Museum, Blues Foundation and Fisk, Belmont and Vanderbilt universities in Nashville, where Curb Foundation initiatives are already under way," says Troutt. "Mike chairs the Mike Curb Family Foundation, which supports music education and works to restore historic music industry locations. Most of his good works to date have benefited the Nashville area, but his gift to Rhodes celebrates his appreciation for the contributions of our region's music to the world."

Curb has written more than 400 songs and received countless music industry awards, including the Producer of the Year Award from *Billboard* magazine in 1972. He has produced number-one hits including "Candy Man" by Sammy Davis Jr., "I'm Leavin' It All Up To You" by Donny & Marie Osmond, "You Light Up My Life" by Debbie Boone and "How Do I Live" by LeAnn Rimes. His roster of recording artists also includes The Judds, Tim McGraw, Hank Williams Jr. and Lyle Lovett. In 2006, Curb received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 16th annual Los Angeles Music Awards.

## Grant To Support Civil Rights Digital Resource

Rhodes has received a prestigious National Leadership grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for its Crossroads to Freedom project. IMLS is the primary

source of federal funds for the nation's museums and libraries. Of the 37 grants awarded, Rhodes was one of only two liberal arts colleges to receive funding. It has been allotted \$249,504

in the "Building Digital Resources" grant category.

As part of Crossroads to Freedom, Rhodes will digitize and make available on the Web portions of two newspapers

## Campus News

and 1,200 photographs, letters and other documents relating to the civil rights movement in Memphis and the Mid-South. Students will conduct oral history interviews of people involved in the movement and will develop an innovative means of searching and browsing the content in an online repository that will be accessible free of charge on the Web. A coalition of community and educational partners

will identify sources of content, create curricula, help evaluate the project and host events that will foster conversations in the community about the impact of the era on Memphis today.

“Students play a critical role in all aspects of Crossroads and already have begun working on the project,” says Suzanne Bonefas, director of special projects at Rhodes. “They are

deeply engaged in both the historical and social aspects of the civil rights movement in Memphis and how it has shaped our community today. Thanks to IMLS, Rhodes will continue to move forward with plans for the archive, including creating additional internships for the Rhodes students who are researching, creating and digitizing content for the archive.”

## Day Awards Nominations Requested

TO: The Rhodes Community

FROM: Charlotte G. Borst, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

RE: **Clarence Day Awards for Outstanding Teaching and Research and/or Creative Activity**

Each year through the generosity of Memphis businessman Clarence Day, Rhodes presents two awards to members of the faculty—one for outstanding teaching and one for outstanding research and/or creative activity. These awards bring recognition for excellence among our colleagues. In addition, they provide substantial stipends to the recipients. Perhaps most important, both awards celebrate the ideal of the teacher-scholar in a liberal arts environment.

I am asking for nominations for both awards in order to allow the selection committee time for careful consideration of all nominees. Please take time to nominate someone you believe merits such recognition. The selection committee values nominations that are accompanied by commentary that calls attention to the exemplary features of teaching, or the significant outcomes of research and/or creative activity. The selection committee compiles a dossier in support of a nomination, but the nomination itself, with this commentary, plays a critical role in the process.

**Nominations are due in the office of the Provost by 5 p.m., February 16, 2007**

The criteria, nominating forms and eligibility lists can be found and submitted electronically at [rhodes.edu/3326.htm](http://rhodes.edu/3326.htm).

## UN-Sponsored Panel Visits Campus

In late September, educators from Afghanistan, El Salvador, India, Indonesia and Liberia traveling under the auspices of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations came to Rhodes for a panel discussion on “The Education of Girls in the Developing World.” The moderator was Gretchen Bolton, wife of John R. Bolton, former U.S. representative to the United Nations who resigned in December 2006.

The discussion was part of a three-city tour (New York, Detroit and Memphis) and a follow-up to First Lady Laura Bush’s autumn address to the UN General Assembly on global literacy. According to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), more than 771 million adults around the world cannot read. Eighty-five percent of them live in just 35 countries,

concentrated in regions of poverty. More than two-thirds of these illiterate adults are women.

Panelists included:

Jane Walters ’56, former secretary of education for the state of Tennessee and founder and current principal of the Grizzlies Academy in Memphis, a “Break the Mold” public school sponsored by the city’s NBA team.

From Afghanistan—Dr. Hasina

Mojadidi, Professional Development Centre coordinator at Kabul Education University and assistant director of National Humanitarian Youth for Afghanistan

El Salvador—Alba Margarita Aguilar de Guardado, Education Programs manager for Save the Children

India—Meera Balachandran, founding principal of Ramjas School, Sector IV, R K Puram, in New Delhi. Established in 1974, the school has been raised to the level of a senior

secondary school.

Indonesia—Dr. Siti Chamamah Soeratno, chair of the Women's Wing of Muhammadiyah, a nonpolitical Islamic sociocultural reform organization promoting human welfare in Indonesia. She also is the adviser of the Center for Women Study at Gadjah Mada University.

Liberia—Myrline B. Keculah, national assistant education coordinator of the International Rescue Committee in Monrovia, Liberia. Also traveling

with the group was 17-year-old Moriah Kou Yeakula, a 2006 graduate of St. Teresa Convent Catholic High School in Monrovia.

Rhodes groups sponsoring the discussion were African American Studies, Latin American Studies, Women's Studies, the Education, Psychology and International Studies departments and the Office of Academic Affairs.

## Newton Heads to Maryville

Rhodes chaplain Billy Newton '74 has taken the post of executive director of the Center for Strong Communities at Maryville College. The center is a newly-established outreach center that includes partnerships in service-learning and undergraduate research, community organizing, social justice and eco-justice ministries and other forms of church and community engagement.

In his 16 years as chaplain at his alma mater, Newton was instrumental in the integration of faith and service into the campus community. He helped bring Bonner Scholarships to Rhodes as well as service learning and the Micah 6

Partnership program, which now serves as a model for other colleges. The Kinney Program, the Tex-Mex Border Ministry and Souper Contact, the student-run soup kitchen, under his guidance, have become community service traditions supported by students and many alumni who have grown through their service experiences and benefited from his guidance.

Newton was on campus through Homecoming, where alumni celebrated 50 years of the Kinney Program and 10 years of the first graduating class of Bonner Scholars.

## Remembering Professor Gilliom

Richard D. Gilliom '56, professor of chemistry at Rhodes from 1961-90, died Sept. 21, 2006, in Memphis. He was 72.

Gilliom, who graduated from Rhodes with distinction, was also a star basketball player, earning the MVP trophy for the 1954-55 season. He read for honors and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership fraternity.

A native of Bluffton, IN, he went on to earn his Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, then worked as a scientist in the petroleum industry before returning to teach at his alma mater in 1961.

Gilliom, who served as a visiting lecturer at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Skopje in Macedonia

in 1968-69 and worked in several capacities with the National Science Foundation between 1971-81. In 1984, he received the Day Award for Research and Creativity, one of the highest faculty honors Rhodes bestows.

His expertise lay in the areas of physical organic, synthetic organic and analytical chemistry. He was a pioneer in the application of computation to issues of molecular conformation, including proteins, and did considerable research on drug design for diuretics. In 1980, Gilliom was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, to which he then devoted a great deal of research.

Widely published in numerous science journals, he was also the author of the textbook *Introduction to Physical Organic Chemistry*.

He leaves his wife of 48 years,

Patricia Hastings Gilliom '55; two daughters, Laura Gilliom Sylvester and Andrea Gilliom Anderson '82; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. **R**



Richard Gilliom

# Rhodes' Financial Journey

By Daney Daniel Kepple





"Here was the chance of a lifetime," wrote President Charles Diehl of his decision to move Southwestern Presbyterian University, now Rhodes, from Clarksville, TN, to Memphis in 1925. "We had the opportunity to build an institution from the ground up, to make it efficient, to follow a chosen style of architecture, to have a harmonious unity."

He went on to say, "Genuineness is characteristic of the heart of this institution, and we wanted this note sounded everywhere, even in the construction of the physical plant. It was to be enduring, for we were building for generations to come. It was to be beautiful, for the aesthetic side of man's nature is important and a college of liberal culture dare not overlook it. It was to be genuine throughout, free from all substitutions and cheap, make-believe effects, for this college has a hatred for sham."

To achieve his vision of building a magnificent residential place of learning from the ground up, though, Dr. Diehl was pushing the financial envelope. From the beginning, the college has been committed to maintaining the excellence and high ideals for which it is known, yet it has endured many years of financial uncertainty, a fact that may come as a surprise to many.

Before the move to Memphis, the college's financials were rocky. A brochure published in 1927 titled "Face to Face with Hard Facts" stated: "Southwestern's income has never been adequate," and "through the half century spent at Clarksville, Southwestern never [received] adequate financial support ...and as the result of this condition the college faced the alternative of closing or moving to a more strategic location." The thinking was that locating the college in a large city that was a transportation hub would attract more students from afar. It did, and it does. However, tuition doesn't cover everything.

Diehl's passion for excellence required that no expense be spared in the drive to make the college comparable

Palmer Hall under construction in 1924. The two wings were joined at the Cloister



Charles E. Diehl, president of the college 1917-49

to the finest in the world, so it is not surprising that the institution was sometimes perceived as wealthier than it was. Far wealthier. The truth is that when Southwestern opened its doors in Memphis, it was \$700,000 in debt—\$8.1 million in today's dollars.

Diehl tried valiantly to raise the necessary money. His correspondence of the early 1920s is filled with proposals to prominent Presbyterians all over the South, and refers frequently to just returning from or just leaving for a fund-raising trip. And yet philanthropic support was not forthcoming; he had no choice but to make a trip to the bank.

The staggering annual interest on the approximately \$42,000 lien (some \$487,000 in today's dollars) was, in fact,

the reason for the "Hard Facts" brochure, which clearly undertook to shock the Presbyterian synods into stepping forward. It said:

"The principal begins to fall due October 1, 1928, and a single default in interest or principal makes the entire sum due and payable immediately.

"This could mean only one thing—foreclosure.

"It would sweep away in one awful hour the accumulation of labor and love, giving and saving, sacrifice and suffering, prayer, hope and supplication, and leave the Presbyterian church of these four Synods in an educational morass, humiliated before humanity, defenseless amid sister denominations, shorn of self-respect, indicted before the whole world, and facing accusation before the final judgment seat of God."

The strong language didn't work, but neither did it stop. A development brochure from the 1940s chided, "The Synods cannot hope forever to operate the college and at the same time expect others to carry the financial burden." Yet the same flier notes, "The science laboratories, aided by the General Education Board, are ideally equipped, affording better facilities than are found in many graduate schools."

Here, in a nutshell, is the essence of the issue the college has faced throughout its existence: appearing to be wealthy while continuing to depend on philanthropic support to maintain an excellent institution.

"We've always been fighting above our weight class," says trustee Bill Michaelchek '69, chairman of Mariner Investment Group in New York.

The college struggled for more than 50 years before it began to gain an even footing.

How was that financial alchemy accomplished? Histories of the college document that Diehl attracted a faculty of very talented academicians and teachers, many of them Rhodes Scholars, but he did not do so by offering handsome salaries.

In 1934 he wrote: "In the heavy reduction in operating expenses last year, the faculty and the staff bore two-thirds of this burden by accepting further salary reductions ....The vision which Mr. Andrew Carnegie had, when he set out to make provision for college teachers, was characteristically fine and



The “Shacks,” post-World War II “temporary” buildings that housed classrooms and faculty offices until the 1970s

broad, so also are the policies of the great number of colleges which have the plan of the Sabbatical Year, which provide for retirement at the age of sixty-five, and which encourage the members of their faculties to continue their studies at the expense of the colleges which they serve. It has not been possible for us to enter upon any of these plans. Our men have gone forward steadily but without rest, and at their own expense.”

The situation was not a great deal better 20 years later. In 1956, President Peyton Rhodes, in a letter requesting a donation from cotton merchant A.E. Hohenberg, stated his goals for the year as follows: “To close our fiscal year on June 30 in the black and to get our full-time professors of long tenure up to a salary level equal to the average earnings of union bricklayers in Memphis before the recent increase in their pay.”

In fact, for the fiscal years ending in 1953 through 1960, the college began every year with a deficit budget, necessitating President Rhodes to spend the months between July 1 and June 30 trying to raise enough money to balance the accounts by year-end.

Eventually, several events combined to turn the tide. President James H. Daughdrill, noted for his business acumen, was also a gifted fundraiser. He continued the trend that began with the move to Memphis—shifting control and dependence away from the synods and toward other avenues of support, including Presbyterian churches and their members, Memphis businesses, alumni and others.

That shift was described in a 1999 letter from Presbyterian minister Paul Tudor Jones '32 as “the program of finance that has been developing in place of the old Synodical scheme. Presbyterian local congregations and Presbyterian families and individuals have been in ever increasing numbers making their gifts to the college directly. It is Presbyterian people, not Synods, who have the money.”

Jones noted at the time that three Memphis churches—Evergreen, Idlewild and Second Presbyterian—have been, and remain, faithful financial supporters, and that several campus buildings were largely financed by Presbyterians: Burrow Library and Refectory, Buckman Hall, Trezevant Hall and the Bryan Campus Life Center.

A case can also be made that the infusion into the endowment in 1982 from the Bellingrath bequest



Supporting students, faculty and staff is a critical priority at Rhodes today. Pictured are James Lanier, professor emeritus of history, and students

of almost \$22 million—at that time the largest gift in the college’s history—marked a turning point. There have been others since then:

- The Bonner Scholarships, established in 1992, are awarded to students with financial need and a passion for community service who devote 10 hours a week to service and leadership training in return for tuition assistance. In 2006, an endowment challenge was met with a gift of \$4.5 million that ensured the continuation of the scholarship program.
- In 2002, Rhodes received \$6 million from the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust to establish Rhodes CARES (Center for Academic Research and Education through Service), a student service and community research program that also aims to make a Rhodes education affordable for students from lower- and middle-income families. In 2004, the Priddy Trust gave an additional \$5 million to establish the Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts (CODA).
- The transformative gift of \$35 million from the Paul Barret Jr. Trust financed the new library, which has physically re-centered the campus and become the vibrant hub of academic and social life.
- Most recently, music industry legend Mike Curb awarded Rhodes \$5 million to establish the Mike Curb Institute for Music, which promises to capitalize on the research and creative skills of talented faculty and students to help preserve the Mid-South region’s rich musical heritage.

“My challenge has been different from those of my predecessors,” current President William Troutt explains. “Through such generous gifts as these, we don’t have to worry about foreclosure, as President Diehl did. Today, Rhodes has a superior academic program and a magnificent campus. As the Rhodes

Vision states, and as Dr. Diehl foresaw it, the college aims to provide ‘a residential place of learning that inspires integrity and high achievement through its beauty, its emphasis on values, its Presbyterian history and its heritage as a leader in the liberal arts and sciences.’

“Although there is a solid foundation in place, there is a critical need to build on that foundation to support students, faculty and staff at Rhodes.

“The good news is that support for the vision is strong throughout the Rhodes community, so I am confident that we will succeed in doing what the Board of Trustees challenged me to do when I came here—to advance this college from one that is excellent to one that is truly extraordinary.”

Once again, we have before us the opportunity of a lifetime.

*Editor’s note: Special thanks to Rhodes archivist Elizabeth Gates and assistant comptroller Kyle Webb for their invaluable assistance in researching this article.*



Robert and Mertie Buckman at the dedication of Buckman Hall in 1991



Corella Bonner visited Rhodes when the Bonner Foundation Scholarships were established in 1995



George and John Bryan '58 with their mother Catherine (left) at the dedication of the Bryan Campus Life Center in 1997



John Douglas '48 (left) and Graves Leggett, trustees for the Paul Barret Jr. Trust, and attorney Lewis Donelson '38, Barret Trust attorney, received new library cards at the announcement of the Paul Barret Jr. Library in 2001

# The Right Stuff

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66



Kevin Andring '07, left, and Desmond Campbell '06 at Og aboard NASA's "Weightless Wonder"



"The right stuff." The first U.S. astronauts had it. It meant courage, know-how, skill—must-haves for anyone preparing to venture into the unknown.

**F**ast-forward to August 2006. At Ellington Field in Houston near the Johnson Space Center, five Rhodes science majors are set to embark on the trip of a lifetime, much of it in microgravity—weightlessness.

They are scheduled to perform, successfully, a physics experiment—orbiting a small electrically-charged sphere around a larger stationary one in microgravity aboard NASA's specially-equipped C-9B "Weightless Wonder" aircraft ("vomit comet," to those who didn't prepare). It's a flight known to have its ups and downs—the weightlessness comes on the downturns—and that's exactly what they wanted.



The team: Daniel Keedy '06, Desmond Campbell '06, Kevin Andring '07, John Janeski '07 and Sean Quinn '06 donning flight suits in the hangar

Physics majors Desmond Campbell '06, Sean Quinn '06, Kevin Andring '07 and John Janeski '07 and biochemistry and molecular biology major Daniel Keedy '06 are about to prove they indeed have “the right stuff.”

## What if?

Their venture began in October 2005, when physics professor Brent Hoffmeister saw an announcement about NASA's summer Microgravity University program for college students and wondered if it was something that might interest his students.

“I thought, ‘What the heck. Let's look at this,’” he says. “Within three minutes of that thought, I called [physics professors] Chad Middleton and Shubho Banerjee. I said, ‘Can we talk for 30 minutes and see if we can come up with an idea for students to do a microgravity experiment?’ We bounced a few things around and came up with an idea. I was teaching a course about electricity and magnetism, which was central to the physics in this experiment, so I presented our idea to the class. I told them they'd have to write a 30-40-page proposal to NASA, that it would be a lot of work and they'd have only three or four weeks in which to do it. Three people expressed interest. Within a week, as the class

warmed to the idea, a couple of more joined us.”

The proposal for the experiment, titled “Orbital Dynamics of Electrically-Charged Spheres,” was due Oct. 19, 2005. The students wrote it in 2 1/2 weeks. Their thesis:

“Coulomb’s Law and orbital motion equations predict that the electrostatic force between two oppositely-charged spheres will allow a small sphere to orbit a larger, stationary sphere. To our knowledge, this has never been demonstrated macroscopically. We propose to test an apparatus whereby a small metal sphere (radius = 2 cm), with a voltage of 8.2 kV, will orbit a large, stationary metal sphere (radius = 5 cm) with an equal and opposite voltage. The small metal sphere will be given an initial velocity of approximately 0.1 m/s tangent to the path of the orbit by means of a spring-loaded launcher. The orbital radius will be 0.3 m. A microgravity environment will allow the small sphere to move in a circular orbit, and frictional forces will be effectively minimized. Data will be collected by two video cameras, one positioned above and perpendicular to the orbital plane and the other parallel to the plane. The data analysis, based mostly on the overhead view, will be conducted using video motion analysis software called Videopoint. The motion will be analyzed to verify our theoretical predictions of orbital motion caused by electrostatics.”

After a thorough review by experts, NASA accepted the proposal and notified the students in early January.

“I spent my entire winter break with white knuckles, checking my e-mail every 20 minutes,” recalls team captain Kevin Andring. “For some strange reason—of course, it just *had* to be—NASA sent the e-mail accepting us to the program while I was on a plane back to Memphis. Not only that, there were e-mails waiting from Sean Quinn and Profs. Hoffmeister and Banerjee saying, ‘Awesome, guys! We did it!’”

## Brainstorming

That irony quickly gave way to euphoria, then reality, as the team went to work. It was a dream team: the five students, physics professors Hoffmeister and Banerjee, technical associate Glen Davis and departmental assistant Eva Owens. From the classroom to the shop to the front office, it was symbiotic from the start. The professors dropped much of their own research to advise the students. Davis, who supervised the building of the apparatus, and Owens, who kept the books, additionally offered hours of encouragement. Jack Taylor, professor emeritus of physics, is fond of saying to Owens, “Eva, you run a tight ship.” That “ship’s” crew grew even tighter as the months went on.

Spring semester 2006. The students began with calculations. At first, they met with faculty once a week, then daily.

“We first met in Brent’s office and assigned tasks,” says Banerjee. “One student would do the calculations, one would run the data, etc. There was no room for error. Everything went through a vigorous check from all members of the team.”

“They were brainstorming sessions at first,” says Desmond Campbell, who is currently in a physics bridge program at Fisk and Vanderbilt universities. “We would come up with ideas and the faculty would tell us if they sounded right, if they would work in principle. The students would do computations and the faculty would assist us with any equations we might need. We would take those equations, apply them to our experiment, then go to the computer and do the data analysis. There were times at our meetings when we’d be all down about it. Then we’d think about it over the weekend and come back fresh on Monday with a new method or solution to a problem.”

“The students did it, we didn’t. They’d bring back their information to the group and we’d discuss it,” emphasizes Hoffmeister, who likens the creation of the experiment to the Apollo mission to the moon in that “no one had done it before, so there was no basis of experience, and you had to imagine every possible problem that you could encounter. This was a completely alien environment. None of us had ever been weightless before, and it was as far outside our fields of research as you can get.” Undaunted, they did their computations, determined which materials would work and how to construct the apparatus. “The right stuff,” ever present, was beginning to show.

## The apparatus

Four of the students completed construction of the experiment in Rhodes Tower during summer 2006. Andring, who had labored on it during spring semester, was off to his summer job as a



Defending the experiment at the “inquisition”

commercial fisherman in Alaska. He would return in August.

The team members had decided to mount the apparatus on a wooden frame that could be bolted to the floor of the plane (NASA rules). In the center of the frame, which measured approximately 5' x 5' x 2', they placed a plastic rod through a hollow aluminum sphere (five-inch diameter). Connected to the aluminum sphere was a cable leading to the high voltage power supply. They installed a small sliding launching mechanism above the power supply. The power supply both electrically charged a smaller sphere (a graphite-covered Styrofoam ball with a radius of two centimeters) that was ejected by hand around the larger one, which had an opposite voltage. On paper and in the team's fervent expectations, the small sphere would orbit the larger one in microgravity. The final touch was attaching two video cameras to the frame to record the experiment.

Just so they wouldn't be flying blind, Memphian Spence Wilson, chair of the Rhodes Board of Trustees and a pilot, volunteered to give the team a preview of 0g (microgravity) during the summer. Wilson took them up in a Cessna, flying several parabolas (the straight ups and downs), achieving 0g for a few seconds on each downturn. It was enough for them to feel the actual sensation and to see pens and a camera bag float around the cabin.

The week of Aug. 7, 2006, the team dismantled the apparatus, loaded it into Sean Quinn's SUV and set off for Houston. Hoffmeister and associate physics professor Ann Viano joined them there. Neither faculty was allowed to fly with the team on the “Weightless Wonder.” The experience is for students only (NASA rules).

## The inquisition

In Houston, NASA treated the entire team—Hoffmeister and Viano included—to a dinner for all the participants and a tour of the Johnson Space Center.

“At the dinner, our students got to socialize with teams from other schools and with senior Boeing engineers,” says Hoffmeister. “Boeing does a lot of subcontract work for the NASA space shuttle, so the students could actually begin networking, even thinking about job possibilities.”

Long after dinner had settled, the students underwent some preflight physiological training (NASA rules). “They put you in a steel box and pump down the pressure till it feels like you’re at 25,000 feet, which is basically depriving you of oxygen,” explains Kevin Andring. “Then they take you off of oxygen for five minutes to see how you react and ask you basic questions—grade school arithmetic, the names of the last eight U.S. presidents, all the states that begin with M. I got seven out of eight. We were considered researchers, therefore part of the crew, and had to have this training. If you don’t pass, you don’t get to fly.”

Then there was the Test-Readiness Review in the hangar, which Andring describes as “the most nerve-wracking exam I will ever have until I defend my thesis for my Ph.D. There were a dozen and a half engineers surrounding us saying, ‘That looks bad. Explain it to me.’ And you would have to defend it. They stood there, looking like the Spanish Inquisition, saying, ‘Justify your experiment. Tell me what guards you have in place to ensure that it’s safe. What’s your contingency plan?’ One experiment from another school was not allowed to fly because of safety concerns.”



The “Weightless Wonder” awaits

## “Feet down! Coming out!”

The “Weightless Wonder” ascends from 24,000 to 33,000 feet, then drops back to 24,000 feet all in 90 seconds. During this maneuver 25 crucial seconds of weightlessness are created in which the teams—up to five per flight—conduct their experiments. NASA pilots fly the plane. There is no autopilot. It is all done over the Gulf of Mexico with U.S. Coast Guard helicopters hovering nearby at all times.

“Feet down! Coming out!” is the cry of the onboard NASA director when the period of weightlessness is about to end. If you’re caught floating, the sudden gravity will slam you against the floor.

Unexpectedly, Daniel Keedy, the team’s alternate flyer, was the first one to go up. A Texas A&M team member wasn’t able to fly at the last minute, so the Aggies enlisted a Lynx to help with their fluid dynamics experiment. The team needed only five of 30 parabolas to collect its data, leaving Keedy ample time to experience 0g.

“It was a plus because I was able to get a feel for it and give our team some pointers on how to run the experiment,” says Keedy, who is now in the graduate structural biology and biophysics program at Duke University.

The Rhodes team took it all into consideration at its nightly meetings in the hotel room, where they went over every detail of the experiment.

Next to go up were John Janeski and Sean Quinn. Janeski, who boarded the plane wearing sunglasses, found no place to put them, so left them on.

“On the first couple of parabolas, we decided not to do the experiment but just get used to weightlessness,” says Quinn, who is currently in the engineering program at Washington University. Accelerating upward, he felt twice the force of gravity. “I weigh 175 lbs., but at 2g I felt like I weighed 350. I had to work twice as hard to move—eyelids, arms, everything. Your inner ear doesn’t understand what’s going on, and if you move too quickly, you get motion sickness.” Thus the moniker, “vomit comet.” NASA issues motion sickness medicine to all participants before each flight.

“We loaded the launcher during 2g, taking care not to move around too much,” says Janeski. “It’s hard to keep yourself in one spot when you’re floating, so during weightlessness we were strapped down most



Success! John Janeski, left, and Sean Quinn witness the smaller sphere achieve orbit in 0g

of the time because we had to be fixed to do our experiment.”

Andring says 0g feels the way modern Chinese martial arts films look.

“In a movie like *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon*, when they’re floating from tree to tree, that’s how it feels,” he says.

To Desmond Campbell, “It’s like swimming in a pool, but you can’t move your arms to propel yourself—you can’t push off air like you can water.”

The sensation remained for a bit with Daniel Keedy.

“The rest of the day of the flight and that night while I was trying to go to sleep, I felt as if things



NASA

should lift off the ground and float around,” he recalls.

Both Rhodes flights achieved success. The smaller sphere orbited the larger one. Nine months of hard work and teamwork had paid off. The team had thought things through. Their edge: They had “the right stuff. **R**”

## Orbit

On the first flight, John Janeski and Sean Quinn saw the smaller sphere achieve 1½ orbits around the larger sphere.

For Kevin Andring and Desmond Campbell on the second flight, it went around one full time.

The students manipulated the distance of the sliding launcher to the larger sphere, also taking into consideration the real-time variables of the plane itself such as turbulence and other effects causing fluctuations in microgravity.

“We had hoped for at least one full revolution. It turned out to be even better,” says Prof. Banerjee.

“There were three things the students controlled—how fast they launched the ball, how far away that ball was from the central sphere and how strong the static cling force was between the two spheres,” says Prof. Hoffmeister. “We could use theory to predict what speed, voltages and distances it should be. We kind of impressed ourselves at how close we were.”

## Outreach

Thirty percent of this NASA program involves outreach. Participating students agree to go into local schools to talk about their experiences in the program.

“As members of the Rhodes Chapter of the Society of Physics Students, we were doing outreach before we were accepted to the program, at math and science classes and PTA meetings at Springdale Elementary and Cypress Middle schools,” says Desmond Campbell. “We showed them NASA videos about opportunities there. We also taped some demonstrations of what orbits look like and how our small spheres would orbit the large ones. That was all theory. Now we’re showing them our own videos.”

## Funding

“NASA gives you flight time on its plane,” according to Prof. Hoffmeister. “It’s a significant amount—about \$20,000 per flight, so we got \$40,000 of microgravity. The college covered the rest that it took for the team to order materials to build the experiment, then stay in Houston for a week and a half, plus summer stipends for the four students who worked on the project.”

## What’s next

“This is a great opportunity for any science student at Rhodes,” says Prof. Hoffmeister. “It’s not just for physics students. In fact, out of the 60 flights that went up, we were one of the few physics groups that participated. I think we could come up with a joint proposal between physics and chemistry or biology. I can foresee us sending a team to Houston every few years and have it be a regular thing.”





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# Raising the Roof

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By Rachel L. Stinson '08

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"Theater Is Life," declares a display in the lobby of McCoy Theatre. Below the title, rather than actors' headshots or programs from previous shows, students' words take center stage. For Jonathan Wigand '08, "Theater is the only one of the arts that communicates to all the senses. Theater looks and sounds and smells and touches and feels, but most important of all, theater speaks." Now, with recent additions to McCoy that have doubled its size, theater at Rhodes speaks more loudly than ever.

Cookie Ewing directs Alicia Queen '10 and Zac Hill '08 in the new studio



JUSTIN FOX BURKS

Cookie Ewing at the McCoy open house in the fall

"A student last year said that in a way it was like living in a divorced family because we were split up—we had faculty here, there and everywhere," says Julia "Cookie" Ewing, chair of the Theatre Department. During the last week of classes in late April 2006, the costume shop moved from the basement of Kennedy to McCoy, and the theater professors moved into their offices, all under one roof. "Now we're a divorced family that has remarried," she explains. "We have come together again, and the energy has been very exciting."

Among the grandest additions are a classroom and a second auditorium that is used as the rehearsal classroom. The new auditorium's floor is more conducive to the movement required in acting; rather than being made of cement, the spring floor includes foam under the surface. McCoy also has a new costume shop (the old one was in the basement of Kennedy), five faculty offices, two bathrooms, an outdoor stage for alternative performance space and a loading dock with a nearby storage area for set materials. A new laundry/dye room means that the bathroom sinks will never be rainbow-colored again. The greenroom, which used to double as a classroom, has been restored to its original purpose.

In the past, the Theatre Department rehearsed in any available space, including Clough's Orgill Room and the basement of Kennedy. "If you were a tall person and reached up, you were going to put your hand through the acoustical tile; it was very claustrophobic," Ewing says of Kennedy. Now, she has tall ceilings.

The recent construction isn't the only time the building has benefited from a facelift. Before McCoy was McCoy, it was the 3,600-square-foot Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house built in 1950. A 5,000-square-foot addition was required to convert the building to McCoy Theatre, named for the founder of the McCoy Foundation, Memphis real estate developer Harry B. McCoy. Dedicated in January 1982, it was the college's first fully-equipped drama facility. But five years later, the department had already outgrown the theater. McCoy's second round of intense construction—which started in July 2005 and ended in April 2006—was also made possible through the McCoy Foundation.

During McCoy's most recent construction, "We kept looking at our watches, looking at our calendars, just itching to get in there," recalls Kevin Collier, managing director. "The second it was open, the students acclimated immediately. Hearing them call it 'our space' was rewarding."

He continues, "There are so many exciting things, but I think the greatest is having everyone together. Because our facilities were scattered around campus, the creative energy also dissipated. And now everyone is in one place. Communication is better and the students can find us. Before, students who didn't really know the department would come to McCoy looking for all the theater professors, and we



The costume shop; bowlers on table are for the production of *Waiting for Godot*

had to say, 'Oh, they're in the chemistry building.' Now they're just down the hall."

Ewing is equally excited.

"Students can hang out here, and they can see us if they need to," she says. "It used to be a problem because, for me, they would have to meet with me and walk with me as I would go from class to class; my office hours would be spent traveling."

Sara Rutherford '07, a theater/English double major, can attest to the students' positive feelings toward the improved theater. Rutherford, who is involved behind the scenes with designing and writing, decided to pursue theater after taking a class her sophomore year. "Then, I got hooked," she explains.

Today, she enjoys being a part of what she describes as a "tight-knit" group—a group that no longer has to be in a tight area.

"I'm a senior now, and granted I won't be able to use the space as much as incoming students, it unifies the theater community more," she says.

Rutherford is most excited about designing for the studio area.

"The new space has already offered a lot of opportunities for theater students," she says. "We don't have a very large group, but we do have one large enough that we need a big theater. We never would have had the opportunity in the old space for a play reading, like the 'Playwrights Series,' to be going on at the same time as rehearsals for an upcoming show because we simply didn't have the room for it; we had to go somewhere else. Now, we can commune in the same building and explore different avenues in theater."



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McCoy managing director Kevin Collier (left) and Prof. Dave Mason with Lindsay Johnson '08 in the conference room

The “Playwrights Series,” which began last year, brings together the Theatre and English departments; students, faculty and alumni congregate to read—and sometimes perform—works written by students in English professor Stephen Schottenfeld’s play-writing class.

Another theater major, Jason Hansen '08, can appreciate the addition from an actor’s point of view.

“We can now rehearse, perform, store, work, design, construct, sew and learn under the same roof,” he says. “I feel incredibly fortunate to be here at this time, experiencing the first year in this brand-new space and discovering possibilities that were not available in the past.”

Hansen says that his involvement

in the Theatre Department has become much more comprehensive because “Now, everything is at the fingertips of the students. It is better than we could have hoped and gives us space to realize new dreams within it. With this production hall, we now have the potential to become a powerful theatrical center in the Memphis community and the Mid-South.”

For Hansen, the most exciting aspect of the new space “comes from its ability to realize artistic endeavors more completely than previously possible at Rhodes.” He adds, “We are the place where ideas move out of books and into the world, realized by students for the benefit of other students. We now have room to grow. Hopefully, this expansion will allow the campus community to come and be involved. We are all part of this theater.”

Collier, a 1991 Rhodes theater graduate, credits the department for kindling his passion.

“I came in as a political science major, and then I changed to English probably in the middle of my freshman year. I turned that into a bridge major with theater and fiction writing, and I didn’t really get involved in theater until my junior year,” he recalls. “But when I did get involved, it quickly changed my life. People sometimes treat each department as having its own clique, but the theater crowd—then and now—has always been very welcoming. Once you’re in, it becomes a part of your life.”

When Collier took up theater, he was halfway through college. Still, everyone treated him as if he’d always been there, especially the late Tony Garner, Rhodes’ artistic director of theater and chairman of the former Theatre and Media Arts Department.

“In my junior year, I had mono and a car wreck, and I missed a lot of classes,” Collier explains. “And this professor who did not know me could have pegged me as a problem child, but he made sure I was OK. He made sure I kept up with my classes and that I knew what was going on because he cared about the students.”

Now Collier works in the same building in which he was a student. “It’s a lot of fun because I see students going through the same things that I went through,” he says.

McCoy’s new spaces are essential to the production of the three annual performances in the subscription series. This year, *Waiting for Godot* and *Dancing at Lughnasa* took place in the fall, while *Agnes of God* will be a spring 2007 production.

“There is something going on almost every weekend,” Ewing says, so the extra room certainly makes the department’s hectic schedule more bearable. She adds, “We’re very excited about this season. It feels like Christmas morning every day. I’m just having a good time; I think the students are having a good time.”

The improved McCoy will undoubtedly help attract visiting artists, as well. Prior to the construction, there was limited room for artists to conduct workshops. “Now we have some place to attract them,”

Ewing says.

Even non-Rhodes students can appreciate the theater. According to Collier, “A lot of high-school students have come through, particularly last summer on college tours, and when they see the front part of the theater, they say, ‘OK.’ Then they keep walking, and they’re saying, ‘Oh, look at that! And look at *that!*’ It opens up the possibilities of what could happen, and it’s obviously reflected in the students’ faces when they see it.”

Ewing adds, “The level of the bar has been raised here, and I think we’ve reached a point now where we can go, ‘Wow! We can go up again and move forward!’”

For Collier, “Once you raise the roof, it makes everything more possible.”

Ewing smiles. “So we’re raising the roof.”

According to Ewing, people come to the theater to be entertained, “But they leave with something deeper.” She continues, “I heard a man say a couple of years ago that in any intelligent community you must have scientists and artists. We have to have the scientists to ask questions and say what ‘is,’ and you have to have the artists to challenge that.” **R**



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Norfleet Turner, a trustee of the McCoy Foundation, views construction of the theater's addition in January 2005



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Laura Canon, McCoy technical director and production manager, delights in the new mainstage lighting system provided in the renovation

# Into the Lives of Extraordinary People

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By Rachel L. Stinson '08

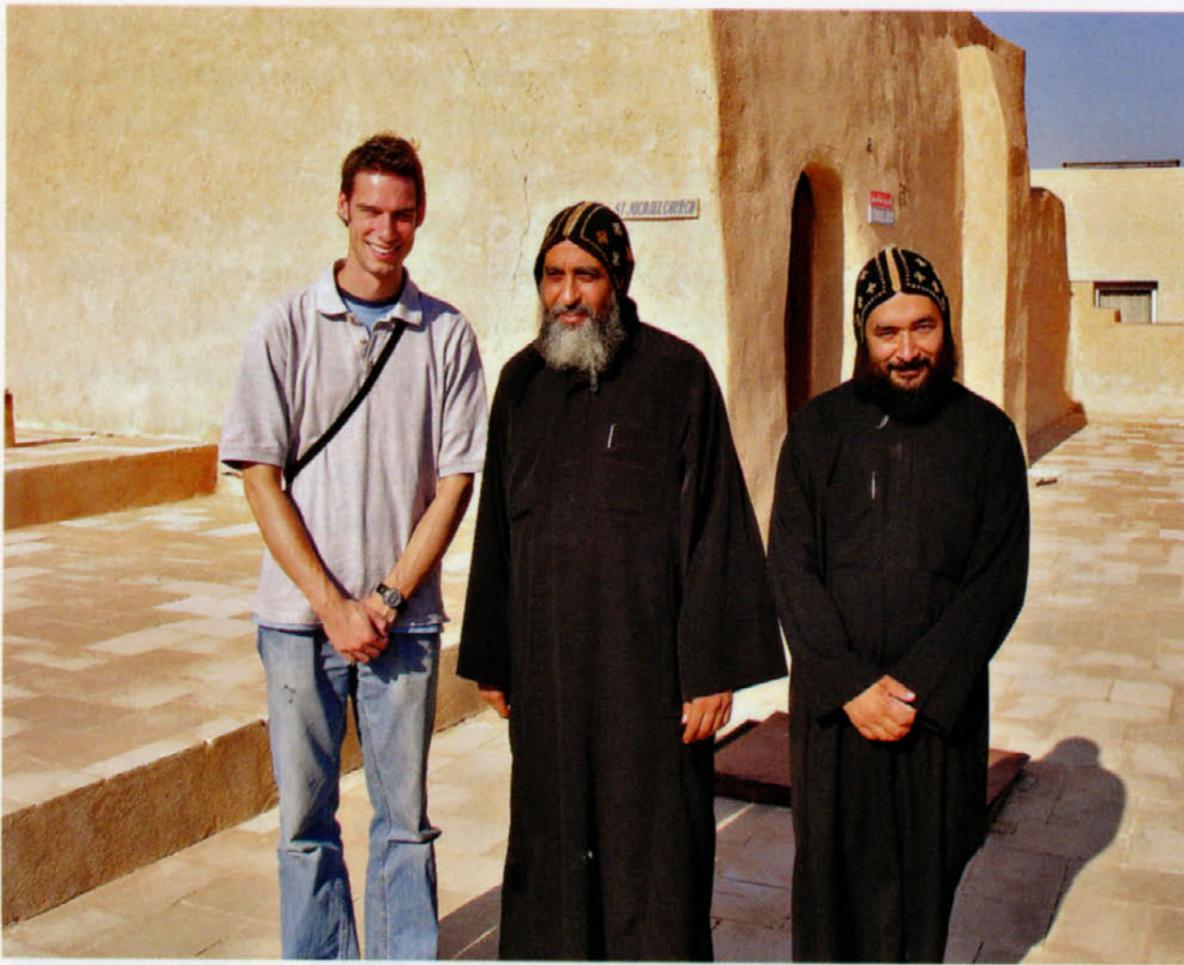
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More than half the population in Minya, Egypt, lives on less than two dollars a day. In the Philippines, a room comparable to a college single has housed a family of four. And residents of a Nigerian village must face not only poverty but disease that no amount of money can cure. Eight Rhodes community members recently left the comforts of home to witness such dire conditions—and help change them. They traveled across the world and into the lives of extraordinary people.

## Presbyterian Church (USA) Young Adult Volunteers

Through the Presbyterian Church (USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program, five Rhodes alumni have gone abroad on mission trips, discovering radically different ways of life. One remains an ocean away from home. The other volunteers returned with memories of less-than-ideal conditions but, more so, incredible people.

When **Stephen Ogden '05**, of Knoxville, TN, left for Minya, Egypt, he knew what it was like to go on short-term mission trips to Mexico and other parts of the U.S. But those places were hardly Egypt. Ogden felt a call not to go directly into graduate school but spend a year in the smaller city of Minya,



Stephen Ogden makes friends in Egypt

about three-and-a-half hours south of Cairo by train, along the Nile River valley. His main job was to teach English courses; additionally, he volunteered once a week at a nursery, teaching English songs to preschoolers.

“Ultimately, it was a sense of God’s call to serve and be served through relationships in Egypt—a country with a lot to offer, but with a lot of needs, as well,” Ogden says. “My best memories are of interacting with families in their homes as they welcomed me, fed me and questioned me about my faith, my life as an American and my personality. Communicating half in Arabic, half in English was a joyful challenge.”

In Egypt, religion is a public part of life with calls to prayer coming from public loudspeakers five times a day. The most common phrases Ogden heard were *hamdulillah* (“thanks to God”) and *insha’llah* (“God willing”). “It’s easy to have many preconceptions about Islam coming from the West,” he says, but his Muslim friends treated him with “immense personal warmth.”

Ogden remembers at the end of his mission saying farewell to his friend and grocer, Maher, when the man embraced Ogden and kissed his cheeks. Ogden recalls thinking, “In America, you would never imagine kissing the person who sells you groceries!”

At the end of August, Ogden started a nine-month fellowship in Maryland at the Trinity Forum Academy. He left for Maryland knowing he had made a difference in Minya.

“I hope that my being there was a testimony to my country and my faith, even as so many of my close friends there were a testimony to Egypt, Christianity and Islam,” he says. “I

have so many friends I didn’t know before who live an ocean away from me but who have really taught me so much about hospitality, love and friendship in a different culture.”

**Sarah Tuttle Edgecombe ’03** also discovered a home away from home and a multitude of new friends during her time abroad in Kalookan, Philippines. For Edgecombe, who is originally from Black Mountain, NC, “home” became a small concrete block room with a bed, two plastic chairs and a sink. She was fortunate to have her own bathroom with a toilet, faucet and bucket for bathing; many of her neighbors had to use a public faucet nearby. She also felt privileged to have an electric fan, even if the electricity wasn’t reliable.

As a student at Rhodes, Edgecombe participated in the spring break Tex-Mex border ministry for two years



Sarah Tuttle Edgecombe works with members of a church in the Philippines

and went on a service learning trip to Honduras. Following graduation, her thirst for travel and knowledge had hardly come to a standstill. More than anything, she wanted to learn about herself.

Once she arrived in the Philippines, Edgecombe undertook a two-month orientation; then, she moved to a small neighborhood just north of Manila.

"I lived beside a church and was a member of the church and community. I participated in all church activities, and I went to many national denominational meetings in Manila, as well," she explains.

The weather was stifling, but the heat encouraged everyone to leave their stuffy houses and gather outside in their doorways. During those times, Edgecombe and her new friends learned about each other's families and compared cultures. One major difference Edgecombe found was the Filipinos' "relaxed, gentle understanding of time" in which no one apologizes for tardiness and no one expects an apology in the first place.

From exchanging language pointers to teaching children's games, Edgecombe and her new friends laughed a lot: "Before I left, I viewed it as a call that I *had* to answer, but my one-liner when I returned was 'It was harder than I'd expected, and it was more fun than I'd expected.'"

Today, Edgecombe coordinates the outreach program at a Presbyterian church in New Orleans. Referring to her time in the Philippines, she says, "I feel like God called me to learn more, to do something hard so that I could really explore God's people and their lives in a different context."

When **Brooke McClelland '05** thinks back to her time abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she remembers not only the people but the aroma of freshly-baked bread.

"Every Thursday, the women of the church community received flour and yeast to make bread for their families," she says. "I watched them prepare the dough and bake the bread. Later, I learned how myself. I also enjoyed the friendly chatter in the hot, humid kitchen on those days."

From Aug. 31, 2005, to Aug. 1, 2006, the Tuscaloosa, AL, native utilized her Spanish skills while experiencing life in another culture. Three years prior to the mission, she had spent a summer in Iquique, Chile, teaching English at a Methodist school; the trip was funded by the Rhodes Service Scholars' Summer Service fund, which allows students to spend nine weeks undertaking a significant community project. For two years, McClelland also participated in Rhodes' Tex-Mex program, taking students on an annual spring-break mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico. But spending a year in a another country was entirely different.

During her time in Argentina, McClelland worked at the Reformed Church in Quilmes, in the province of Buenos Aires, and the Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights: "I

worked as a volunteer at the church, helping with the soup kitchen twice a week, the after-school tutoring program daily, the confirmation class, women's workshops, the youth group, children's recreation and the weekly service."

McClelland lived in a small cement house with a woman and her 23-year-old daughter. More members of the family lived in another house on the same lot, for a total of 10 people. McClelland's room was separated from the rest of the house by a curtain. There was no hot running water, central heat or air conditioning, but she was well-fed.

"Argentines are very friendly and generous," McClelland explains. "I felt welcome in many homes at any time of day. I certainly encountered God in Argentina. I saw God in the people I served."

McClelland is now living in Nashville, where she works for Southern Migrant Legal Services (SMLS), a branch of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). "As an outreach paralegal,



Brooke McClelland with Angel and Karen in Argentina

I travel six southeastern states, speaking to migrant farm workers about their labor rights and the option of legal aid," she explains.

Looking back to her time in Argentina, "I can't say that I changed poverty in Greater Buenos Aires or even the way the church challenges poverty. But I met people, and we changed each other," she says. "During my year abroad, I learned to speak Spanish like an Argentine. I learned to navigate the Buenos Aires transit system, knit and bake bread. I learned to wear the same clothes three days in a row when nothing was washed. I learned to make *empanadas* (Argentine meat pies). I learned how to make kids laugh in Spanish. I learned patience. I learned many songs. I learned how to get rid of lice and keep them out. I learned to serve *mate*, the traditional tea drink in

Argentina. I learned hospitality. And I learned about myself.”

**Christine Coy '05**, too, discovered her own passions when she was away from everything she knew. Coy, of Owensboro, KY, credits Rhodes for instilling in her a desire to learn about different cultures and ways of being in the world. During her time at Rhodes, she was a Service Scholar and studied abroad in Budapest, Hungary, as a Buckman Scholar, a cultural immersion program.

The anthropology/sociology major spent a year in Northern Ireland, returning in August 2006. Coy lived with two other American volunteers “in a row house in East Belfast,” she says. She was a youth worker in the town of Newtownards, 12 miles outside of Belfast. There, she worked at The LINK Family and Community Centre—an organization founded in 1997 to open dialogue work toward reconciliation between Newtownard’s deeply divided communities. She also served as a youth minister at Garnerville Presbyterian Church, a congregation which “rode the fence” between Belfast’s wealthy suburbs and a neighboring government housing estate.

Equally rewarding for Coy was simply spending time talking to the people she worked with, whom she calls “incredible.” She spent most evenings in families’ homes, sharing meals and *craic* (“fun” in Northern Irish).

Living in a foreign culture made Coy rethink her own life in the U.S. “Neighborhoods in Belfast are often segregated, with barbed wire-lined “peace walls” serving as divides between Protestant and Catholic areas,” Coy says. “Murals can be found everywhere—some depicting historical events, some representing paramilitary strength. Curbsides are painted different colors to designate Loyalist (Protestant) and Nationalist (Catholic) communities.”

Coy fondly recalls participating in the Belfast Marathon with the staff and young people from The LINK. “This is a huge event for Belfast, with the path crossing over what are usually deeply segregated neighborhoods,” she says. “The five of us comprised a relay team. Thousands of people were there—many of them running, and the rest just there to cheer folks on.”

Another instance she will never forget is when one of The LINK’s regulars approached her and, in his harsh Northern Irish accent, instructed, “Oy! Hold out your hand.” In her hand the young man placed a small figurine of a cow.



Christine Coy supervises a friendly tug-of-war in Northern Ireland

Upon seeing Coy’s confused expression, he smiled and said, “Because you say it so well!”

Coy explains, “Now, in Northern Ireland, that animal that goes ‘moo’ in the fields is not called a cow but a ‘cah-ee.’ Most Americans can’t say it, but for some reason I was able to. Later that day when I told my supervisor about this funny gift I’d been given, he was blown away. He said that this seemingly small act was actually amazing. For this young man—a kid who had caused so much trouble in the community—such a gesture of friendship was a huge leap.”

Following her return home, Coy began working for the Presbyterian Church (USA), recruiting specifically for the Young Adult Volunteer program. She speaks honestly about her year serving in Northern Ireland, sharing the joys along with the challenges.

Upon leaving home for Northern Ireland, Coy understood that her life would change, but she didn’t understand how extensively. She says, “This strange, unexpected irony comes about: You make plans to go and serve for a year, and the main thing you learn is the grace of accepting generosity. People say that throughout college, various professors and mentors had taken care of them. Now these people were taking care of me. They said I could best repay them by taking care of someone else later in life.”

For **Leigh Bonner '06**, the journey of a lifetime has yet to end. Along with three other volunteers from the PCUSA, Bonner arrived in Accra, the capital of Ghana, at the beginning of September. Three days later, the group headed to Abetifi, a small village in the central region, for three-and-a-half weeks of linguistic and cultural training. Afterward, the four returned to Accra, where Bonner lives with a host



Leigh Bonner and students in Ghana

family. In Accra, Bonner teaches music and French at a church school. The job description is a perfect fit; she was a French major (who spent a semester in France) and music minor. Upon returning to the U.S., she will have spent 11 months in Ghana.

When Bonner first stepped off the plane in Africa, a sign of welcome—"Akwaaba!"—was in immediate view. Prior to opening her passport, the passport control officer exclaimed with genuine hospitality, "Akwaaba! You are welcome!" Bonner explains that "Yes' is the Ghanaian response to almost any question," along with "You're welcome."

"Not only do Ghanaians *tell* you that you're welcome, but they *show* you," Bonner continues. "If you ask for directions, a person will drop whatever he or she is doing and take you where you need to go."

Average living conditions are simple, habitable and conducive to a slow-paced lifestyle. Houses are most often made out of clay that remains cool throughout the day but absorbs heat from the sun to warm the house come night. The homes range from large, well-constructed family dwellings with native Akan culture symbols carved into the concrete blocks, to small huts of mud and straw. "Most

people have running water in urban areas, but in rural areas, there are public places to relieve yourself and pumps where water can be drawn and filtered at home," Bonner explains.

The living conditions for most Africans are "not what Americans would call habitable, but we have so much more than we need. The people in Africa seem to be more content with what they have than most Americans are." And unlike the Western world, Africans aren't in a constant rush. According to Bonner's site coordinator, the Rev. Glen Hallead, "We have watches; they have time."

Upon returning to the U.S., Bonner first plans to readjust to American life, then either work for a year or enter seminary. Already, she is an inquirer into ministry of the word and sacrament in the PCUSA. For now, Bonner is enjoying being a teacher. Ironically, she feels that most of the time, *she* is the one learning.

"I have begun to see people rather than circumstances," she says. "That's not to say that I'm blind to all the poverty here; there's certainly more poverty than any one person could even think about changing. What I can change is the image that we Westerners often have of the 'helpless' African. Most people here know more world geography and languages than

the average American, and, despite their sometimes desperate living conditions, continue running their family homes and stores with smiles and laughter.”

## Crossing Yet More Borders

**Doug Lensing '08**

In Rwanda—“Land of a Thousand Hills”—every hill has a name and history. As Doug Lensing stood on one, he saw an above-ground tomb containing more than 20,000 bodies. Neatly arranged skulls rested on a nearby table “for memory’s sake,” Lensing recalls. But even without tangible reminders, no one could ever forget the genocide.

A Memphis native, Lensing visited Rwanda over winter break 2005-06 with 12 students from Global Youth Connect, a human-rights group centered in Woodstock, NY. In Rwanda, the students attended a human-rights conference, visited the local office of the U.S. Agency for International Development and conferred with important officials, such as the minister of Youth, Sports and Culture. Lensing says the highlight of his trip was meeting the president’s director of communications, Alfred Ndahiro.

He also met the less fortunate Rwandans. Lensing says, “You see the life they live only on the National Geographic Channel.” During the night in Kigali, “We had to sleep under mosquito nets because malaria is up there with AIDS as a leading cause of death. Unless you live with a family, it’s just really hard to get by. There are so many orphans. It’s unimaginable to be 12 or 13 and have a whole family to take care of,” as is the case with many Rwandan children.

It was the mass graves—“They’re everywhere”—that really made an impact on him. “It’s hard to imagine one million people (killed in the genocide). That would be like all of Memphis destroyed,” he says.

He worked at a nongovernmental organization (NGO) called Uvisenga N’Manzi that aids children affected by the genocide and AIDS. The children he met wanted to learn how to dance. But Lensing is a self-admitted nondancer, “so the next best thing was music.” He helped them compose rap songs in their native language and then perform the music, but these weren’t just any songs. “One was about genocide, another about equal and fair treatment of women and another about AIDS,” he explains.

Lensing’s supervisor at the agency survived the genocide, but his horrific memories will forever remain alive. Lensing explains that the man had a preexisting condition: “His left leg is about six or eight inches shorter than his right leg.” When the man’s family had to flee, “His parents said, ‘We can’t take you; you’ll just slow us down. You need to stay here, and we’re sorry, but this is our only hope.’”

The man ran, hid between two houses for a week, and ultimately escaped the danger. His entire family was



Doug Lensing makes up rules for a quick game with Rwandan children

slaughtered, and all the women “from five to 85” were raped. For Lensing, “It was unimaginable that on that hill, 12 short years ago, all that happened.”

Everywhere Lensing went, there was a clear language barrier, but “Without even saying words, you’re able to develop a relationship because they have so much trust. And you ask yourself, ‘Why?’” That trust, according to Lensing, is present even in the youth.

Lensing’s trip “was really interesting because it gave me an idea of what I wanted to do when I came back and specifically what I wanted to do in the future, politically and economically.”

His return to Memphis came with an amazing bonus. “The day we came back, I had to prepare for Paul Rusesabagina’s appearance,” Lensing says, referring to the real-life hero of *Hotel Rwanda* who spoke at Rhodes. Lensing found himself talking with Rusesabagina about Rwanda over dinner.

## **Sini Nwaobi '07**

Electricity may come on randomly for 30 minutes and then be out for the rest of the day. Running water is nonexistent; wells provide unpolluted water. Typhoid and malaria plague the people of Issele-Mkpitime, a Nigerian village.

But nearby urbanized areas are home to a different kind of lifestyle: that of unbridled energy. People hurry by on foot, bicycle and moped, while others are busy selling products on the street. The setting is hardly how Americans imagine a Third-World country.

“People will always ask, ‘Do you guys have houses?’ or ‘Do you live in trees?’ and all those crazy questions, but it’s not like that at all,” Sini Nwaobi says, even in the “rustic” areas.

Rhodes Service Fellow Nwaobi, of Brighton, TN, left in July 2005 with her father and Aaron Creek '07 for a three-week stay in Nigeria. The benefits were two-way: She had an opportunity to make a difference in Nigerians’ lives, and



Sini Nwaobi, second from left, visits universities and teaching hospitals in Nigeria

they aided in her study of international health care.

“My dad’s from Nigeria, and I’ve been there before, so I already had a pretty good perspective of what it was going to be like,” She explains. In Nigeria, “We traveled to various clinics, teaching hospitals, and universities.”

Nwaobi visited Nigeria during the dry season and claims that Memphis’ humidity rivals the temperatures in Nigeria: “People are always shocked when we say it’s hotter in Memphis.”

“Everyday conveniences that you know someone here would take for granted are not there,” she says, adding, “The village was rustic but comfortable—nothing shocking like many people wrongfully portray villages of the Third World.”

Before Nwaobi left for Nigeria, she helped raise money to bring a variety of medicine, supplies and clothes to the people. She also raised funds to build another well there. In Nigeria, “We traveled a good way around the country, going to different hospitals, teaching hospitals and universities.”

She comments, “It was a learning experience. We actually talked to the lady who’s in charge of the AIDS program at a particular clinic in Benin about how the programs developed and how there’s one-on-one counseling for patients. It’s not just prescribing medicine; they really work with patients and treat them in a variety of ways for a more holistic care.”

Nwaobi’s trip emphasized in a grand way just how small the world really is. She met the director of primary health care and chief medical officer of health in Issele-Uku, Dr. O.J. Moemeke, “and he happens to be a Rhodes alumnus” (class of 1975). His daughter, who had been reading *Rhodes* magazine, told her father about Nwaobi’s medical outreach trip. Nwaobi soon found herself chatting with Dr. Moemeke

about how the campus is different today, especially with the addition of the Paul Barret Jr. Library.

Laughing, Nwaobi adds, “He had a Rhodes bumper sticker on his car in Nigeria.”

### Rachel Boulden ’06

On Rachel Boulden’s left wrist is a tattoo of Picasso’s “Dove of Peace.” When she worked with orphans in Bosnia, the children asked her to draw replicas on their arms. “I had my own little gang of dove children,” Boulden says, grinning. They called her the “Pigeon of Peace.”

In fall 2004, Boulden spent time in Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia, and the following summer, she returned to Bosnia for a month to work in a Mostar orphanage. Upon returning home, she helped arrange the Rhodes Mock Refugee Camp in winter 2005; she has also worked with the campus group STAND (Students Taking Action Now—Darfur) and been involved with Bands for Sudan, a fundraiser for Sudanese refugee aid to that country. Now, Boulden is continuing her quest to make the world a better place by spending two years in Africa working for United Action International in Kenya while earning her master’s degree at the University of Nairobi.

“The main thing I’m doing here is working with refugees and conflict, like in Bosnia,” Boulden says. “I went to the war zone in Northern Uganda, where the Lord’s Resistance Army rebels have been fighting, to visit internally displaced persons’ camps and have been working to get to Northern Kenya, where refugees continue to pour in.” She is also helping to raise desperately-needed funds for the feeding program at The Sud Academy in Nairobi, the only school for

Sudanese refugees.

“In Bosnia, I was working with postconflict, posttraumatic stress for children, the orphans,” she says. “I was also doing an ESL (English as a second language) program with them. A student from William and Mary and I worked at the orphanage and lived there for over a month with 60 orphans from three or four years old to 19.”

Boulden had lived in Memphis her entire life, but thanks to her parents, was exposed to various cultures. “We had exchange students my entire life coming in and out of our home,” Boulden explains.

In Bosnia, *she* became the foreign one, but Boulden never felt out of place—even when a girl asked her to go to mosque. When Boulden revealed that she wasn’t Muslim, “Her jaw dropped. She said, ‘What are you?’ I said, ‘I’m Catholic.’”

Soon after her arrival at the orphanage, the eldest of a trio of troublemakers—a scrawny eight- or nine-year-old boy—made an inappropriate comment to Boulden in his native language, wrongly assuming she couldn’t understand Bosnian. Boulden’s translator explained the situation to some older boys there and asked them to talk to the child. Instead, they took him outside and beat him.

For Boulden, the incident illustrates that many Bosnian children grow up far too quickly. “A young orphan may often have an 18-year-old orphan who is dad or disciplinarian,” she says. When Boulden left Bosnia, her relationship with the boy had strengthened considerably. She says, “By the end of my stay in the orphanage, they called me ‘Mama.’”

Boulden also remembers a girl who “looks like Kate Moss except with a big scar down her face.” The 16-year-old had been in her front yard with a friend when a Serb soldier threw a shell at them, seriously injuring the girl and killing her friend. Boulden saw the girl coughing up blood one day because—even after six surgeries—she had pieces of the shrapnel embedded in her lungs.

The children with whom Boulden worked had seen horrors far beyond their years. “Everyone from a four-year-old to a 60-year-old has some kind of haunted look in their eyes because of the genocide. I think that some of my six-year-olds were so much wiser than I,” Boulden says. Some orphans had helped carry their mothers home after snipers



Rachel Boulden spends time with a child in a Bosnian orphanage

shot the women. By the time Boulden met the children, they carried only memories.

The stark contrast between the United States and Bosnia was especially apparent on television. Boulden remembers the pain of watching TV with underfed and parentless children when “The Fabulous Life of Britney Spears” came on.

There was no running water or air conditioning. All of the orphans were malnourished. On one occasion, Boulden found a child picking meat off an animal’s skull. Because of the change in diet—breakfast included chicken paste, for example—Boulden herself lost 10 to 15 pounds.

Nevertheless, “After the first trip, I immediately wanted to go back. I feel like I *am* Bosnian. I’m more comfortable there than here in the U.S.,” she states. For Boulden, the people themselves make up for what Bosnia lacks in material goods: “The most amazing people are the ones who have been through these amazing trials and come out with such spirit.”

When Boulden returned from Bosnia the second time, she had another tattoo inked onto her skin, this time displaying her own words. On the inside of her right arm is a phrase written in French. In script, the words read, “For it’s solely the pain that permits us to sample the beauty in life.” **R**

# Critics give two paws up for Bark! The Musical

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66

“Bark! The Musical”—a runaway hit that began in Los Angeles two years ago—is making its way across the country faster than a greyhound on the loose. An original musical by composer, musical director and executive producer David Troy Francis '73, the Los Angeles Times calls it “a musical homage to dogs and their endearingly human hearts.”

**S**et in a doggy day care, the show features a cast of five humans who do all the doggy things we know and love while singing and dancing to numbers that are as joyful as they are poignant. “Cats” it’s not—obviously. Nor is it “A Chorus Line,” though Francis drew inspiration from that show and “Bark’s!” original director/choreographer, Kay Cole, was in the original Broadway production. Ken Roht, the current director/choreographer, is producing artistic director of the renowned Orphean Circus, an innovative music/dance theater ensemble in Los Angeles.

“Bark!” had its world premiere in 2004. Scheduled to run for only 12 weeks at the Coast Theater in West Hollywood, it closed two years later with “two paws up” reviews from a wide array of critics. Francis and Cole were nominated for best musical score and best choreography for the 2004 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle awards. It was the third longest-running show in Los Angeles history. It also enjoyed a seven-month run in Chicago, where it had also been slated to run just 12 weeks. Audiences in Palm Springs, CA, were treated to recent Thanksgiving weekend performances. Now playing in Portland, OR, “Bark!” will be at Theatre Memphis in April. Also this year, it will play off-Broadway in New York, Key West, even Brazil—in Portuguese. Francis says he and his writers are fine-tuning the show for its off-Broadway audience, and that Memphis theatergoers will see the New York version. The staging and costumes for these shows “will be more contemporary, magical and excellent,” says Francis.

The Memphis show will be a true homecoming for Francis, whose first experience in theater was playing the boy in “The Drunkard” at Little Theatre, the predecessor of Theatre Memphis. He also



Los Angeles cast of "Bark! The Musical"



David Francis '73

played ragtime on the piano during scene changes.

A classical pianist, Francis is known for championing American music by living American composers. He is particularly proud of having recorded the world premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned Rorem's "Eight Études for Piano."

With the versatility of a *cum laude* Rhodes graduate who majored in piano, Francis has also composed music for film and television, accompanied singers from opera to gospel and played keyboard in rock bands. The late Prof. Charles Mosby '51 "was a model on how to conduct one's life with integrity and gracious warmth," he says. Francis was headed to The Juilliard School in New York after graduation. That summer, his younger brother and a friend were killed by a drunk driver. Heartbroken, he stayed in Memphis and cofounded a performing arts group. In 1980, he headed to Los Angeles, where he's worked as a musician ever since.

Francis got the idea for "Bark!" when a friend at ABC television asked him to write some songs for a documentary about dogs.

"I wrote four songs to their lyrics," says Francis. "I loved them so much that I took them to someone else and asked if he thought I could turn the idea into a musical. He said, 'Yes,' so we went from there."

Francis enlisted several lyricists, and the show was born. He was now in business—literally. He had to form a corporation and pay workers' compensation, and he needed a lawyer. His friends in the business recommended only one—Chandler Warren.

"I had been Chandler's client for more than a year when I told him one day that I was going to play a concert in Memphis," Francis recalls. "Why are you going to Memphis?" Chandler asked. I said, 'I'm from there.' Chandler said, 'I went to Rhodes.' I said, 'So did I!'"

Indeed, Warren graduated in 1954, a Phi Beta Kappa political science major who earned his law degree at Columbia University. A theater, film and television industry attorney, he fell in love with show business at Stunt Night during his college days. In addition to practicing law, Warren is a writer,

producer and lyricist. He is also a teacher, patiently guiding clients through the business of show business.

“I asked Chandler if he would join ‘Bark!’ as a producer and give our inexperienced team the benefit of his insight and wisdom,” says Francis.

Warren’s dog, Morgan, is the show’s logo, gracing the theater poster and CD cover.

The show touches every emotion.

“I wanted it to be joyful because that’s what my dogs bring me—joy and love,” says Francis. “I felt that if we could make the audience feel one 1/100th of the joy and love our animals bring us each day, it would be successful.”

In addition to critical acclaim, “Bark!” has received “two paws up” from the Humane Society of the United States.

“It’s the first time the organization ever endorsed a commercial entity. We presented the show to them before we opened, allowing them to see every word that was in it,” Francis says.

Neither success nor hard work has spoiled David Francis. He’s working on two more musicals, one of which he hopes to “have up” in Los Angeles by September. The only regret he may have is that he misses performing.

“Before ‘Bark!’ I used to play 80 concerts a year. Last year, I played only three—I have no time to prepare,” he says. “With this show, I work about 18 hours a day, almost seven days a week. I’ve worked hard all my life, but never as long or as hard as I have on this show.”

He loves every minute of it, though, singing the songs of his beloved cast of canines at the drop of a hat.

“Most of my work—performing classical music or this music—is about perception,” Francis says. “Even though our show is about the dogs’ point of view, you look around at people and wonder what experiences they’ve had in their lives. ‘Bark!’ is sung by dogs, but it’s about any sentient being, and it’s about your perspective. I want to show what happens to dogs and humans and how they’re treated. We are what we have lived. My work is what I have lived.” **R**



Chandler Warren '54 and Morgan

## Free Spirit Plays Grown-Up Ball

By Bill Sorrell

Ashley Farrell is a kid at heart.

She takes coloring books on road trips, plays with Play-Doh and swings on the playground. She loves the Food Network and being full-blooded Italian (her mother's maiden name is Boffa);

she eats "anything Italian."

A dyed-in-the-wool "cheesehead," she loves the Green Bay Packers and their quarterback, Brett Favre. "He is a natural leader," she says.

Farrell and her boyfriend went to historic Lambeau Field and saw

the Packers play in September 2005.

She wore a cheesehead hat. She has considered getting married on Lambeau's 50-yard line. That may vault her into ESPN's Top 10 Plays of the Day, she says.

"I'm a happy, free-spirited person," says Farrell, who plays a grown-up game of basketball for the Rhodes women's team.

A point guard, Farrell has the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (and school) record for 3-point percentage (47 of 76 for .618 percent in the 2005-06 season).

Last season, she set school records in free throw (.825) and field goal (.530) percentages and led the team in steals (18). Her 14.7 points per game average and 2.9 assists each ranked second for the Lady Lynx, who tied a school record for wins as they went 18-8.

After being named SCAC Newcomer of the Year and second team all-conference as a first-year, Farrell, a junior from Collierville, TN, was first team all-conference her sophomore season. She was named the Most Valuable Player of her first college tournament at Transylvania (KY).

"She's a multitasking player; she's not one-dimensional," says coach Matt Dean. "She can play the 1, 2 or 3 and draws a tough defensive assignment every night. She's a natural leader on the floor, an extension of the coaching staff. She never really has a bad day. She comes to work every day playing hard, and with more confidence in her leadership role."

An aggressive player who dives for loose balls on the floor, she has overcome sprained ankles and busted kneecaps and shins.

"We come every day to make each other better. Our team chemistry is unbelievable," Farrell says.



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Ashley Farrell '08

# Instinct, Ability Score on the Links

By Bill Sorrell

Whether high or low, John Jennison doesn't show.

"I never know whether he's 6-over par or 6-under par because of his attitude. He's got a great demeanor on the course. He can handle the good and the bad," says Rhodes golf coach Bill Cochran.

With his mental toughness and "great mechanics," Jennison, a senior, had the highest finish of any men's golfer at Rhodes when he was runner-up at the 2006 NCAA Division 3 championship at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln, NE, in May 2006.

Shooting 291, Jennison finished two strokes behind the University of Rochester's Stephen Goodridge, who was the 2005 Division 3 freshman golfer of the year.

Jennison's 71 was the lowest of the final round. At 1,228, Rhodes finished eighth. It was the Lynx's first trip to the NCAA tournament in 35 years. Jennison, the team captain from St. Augustine, FL, was voted a first team All-American.

After Jennison's NCAA performance, he boarded a plane in Lincoln and flew to Spain to study Spanish for a month. He then went to New York City, where he worked as an intern for the financial company UBS. He served an internship at Bear Stearns in Los Angeles in 2005.

His internships, he says, have "given me confidence to trust my instincts and do what's best."

In 2004, Jennison's 67 paced Rhodes to the SCAC championship. Also that year, he shot a personal-best 63 to help the Lynx set a tournament record for a single-day low round. Rhodes shot a sizzling 22-under par 258 at the 33rd annual Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Paradise Point courses at Camp Lejeune, NC. Three of Jennison's



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John Jennison '07

teammates, Chris Thompson '05, Will Levy '04 and Carter Lawnin '07, each shot 65 that day.

"It stands as one of the lowest rounds ever recorded in collegiate golf in any division," said Cochran.

"John practices hard, and it's serious," says Cochran. Jennison's techniques have enabled him to be good at ball striking, chipping and putting.

At Rhodes, he has a career scoring average of 74. He has been inspired by

his father, Jay Jennison, a top amateur who has competed in both the U.S. and British Amateur tournaments. After graduation, Jennison plans to follow in his father's footsteps.

"It's not easy to walk away from competitive golf," says the 6-4, 215-lb. Jennison. "Unlike with most sports, I have the opportunity to play at a top level of golf the rest of my life." **R**

## FICTION

### Simon Philipe

By John Bruhwiler, Rhodes Professor Emeritus of German. Memphis: Kerlak Publishing; 420 pp. \$17.95

As Simon copes with life—including divorce and a lackluster job—he learns to love a woman who causes him to explore his past. In the meantime, Simon's horses provide a release and give him strength.

### Dark Shadows: The Salem Branch

By Lara Parker (Mary Lamar Rickey) '59. New York: Tor Books; 288 pp. \$12.95

Vampire hero Barnabas Collins has recently become human again and is trying to adjust to normal life in current-day Collinsport, ME. Among his troubles is falling in love with Antoinette, a woman whose daughter suffers from flashbacks to her previous incarnation as a Salem "witch" burned at the stake.

### It's Not the Heat

By Hadley Hury '71. To be published in March 2007.

The 10 stories in this collection are primarily set in the South—many in and around Memphis—and examine with wit and spirit its people and the place.

## NONFICTION

### Playing with Fire: The Looming War with China over Taiwan

By John F. Copper, Rhodes Stanley J. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group Inc.; 280 pp. \$49.95

An expert who has studied Taiwan for more than 30 years, Copper assesses

various aspects of the U.S.-Taiwan-China relationship and discusses the possible result of "playing with fire."

### Chinese Theories of Fiction: A Non-Western Narrative System

By Ming Dong Gu, Rhodes Associate Professor of Modern Languages. Albany: State University of New York Press; 286 pp. \$80

The author examines Chinese literature and traditional Chinese criticism; he discusses at length masterpieces such as the *Jin Ping Mei* (*The Plum in the Golden Vase*) and the *Hongloumeng* (*The Story of the Stone*).

### The Bonhoeffer Legacy: Post-Holocaust Perspectives

By Steven Haynes, Associate Professor of Religious Studies. Minneapolis: Fortress Press; 256 pp. \$22

The sequel to Haynes' *The Bonhoeffer Phenomenon*, this book details Bonhoeffer's relationship with the Jewish people before and after his death.

### An Atlas and Survey of Latin American History

Coauthored by Prof. Michael LaRosa, Associate Professor of History. Armonk, NY: M E Sharpe Inc.; 176 pp. \$74.85 cloth, \$26.95 paper

This book explains Latin American development up to the modern day, illustrating the relationships of Latin American history, culture, economic development and geography. The principal researcher was Lance Ingwersen '03.

### Neighborly Adversaries: Readings in U.S.-Latin American Relations, second edition

Coedited by Prof. Michael LaRosa, Associate Professor of History, and Frank O. Mora of the National Defense University in Washington, DC, and

former Rhodes Associate Professor of International Studies. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers; 345 pp. \$75 cloth, \$29.95 paper

LaRosa examines the U.S.-Latin American relationship dating from the 19th century to post-9/11. The book contains an essay by Lance R. Ingwersen '03 about immigration from Latin America to the U.S.

### The Limits of Alliance: The United States, NATO and the EU in North and Central Europe

By Andrew Michta, Rhodes Mertie W. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.; 192 pp. \$65 cloth, \$24.95 paper

Michta's book details the geostrategic reconfiguration of northern and central Europe post-Sept. 11, 2001.

### The Kurdish Nationalist Movement: Opportunity, Mobilization and Identity

By David Romano, Rhodes Assistant Professor of International Studies. New York: Cambridge University Press; 290 pp. \$75 cloth, \$29.99 paper

Romano focuses on the Kurdish case to make sense of ethnic nationalist resurgence while offering insights into Kurdish nationalism and social-movement theories.

### Guided by Dreams: Breast Cancer, Dreams and Transformation

By Rachel Gobbel Norment '55. Richmond: BrandyLane Publishers; 224 pp. \$16.95

A professional watercolorist and 12-year cancer survivor, Norment reveals how knowledge gained through dream interpretation guided many of her decisions during treatment and recovery. She also discusses more than 50 of her personal dreams in the book, which includes seven full-color original drawings and paintings. 

## From the Alumni Relations Office

### Dear Alumnus/a,

You will receive this issue of *Rhodes* at a point in time when we have begun a new calendar year and crossed the midpoint of the 2006-07 academic year, in which the institutional focus is on student engagement.

If discussions that I had in November with one of our faculty members pan out, in the spring semester of this year we will have between 20 and 40 alumni involved in two academic courses in which they receive students' reflections on readings and are asked to comment on the work of the students. It is expected that the bulk of the contact will be through electronic mail. What a wonderful opportunity it presents not just for the students to come to know alumni, but for alumni to have a sense of knowing what and how students at Rhodes are learning! It is an experiment, but we are excited about the possibilities it holds for benefiting the student and alumni members of the Rhodes community.

In my own engagement with students, I have been privileged to work with two senior women taking a senior seminar class in the Psychology Department. Emily Deichmann '07 and Rebecca Smith '07 have the assignment of assessing the effectiveness of the institution in achieving the Rhodes Vision. The students are focusing on the alumni community. While the Rhodes Vision was adopted in 2003, my sense is that the statement will have meaning for Rhodes alumni from the most recent classes to those who attended Southwestern in the 1930s.

The students face a challenge. It is a big task. However, as one who had responsibility for assessment work in a previous appointment, it appears that the students are doing fine work and are absolutely on the right track. Rebecca and Emily have developed a survey that attempts to study the experiences alumni had as students and see what connections, if any, exist in your values and behaviors as an alumnus/a. The plan for gathering data relies heavily upon alumni participation. Alumni with e-mail addresses that are known to us will receive a survey attached to an e-mail message and be asked to complete and submit the electronic instrument. Other alumni will receive their surveys through the mail. Participation is important. This message will reach you about the time the survey does. I ask that you complete and return the survey to help the students in their project and the college in becoming better informed about how we can meet your interests and needs.

In the cycle of programming that guides the work of the Alumni Relations Office, Homecoming/Reunion Weekend is never too far away. As I write, we are less than a month

removed from a wonderful Homecoming weekend in which we had fine numbers of alumni returning for class reunions. When you receive this, our staff will be soliciting nominations in behalf of the Alumni Association and the Black Student Association for alumni to be recognized at Homecoming '07. Please see the related box on this page and nominate worthy members of the Rhodes family.

As always, know that our office stands ready to serve you. At the same time, please know that we won't be bashful about asking you to help where you can in supporting our students and Rhodes in our ongoing quest for excellence.

Best regards,

Bud Richey  
Associate Vice President and  
Director of Alumni Relations

### Nominations Requested

Nominations are requested for the following awards to be presented at Homecoming Oct. 19-20, 2007

**Distinguished Alumnus/a Award**  
**Young Alumnus/a of the Year**  
**Athletic Hall of Fame**  
**BSA Distinguished Alumnus/a Award**

Please send your nominations by  
Monday, March 12  
Use the electronic form at [rhodes.edu/2951.asp](http://rhodes.edu/2951.asp)  
or e-mail [alumni@rhodes.edu](mailto:alumni@rhodes.edu)  
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## Class Notes

By Rachel L. Stinson '08

**Rhodes International  
Alumni Association  
President  
Jim Eikner '57  
Memphis**

### 1938

**Lewis Donelson**, senior partner at Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, was presented the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award by the Chickasaw Council in November 2006. He has also been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

### 1939

**Shepherd Tate** of Tate Lazarini Brady & Guerra has been selected for inclusion in three categories in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*: securities law, commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

### 1945

Reporter: Betty Wilkinson Isbell  
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**Ruth Bryant** is president of the Alliance Française and the English-Speaking Union in St. Louis. *Rhodes* bestowed those honors on Anita Hyde Hutchings in the fall 2006 issue and apologizes to both classmates.

### 1951

Reporter: Frances Crouch Perkins  
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Reunion weekend was a blast! It was great to be with so many classmates at the five events I attended, including the football game and '51 class party at King Hall.

**Jeanne Arnold Kugler** and husband Ken of Norman, OK, reported on their recent trip with 10 friends to Turkey, the Greek islands, Australia and New Zealand. They plan to visit Chile and Patagonia in March.

**Mary Louise Barton Pritchard** gave highlights of a cruise she took to the west Caribbean, visiting Costa Rica and the Panama Canal.

**Carol Heyer Smith** of New Orleans flew to Japan in late October to attend the convention of Ikebana International. She visited Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto.

Following retirement 11 years ago, **Bill Brazelton** of Ft. Smith, AR, has been traveling far and wide to film exotic birds and wildlife. He has been to Africa, Canada, Alaska, Galapagos, Antarctica and Baja, CA. In Churchill, Canada, Bill filmed polar bears and arctic foxes on the Hudson River and rode on a "tundra buggy" through the marshlands. Two hundred miles west of Anchorage, AK, in Kenai Park, he photographed brown bears catching salmon in the falls, along with moose, puffins, seals, whales, bald eagles and sea birds. The highlight of the Galapagos was seeing the giant sea

turtles and iguanas. Last year in Antarctica, Bill rode a Zodiac boat to witness the march of more than a quarter million penguins (six species). In his latest trip to Baja, he filmed the birthing of gray whales, which arrive annually from the Bering Sea. He brought some of his wonderful photographs to the reunion.

### 1952

55th Reunion  
Homecoming: Oct. 19-20  
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In early June 2006, **Jack** and **Carolyn Milton Allen '54** moved from Warrenton to Williamsburg, VA. In the midst of the move, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Janet Canada Fritsch**, who lives in Cincinnati, recently appeared as Ethel Thayer in "On Golden Pond" and as Bloody Mary in "South Pacific" with Footlighters Stage Co. Stained Glass Theater in Newport, KY. She received Orchid awards from the Association of Community Theaters of Ohio for acting and singing excellence as Bloody Mary. She writes, "I continue joyfully teaching singing and acting in my own studio."

### 1957

50th Reunion  
Homecoming: Oct. 19-20  
In October 2006, **Mary Frances Files Silitch** received the National Business Aviation Association's top journalism award in Orlando, FL.

### 1958

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On telling **Jane Barr Stump-Green** about an Elderhostel program in Savannah I'm going on, she said that she and her husband went on one to Charleston that was "magnificent." Both of us recommend Elderhostel programs. She is thrilled with the new house in the woods that she and her husband have built. In fact, they are putting their Tucson house on the market and downsizing to a townhouse nearer the city.

Finally heard about **Mike Ivy** and wife Jane's trip West. They spent five days in Las Vegas and then rented a car and drove to Flagstaff, Sedona, Grand Canyon and Laughlin. What a busy trip you people had! Mike even saw squirrels in Flagstaff that were large and had big ears, more like jackrabbits. He agreed that for a "big hole in the ground," the Grand Canyon was "beautiful and breathtaking."

**Mary Ann Breese Brendel** and her husband "just returned from a trip through the Canadian Rockies, visiting several national parks in the U.S. and Canada. It always amazes me to realize that we have such spectacular scenery, history and adventure tied to these national treasures. The First Nation people in both countries have fascinating programs of music, dance and traditions to enhance

one's visit. It is a 'must-see' to put on your travel list. Banff and Jasper and Lake Louise were highlights for us." Mary Ann also passed along a book recommendation: *March* by Geraldine Brooks, author also of *Year of Wonders*. *March* explores the Civil War's impact on an idealist. She says, "It is always interesting to hear what friends are reading." I agree and welcome any recommendations you folks might pass along.

**Beth and David Simpson** checked in and passed along the following news: "David and I went to the 50th anniversary gathering of the Kinney Program (known in our day as the Danforth Program). We were overcome with admiration and amazement at what Rhodes students are doing to serve our community and to live out the values they are learning at Rhodes. If you have a chance to read *Transformations*, the book edited by Michael Lamb '04, please do so. It is a remarkable compilation of stories by students about their service experiences which, as they all say, have transformed their lives. We felt honored to be in the midst of these wonderful young people."

**Mike Cody** of Burch, Porter & Johnson has been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Also included is **John Dunlap** of Farris, Matthews, Branam, Bobango, Hellen & Dunlap.

We're grateful for news of classmates. If you have e-mail and I don't have your correct address, I'd appreciate your sending it along to my e-mail address above.

## 1959

Reporter: Sara Jean (Shiney) Jackson  
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**Richard Park** shared news of a harrowing hiking trip on the John Muir Trail in California's Sierra Mountains. His description of the ordeal of searching for the trail that had disappeared under a massive snowbank, climbing over rocks and up a near-vertical wall without ice axes or crampons was worthy of more detail than can be provided here. In his own words, he explains, "On July 22, 2006, I ascended Mt. Whitney and thus completed the 234-mile John Muir Trail 10 days before my 69th birthday. In September 2005, I had completed the 2,174-mile Appalachian Trail, having done sections of it each year beginning in 1983. Since I have osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and an artificial hip, maybe it is time I begin considering retiring from long-distance backpacking. John Muir once said, 'Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.' I am blessed with having received many good tidings throughout the years."

The above story was shared with some of us visiting Charles and **Sissy Rasberry Jones Askew** at their home in Montreat, NC, in October 2006. Also there to appreciate the moment were **Bob** and Anne **Welsh**. Sissy's wedding to Charles Askew in June was attended by nine grandchildren, including Charles' three-month-old grandson serving as "best man."

**Bates Peacock Toone** continues her watercolor wildflower painting.

**Nancy Wooddell Warlick** and husband Bill are working with projects in Southern Africa. They are also able to visit their daughter and family, who serve as Presbyterian missionaries in Madagascar.

**San Andrews Robertson** has a postretirement job that allows her to serve on the Continental flight crew. She was recently chosen to fly the inaugural flight from Cologne to Newark. San had lunch in DC with **Tim** and **Thirza Mobley Sloan**.

**June Davidson** is a board member of Junior Achievement of Memphis and the Mid-South.

## 1961

Reporter: Sam Drash  
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The Class of 1961 had a fun 45th reunion at Rhodes Oct. 20-21. Those class members who were able to attend included **George Awsumb, Mary Allie McColgan Baldwin, Wes Busbee, Sally Cross Coleman, Sam Drash, Jerry Duncan, Daisi Jean Menzies Finley, Betsy Henderson Graham, Adele Wolf Grilli, Mary Ford Herron, Fay Quinn Isele, Lou Johnson, Maxine Sewell Lindseth, Buddy Nix, David Ramsey, Bill Reed, Nancy Myers Smith, Mary Elizabeth McCharen Streete, Harry Swinney, Emma Young Thompson, Jack Thompson, Bert Tuggle** and **Sandy Winter**. Many spouses and friends were also able to be a part of the fun.

**Mary Allie McColgan**

**Baldwin, Mary Jane Coleman Gentry and Mary Elizabeth McCharen Streete** shared a wonderful trip to Italy in May. After two days of sightseeing in Siena, they joined up with a weeklong walking tour in Tuscany organized by Karen Davis, one of the founders of Davis Kidd Bookstores. They were based in a lovely hotel in Pienza but trudged six to 10 strenuous miles per day to nearby hill towns, an organic farm, Etruscan ruins, a wine cellar and an isolated abbey. For those who could not walk the whole distance, vans were available. At the end of the tour, they explored Florence, then split up. Mary Allie and Mary Jane went on to Orvieto in Umbria to visit Nigel McGilchrist, the former dean of Rhodes' European Studies program. Mary Elizabeth went on to Rome for two days full of adventures, including an encounter with a fake taxi driver that ended with him being routed by irate Italians whose help Mary Elizabeth enlisted. Mary Allie and Mary Jane are planning to hike in the Dolomites next summer. Mary Elizabeth thinks she will rent a car!

**Tommy Clinton** and his wife, Jackie, have some exciting news: "On August 11, 2006, our daughter, Tiffany Taylor, gave birth to Hudson David in Atlanta. He is their third child. Our other daughter, Ashley Wadsworth, has four children, including a set of triplets. In October, Jackie and I traveled to Little Rock, where we all celebrated the triplets' third birthday. Ashley also has a son named Tommy (4 1/2). Jackie and I now have seven

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grandchildren, the oldest of whom will be five in March.”

**Jerry Duncan** and his wife, Martha, had a fun time visiting their latest grandchild, the son of daughter Ashley Duncan Mahaffey in Escondido, CA. Donna Marrufo, one of Jerry's other daughters, lives in Cozumel and has a jewelry manufacturing company. Donna also runs a modeling group in Cozumel that does shows for tour hotels on the island. Jerry and Martha went to Richmond, VA, in early November to see Donna's jewelry at a show. Some of you may remember **Jean-Pierre Potel '63**, a student from France when we were attending college. Jerry keeps in contact with him.

Congratulations to **Bill Reed** and Susan Sanford, who married Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006, shortly before our class reunion.

**Jerry Davidson Thomas** still works as a consultant specializing in program development and training for staff who work with sexually abusive adolescents. She says, “This year I was pleased and surprised to receive two professional honors. The first was the Fay Honey Knopp award given by the Perpetration Prevention Program of The Kempe's Children Center on Child Abuse and Neglect in Denver. This award is given for work that exemplifies dedication to the prevention of child sexual abuse by providing treatment to sexually abusive youth. The second award was from the same organization and is called “Beyond the Call of Duty—To Prevent Sexual Abuse in Childhood and Adolescence.” The

award states that this is in recognition of years of faithful commitment to promote the safety of children in Tennessee and throughout the world. I believe that my participation in the Kinney program was instrumental in shaping my belief in the importance of doing my part to help others less fortunate than myself.”

**Ken Barker** and wife Marilyn recently visited Anguillera, a small town about 50 minutes outside Rome near Lake Bracciano. Ken writes, “She rode trails and was thrilled to get to ‘ride to the hounds,’ which in Italy is done by a drag technique. That is the scent of a fox dragged through the fields; the hounds find it and the horses follow. She went out on a practice run in which young dogs were being trained. It was great fun for her. For my part, I read and rested and enjoyed the local food and wine. I start my next-to-last year teaching this academic semester and will plan to retire in December of 2008 in all likelihood.”

## 1962

45th Reunion  
Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

**Grady Tollison**, who is an attorney at Tollison & Tollison in Oxford, MS, had a gathering of more than 60 of the 1950s and 1960s Southwestern football players. Among the guests were **Frank Coyle** and federal judge **Bob Echols**.

## 1963

**Joe Duncan** of Burch, Porter & Johnson has been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Composer **Owen Middleton**, adjunct faculty member at the University of South Alabama since 1981, is the subject of a doctoral dissertation by UCLA doctoral candidate Gregory Newton. The dissertation is titled *An American Original: The Guitar Music of Owen Middleton*.

## 1964

**Charley Killinger** recently published three books. *Gaetano Salvemini, A Biography* (Praeger, 2002) is the first full-length biography of the Italian historian and political activist. Charley's *History of Italy* appeared in the Greenwood Press History of Nations in 2002, and his *Culture and Customs of Italy* (Greenwood) was published in 2005.

## 1965

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Ray and **Carolyn Causey Spalding** have a son, Stephen, who lives in Warrington, England, where he works as a computer programmer/analyst. They also have two daughters: Allison van de Sande, who lives in Amsterdam and is a dancer and singer in musical theater, and Ashley Claffy, who is married and lives in Yorktown, VA. Ashley is a fighter pilot in the U.S. Navy (flew F14 Tomcats), but is now doing a ground job. She had the first grandchild, Kristen, in January 2005. Because of Kristen, Carolyn and Ray have moved to Virginia from Oxted, England after

31 years. Carolyn is now a granny/nanny. News of interest about her past life: Carolyn was the school librarian in New Providence, NJ; head of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library System; head of the Houston Public Library Meyer Branch; and organizer/supervisor of the move of the Surrey County Resource Library in Croydon, England. While in England, she was secretary for an international peace conference in Caux, Switzerland; personal assistant to an author/artist in London and managing director of the tour company English Experience Ltd. She also owned and ran a bed and breakfast business in England for six years, was editor of a regional periodical in southeast England and legal guardian for overseas students studying in England. For hobbies, Carolyn does china restoration, painting, desktop publishing, breeding and exhibiting rare varieties of budgerigar parrots, bridge and gardening. Her husband is an international consultant geophysicist. They hope to move to France in a couple of years.

**Mike '64** and **Blanche Buckingham Deaderick** have retired: Blanche, after 39 years of teaching psychology and European history at Germantown High and Mike, from commercial real estate development. Both are happy in their new lives. Mike is tutoring elementary schoolchildren and doing some historical research, and Blanche is doing volunteer work and summer programs for gifted and talented Tennessee high-school students. In addition, she is working with Facing History

and Ourselves. They both have enjoyed traveling now that they have the time.

**Vivienne Guest Strickler** had a chance to spend a few days with her first roommate at Rhodes/Southwestern, **Joanne Peters Davis**. Vivienne went to the Annual Financial Planning Association Conference in Nashville in October. When people ask Viv if she plans to retire from financial planning, she says, "I am not tired; why should I retire?" Joanne doesn't seem to be "retired" either. There's a steady stream of people and phone calls at Joanne's warm, welcoming home in Estill Springs, south of Nashville. Her third child has joined his father's law practice, and the fourth is in college. She still has a lot of energy, just like in 1961!

**Susan Beard** writes that she is living in Shreveport, LA, and enjoys playing with her six grandsons, ages 2 to 13. Working on a new career as a consultant for Arbonne International, she loves learning new skills and continuing to grow personally. The thing she likes best is helping others see the opportunity to change their lives and those of their families. It is rewarding at 63 to be on a new, evermore challenging adventure: "Step out there and take a risk to do anything you can dream of!"

**Karen Hardy Bell** had a very short retirement. She started a volunteer job that led to re-employment. She is in her third year of patient satisfaction work at a hospital five minutes from where she lives. This consumes 32 hours a week, leaving time for freelance

marketing projects with nonprofits and cabinet-level pro bono involvement with metro United Way. In February, she hosted a 90th birthday dinner in Phoenix for her dad. In July, they took an 11-day bus trip through the Black Hills, Badlands, Yellowstone and Tetons.

**Terri Chadwick**, who lives in Houston, works full time for Veri-Care, a mental health company out of California, providing psychological services in nursing homes. She really loves her work. Her older daughter, Cathy, lives in Richmond, TX, about one hour from Terri. Cathy is a stay-at-home mom who is very active with her kids' school activities. Younger daughter Tess lives in San Antonio with her spouse and soon-to-be 3-year-old son. Tess is a family practice physician working with soldiers and their families on a military base. Terri loves folk dancing and is a part of a very active group. Last June, one of her dance friends invited her to visit her home in Greece while a few of her other folk dancer friends were there. She had the trip of a lifetime! In August, Terri was able to go with her daughter, Tess, and the family to the Dominican Republic. She reports that the Caribbean was wonderfully clear and aqua blue.

**Teri Tate Hornberger** writes that her son, Wesley Sewell, was the visual effects supervisor of the film *A Good Year*, starring Russell Crowe and Marion Cotillard. A love story, the film was made from a book by Peter Mayle. Wes says that after

you see the film you will want to go out and buy a bottle of wine!

## 1966

Reporter: Sammy Ann Primm Marshall  
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Our class had wonderful attendance at our 40th reunion. It was great to see so many friends and recall memories of our college days and why we all loved being at Southwestern. We are grateful to Dennis and **Joanna Coss Higdon** for offering their home for the Saturday night party once again. Tommy Cheairs also provided music for all to enjoy. We even had members of the classes of '61, '63, '64, '65 and '67 attend. We missed those who were unable to be there but look forward to seeing you in five years.

**Tim Greaves**, an attorney in Greenville, SC, has taken up painting as a hobby. His work is available through several galleries, and he even has a Web site that shows a sampling of his talent.

**Susan Fisher Cheairs** is enjoying her new job as director of the Tipton County (TN) Library.

**Randy Hayes** recently gave a photography exhibit titled "Baby Doll House" at Cheekwood Art & Gardens in Nashville.

**Bob Frank** and John Murry recently released a CD titled "World without End."

Remember to send in any news you would like to share with classmates.

## 1967

40th Reunion  
Homecoming: Oct. 19-20  
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Hello, Classmates. I have had success in getting news from you by sending out e-mail requests. However, I have e-mail addresses for only about half of you. I would very much appreciate you sending your e-mail address to me if you would not mind receiving a gentle request for news three times a year. Does anyone know where George Abraham is?

I spent another glorious summer in the Love Shack in Winter Harbor, ME. After six summers with a port-o-potty and no running water, we are finally building a house! Next summer it will be hot showers for everyone. I've loved the simplicity of creating my own little Walden Pond, but a hot shower will be really nice. I'm back in Austin and into the things that make my life interesting. I'm a big sister to a rowdy teenage boy who delights and aggravates me to no end, continue to be active in my Shambhala Buddhist Center, volunteer more time than I have to with various tree-hugging and liberal causes and am winding down a psychotherapy practice with the hopes of full retirement in May. Life is good!

**Jennifer Bird Henley** e-mailed that she and Ray now have six grandsons: "They are all gorgeous, brilliant and very lovable. Ray and I took a 40th anniversary trip in May to British Columbia.

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We spent 11 days on a train trip through the Canadian Rockies. The scenery was phenomenal, the food was spectacular and we were spoiled and pampered. We also saw Victoria, Seattle and Olympic National Park." Jennifer and Ray have three children—Andrea, Trevor and Trent. Each of them has two boys. The grandsons are Dalton (8), Jonah (6), Mason (4), Patrick (3), Miles (3) and Zander (3 months).

**Carol Wertz Sutter** writes that she is still working as a RE/MAX realtor in central New Jersey: "As in the rest of the country, sales are way down, but working keeps me out of trouble. I have my SRES designation, so hopefully I can deal better with all us baby boomers." Carol travels as much as possible and enjoyed a two-week trip to Santorini, Greece, and the Tuscany region of Italy this fall. She says, "I'm still very active in my Presbyterian church, both as a session member and choir member. Just saw my sister **Jeanne Kerridge '65** and brother **Mark Wertz '69** at a family funeral. We are all well and happy. Will definitely return for our 40th next year."

We were sad to hear that **Emalie Appleton Brooks**, wife of **Bill Brooks '66**, passed away Sept. 11, 2006. Her daughter, Lauren, responded to my e-mail, writing that her mother had ovarian cancer in 1989 and was treated with radiation. It saved her life then but left her with a lot of serious internal damage. In summer 2005 she had colon surgery and never really recovered. She went into the hospital

in April 2006 and died five months later. I will always remember Emalie for her smile and her ingenious wit. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

## 1968

Reporters: **Bob Morris**  
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**Eric Wilson**, director of The Golf Academy of the Carolinas in Myrtle Beach, SC, is a master teaching professional with the PGA of America. Eric was recently selected as a PGA master teaching professional evaluator, one of only 17 out of 28,000 PGA members and apprentices in the country. He is now responsible for conducting certifications/evaluations of prospective PGA master teaching professionals twice a year in Port St. Lucie, FL. Eric was also recently nominated as the 2007 Teacher of the Year for the Carolinas Section of the PGA of America. Additionally, Eric is pursuing his Ph.D. in adult education through Capella University. He has completed the first three chapters of his dissertation and his primary research. His target for defense of his dissertation is this spring. Eric and his wife Marilyn, who recently completed her master's degree in education, reside in Myrtle Beach.

**Hayes McCarty** and his wife, Hope, live in the Reston, VA, area, where they have raised four children and more recently are enjoying their two grandchildren. Hayes is the president of a residential development company

that does business in the Washington, DC, area and is enjoying spending his time on business, family and tennis. No plans on retiring any time soon. He made a trip to Memphis to see his tennis coach, Derrick Barton, who passed away last summer. Coach Barton was the Southwestern/Rhodes tennis coach for many years and made a very large impact on those of us fortunate enough to be on his teams. While in Memphis, Hayes reconnected with **Bob Morris**, who gave him a great tour of the Rhodes campus and the many positive changes that have occurred on campus over the past 40 years. Hayes looks forward to hearing from any of his classmates who reside in the area.

Memphis architect **Jim Williamson** and partner **Louis Ponders** recently joined forces with Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects. Jim is adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Memphis. Ponders is project designer for the Alex Haley Interpretive Center in Henning, TN, which will be devoted to African Americans in Tennessee. The new visitor facility will be open to the public in fall 2007.

A professor of philosophy at the University of Maryland College Park, **Lindley Darden** had a research appointment for June 2006 at the Centre Cavailles for History and Philosophy of Science at l'Ecole Normale Superieure in Paris. Also in June, her book, *Reasoning in Biological Discoveries: Mechanisms, Interfield Relations, and Anomaly Resolution*, was

published by Cambridge University Press. In July, she was a keynote speaker at the Future Directions of Biology Studies, sponsored by the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology at Indiana University. She has been honored with selection as a Distinguished Scholar/Teacher of the University of Maryland for 2006-2007 and presented a public lecture—"Getting It Wrong, Then Getting It Right: Science As an Error-Correcting Process"—in late October 2006 in College Park, Maryland.

## 1971

Reporter: **Betha Hubbard Gill**  
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The class of '71 had a fabulous reunion. **Debbie Nichol Pittman's** home was outstanding! She and **Arnie '67** are perfect hosts. We missed our classmates who were not able to come and hope to see them in 2011. That is kind of scary—most of us will be 62 years old!

Just to make you feel bad about not coming: **Nanette Simonton Paci** came from California, **Meri Rappaport Cunningham** from Colorado and **Frances Foster** from upstate New York. **Melinda Smith Raley** brought her beautiful 10-year-old daughter, Robin, and **Alice Cockroft Oates** brought her gorgeous 14-year-old daughter, Amy. **Nancy Lenox** and I were campaigning all weekend for these girls to be future Rhodes students. Melinda, Stev and Robin

have a sailboat that they enjoy every weekend.

I am sorry for those of you who did not make it because grandmothers **Nancy Jaco Golden** and **Carmen Webb Anderson** have still managed to look like they just graduated. You will have to attend next time to see this phenomenon.

**Bill Short** was awarded the Eugart Yeraian Lifetime Achievement Award for Theater in Memphis. He was featured with a huge photograph in the *Commercial Appeal*, and his article covered two pages. It actually captured his quiet manner and incredible talent. This was just one of many theater awards that he has received. "Bilbo" has toured some 15,000 visitors through the new library in the past year! I am thrilled that his career at Rhodes has included this stunning addition to the campus.

**Jack Stevens, Dick Heien** and **Charles Jones** are still gorgeous and cool! Age helps me not be intimidated anymore. Meri and I had a great time talking about our football English class our freshman year. We were the only girls in the class, and I struggled with writing a decent paper. Miss Luntz always had a way of making every poem, short story, etc. have sexual meaning.

Some others who joined us were **Ron Anderson, Margaret Barton Chancey, Leigh Brasington, Betty Peebles Chapman, Jim Compton, Daisy Craddock, Duncan Currey, Frank Dodson, Charlie Durham, Sylvia Friedman Elsner, Klaus Heimburg, George Larson, Jay McCarty, Chuck McNeal, Tom Marshall, Pat**

**Carter Nagler, Harry Ogden, Houston Parks, Hannah Simmons Pickworth, Thad Rodda, Johnny Rone, John Satterthwaite, Noel Allen Schwartz, Ann Gotschall Sharp** and **Stephen Snow**.

**Jerry Stauffer** of Baker Donelson has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2007.

**Donna Fisher** and **James Mulroy** of Memphis-based law firm Lewis Fisher Henderson Claxton & Mulroy have been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## 1972

35th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

**Karen Francis** had an exhibition of her paintings and prints at Memphis Originals (Mo's) in October. Her work has also been displayed in the Corcoran Museum and the Torpedo Factory, as well as other galleries and museums in the New York City and Washington, DC, areas.

**Bill Baker** recently completed continuing education and is a Tennessee State Certified Handgun Instructor. He writes, "In addition to running my little bar and grill on Madison—the original Zinnie's Restaurant—I'm coaching and teaching mental preparedness, basic marksmanship, gun handling and safety skills to students at Rangemaster's here in Memphis."

## 1973

Reporter: Margaret

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**Chip Ramsay** is spending

most of his time in Dubai, U.A.E., where he has been appointed senior advisor to a Dubai-based company that is majority owned by members of the royal family. The company is involved in shipping, ship-owning, transportation, construction, real estate development, trading, steel production, cement production, hotels and property ownership/management. **Mac Turner Ramsay** has opened her second Asian accessories and home furnishings store, The Old Rangoon in Kiawah, SC, and divides her time among their home in Highlands, NC, Kiawah and Dubai.

A partner with Jackson Walker in Austin, TX, since 1987, **Carla Cox** specializes in state and federal health care regulatory matters. Amateur paleontology and archeology get her out of the office and out of cell phone reach. Last summer, she took a 4,700-mile road trip to Marmarth, ND, to participate in a dig for dinosaur bones with the Marmarth Foundation. She helped excavate triceratops bones and fossilized turtles that predate the dinosaurs. National Geographic was filming a special about a mummified dinosaur that had been excavated by the foundation, but Carla managed to stay out of camera range.

An avid golfer, **Jane Howze** was featured in the August issue of *Golf Magazine* for having played all 100 of the magazine's Top Hundred Golf Courses. She was able to do this while working 60 hours a week running her company, The Alexander Group. Jane completed the last course

on the list, which happened to be 60 miles outside of Columbus, OH. She took the opportunity to enlist **Clare Nichols Long '74** to be her chauffeur and join her on the links. Jane and her husband, John Mann, recently completed a second home on a golf course in Park City, UT. She invites all golfers to stop by between June and September.

In April 2006, **Levi Frazier** traveled to Krakow, Poland, with sister Gwen (who went on business) with the intention of setting up educational and cultural exchanges between institutions in Poland and West Tennessee. He also wanted to do research on Ira Aldridge, an African-American performer who toured Europe and Asia performing Shakespeare. Aldridge's last performances were in 1867 in Lodz, Poland, where he is buried. Levi is scheduled to go back in February or March this year to perform a two-person show on Aldridge's life in Lodz, Krakow and Warsaw, primarily in the universities. Levi is has been appearing in Hill-Boren and Jimmy Gray Chevrolet television commercials. Earlier in 2006, he was in a commercial for the Tennessee Lottery.

**Neville Reese** practices law in Daleville, AL, where he lives with his wife, Susan, and his children. An avid motorcyclist, he enjoys camping and spending time on the coast with his family.

**Lynn Sims** of Little Rock recently received an Angels in Adoption Congressional Award for her work in international adoptions. Every year, the

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Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute invites members of Congress to recognize people who have made a difference in the lives of children and families through adoption. The award honors the extraordinary work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans worldwide. Sen. Mark Pryor presented the award to Lynn in Washington, DC, Sept. 20, 2006.

**Judy Brooks Tygard** worked for IRS for 10 years before becoming self-employed and opening a tax/bookkeeping business with her husband. Accurate Income Tax Service in Nashville has been in business since 1986 and offers small business owners and individuals hands-on care of accounting and tax needs. Judy is active at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, where she teaches Sunday school for youth and sings soprano in the choir. She is also an avid, but average, 3.5 tennis player. Husband Charlie is a local politician and may run for vice mayor of Nashville or council-at-large next year. Judy missed the Rhodes homecoming this year to have a reunion with **Jan Manning Sample** and **Meriwether Montgomery Maranzana** in Nashville. Meriwether currently lives in Knoxville, TN, and Jan lives in Oxford, MS.

**Anne Sayle Anthony** is the contact person for Grandmothers for Peace International, Florida Keys, and husband Lawrence Anthony, retired Rhodes professor, is a member of Grandmothers for Peace

Men's Auxiliary.

**Naomi Maruyama Kojima's** new picture book, *Singing Shijimi Clams*, was recently published in the U.S. by Kane Miller. She has been writing and illustrating picture books for almost 30 years. Her works have been translated and published in the U.S., France, Sweden and Indonesia. *The Singing Shijimi Clams* is her fourth picture book to be published in the U.S.

Two of **Amy Bailey Evans'** *plein air* paintings were recently selected for the Women Artists of the West Juried Exhibition at the National Arts Foundation, Skokie, IL. She was also asked to paint as part of the opening ceremonies for the Denver Art Museum. Amy continues to support the annual Alumni Art Auction by donating one of her paintings. If you are interested in donating a painting for next year's auction at homecoming, you may contact Bud Richey in the alumni office.

**Herman Morris** has been honored in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of energy law. Herman has his own practice.

**Russell Headrick** of Baker Donelson has also been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2007. He has authored the following publications: American Bar Association, *ERISA Survey of the Federal Circuits* (forthcoming edition) Sixth Circuit Contributing Author; American Bar Association, *Misrepresentations in the Life, Health and Disability Insurance Application Process: A National Survey*

(forthcoming work)

Sixth Circuit Editor and Tennessee and Sixth Circuit ERISA Contributing Author; Media Law Resource Center, *50-State Annual Survey of Defamation Law* (all editions since inception) Tennessee Section Author and Reviser.

If you are not currently on the e-mail distribution list for the class of 1973, please send me your e-mail address. More class events are being planned and you won't want to be left out.

## 1975

**Neil Johnston** has been included on the 2007 *Best Lawyers in America* list for energy, environmental, real estate and water law. Neil is a partner in Hand Arendall law firm's Mobile, AL, office.

**Bill Beardall** was a panelist discussing immigration at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary President's Colloquium in Austin, TX, in September. The colloquium was titled "Immigration: What to Do?"

## 1977

30th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

Among those included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* are Memphians **Michael Coury** of Farris Matthews Branan Bobango Hellen & Dunlap and **Robert Crawford**, of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs.

## 1978

Recently promoted to major in the U.S. Army, **Conrad Hawkins** is working in the Burn Unit at Brookes Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.

## 1979

**Mike Edwards**, president of the Middle Tennessee market for First Tennessee Bank, has been promoted to manage the bank's markets across the state as Tennessee banking group manager. Mike, who will work from Nashville, joined the company in 1979 as a management trainee. He previously spent more than 10 years as community bank president of First Tennessee in Germantown, TN. In 2001, he was named metro president of the Mid-South. Mike and wife Carolyn have three children: Holly, Emily and Michael Jr.

## 1980

**Charles Crawford** of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada has been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for health care law.

## 1981

After three years in Kiev, Ukraine, **MaryKay Loss Carlson**, husband Aubrey and the couple's two daughters recently returned to the Washington, DC, area. Following completion of a year-long master's program at the National War College, MaryKay and her family will relocate to Beijing, China, in summer '07 for their next three-year assignment with the Department of State.

**Whit Brown** and wife Karyn adopted a daughter, Kaleigh Xiao-Zhou Brown, who was born July 16, 2005, in the Guangdong Province of the People's Republic of China. Kaleigh had been

found in the doorway of the Xu Wen Orphanage July 18, 2005, with no note attached. The formal adoption took place Aug. 30, 2006, in China.

## 1982

25th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

Family practitioner **Robert Ford** has joined the medical staff of Baxter Regional Medical Central Arkansas Medical Associates.

## 1983

Cmdr. **Scott Rye**, USN, has assumed command of Navy Office of Information Navy Central Command/Fifth Fleet in Mobile, AL. This reserve unit provides public affairs support to the Navy's Fifth Fleet, which is forward deployed to Bahrain.

## 1984

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Dear Classmates:

Thank you again for all of your submissions to this issue. If you have not received any of my e-mail reminders, it's because I don't have your e-mail address. Please forward your address to me so that you can be included in the next class mailing.

**Richard Spore** of Bass, Berry & Sims has been included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Karen Joyce Adkins** reports that she lives in suburban Ft. Lauderdale

with Richard, her husband of 16 years, and her two boys, Jeremy (13) and Brian (7). Karen has a part-time, private psychotherapy practice where she works with adults, couples, families and adolescents and loves what she does. "Being the mom of two boys, I am often at the ball fields, basketball courts or at the neighborhood park. Needless to say, there is a lot of testosterone in our home. We are still in touch with the Jazz Fest group from our days at Rhodes (**Gretchen Deeves '83, Robin Haynie Hanna '83, Lynn Clement Archer '83, Perry Dement '83, Kim Chickey MacQueen '83**, etc.) While we have not been as consistent about our annual sojourn to New Orleans for Jazz Fest, we did spend some time in Destin in summer 2005 with some of the gang and kids only to return home and have to watch Gretchen's beloved New Orleans go underwater. Needless to say, it has been a horrific experience for her and one which she is still living through daily. This spring, we were able to spend time with Robin and her family in Naples during their spring break."

**Bill Townsend** reported some exciting news (as if his announcement in the last issue was not enough!). Last September, he and his family moved to London: "David and I both have new jobs—life is good but hectic for the six of us. We missed **Angie Biegler Turner '85**, who moved with her family from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, by one week. Anyone coming through London, please give us a call." Bill is working for a company that

plans to publish online "how-to" guides to help people get organized and educated about the next steps to take after they receive a diagnosis of cancer, suffer a heart attack, etc.

While living in London must be very exciting, many of us are still enjoying life here in beautiful Memphis. **Tripp Dargie** has been in Memphis since graduation. He currently serves as associate director for emergency medicine at Methodist Hospital and works in the ER at the hospital's Germantown location. "I am still married to Holley, my wife of 19 years, and have two kids, Taylor (14) and Avery (11). Everybody is healthy and happy. What more could I ask? Oh yeah—the occasional opportunity to fly-fish on the White River. Life is good."

**Christy Earl Patterson** resides in Memphis with husband Gary and children, John (10) and Jamie (10). "I work for UT in arthritis and orthopedic surgery doing basic science research. Gary works for the earthquake center at the University of Memphis. If there is a big quake, you might see him on TV. I would love to hear from everyone!"

**Amy Doville** has been promoted to associate director of clinical, protocol and regulatory compliance at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As part of her new duties, she supervises four functional groups. Amy and **Cathy Cotham Harris** are frequently on the Rhodes campus as they manage the house corporation for Kappa Delta. Both worked closely with advisers from the other

campus sororities to have "Sorority Row" designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

Future school principal **Jonathan Shames** currently teaches sixth-grade math at Woodstock Middle School in Shelby County and is a doctoral student at the University of Memphis. "My eventual goal is to become a school principal, and to write articles and books for which I get paid lots of money, since everyone will know I'm an expert because I have a doctorate. My daughter, Megan (18), is a first-year student at NYU, where she is a Presidential Scholar and is on full scholarship (whew!). Her two little sisters, Lauren (13) and Alison (10), can't wait to follow in her footsteps!" In his spare time, Jonathan tutors underprivileged children. "It is a very challenging experience, but it has helped me realize that poor kids from the ghetto are not very different from my children; they just have far fewer choices."

**Chris Riley** visited the campus over the Labor Day weekend. "It was my first chance to see the new library. Wow! What a beautiful, wonderful facility. I was jealous. . . I wish we could have had a library like that when we were at Southwestern. That whole side of campus is great. The friends I was with attended other schools, and it is always with great pride that I show off the Rhodes campus. Personally, my life is very busy these days. I am still with Schafer Corp. in Huntsville, AL (since 1998). I started working a new project this year—the Kinetic Energy Interceptor

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program, developing software requirements for the program's modeling and simulation tools. KEI is part of the national missile defense program." Chris is also active in First United Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the stewardship campaign and cochair of the Finance Committee and teaching a 36-week Disciple Bible Study class. "Outside of work and church, I still try to improve at golf (not much success there!). I've taken up running, I read a lot (usually three books at a time) and I enjoy life with family and friends."

Making his first submission to Class Notes, **Alvin Moore** writes, "I live with my wife, Stephanie, and son, Chris (11), in Hickory, NC, where we have been for more than 10 years (hard to believe). Stephanie and I just celebrated 15 years of marriage, for which we are very thankful. Stephanie is a stay-at-home mom, and I work for Corning Cable Systems (CCS), doing software development. And what happened during 22 years (yoiks!) since we graduated? (Seeing the posts from **Burt Carlisle** and **Lon Holder** about retiring from the military staggers the mind!) I worked a few years as a lab tech, then went back to school in '88 at UNC-Chapel Hill. Our classmate **Yoon Hong** started there after graduation and told me what a great place it was. I left there in '93 with a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and worked a few years at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. I was in a postdoctoral position there, which gave me

enough experience to know that I didn't want to do research as a career. So now I am writing software, which I learned in grad school and which is a much better fit for me. Not too long ago, we visited Bryant and **Claire de Saussure Haynes '85** in Chatanooga, TN, on their wonderful five-acre farm and saw **Susan Gamble Crowell** and her husband, Larry, in Soddy-Daisy. I saw Susan's post in a past issue of Rhodes. The story of what they have been through is indeed amazing."

Also living in North Carolina is **Demaris Bailey Ford**. Demaris resides in beautiful Rutherford County with her two daughters, Rebecca (19) and Sarah (17). She is currently teaching algebra 2 at a college preparatory charter school and is working hard to complete her M.B.A. at Gardner Webb University: "Rebecca is going to a local community college and will transfer somewhere next fall and do photography. My youngest daughter is a senior at Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, where I work. We are busy applying to colleges and searching for scholarships. Life is good here in NC, and I send a big Carolina greeting to the class of '84!"

And from the mountains of North Carolina we now travel to the skyscrapers of New York City. **Cinda Crump Hughes** was "inspired" to send in the following: "I married **Craig Hughes '82** right out of college. We lived in Boston for nine years, then moved to NYC in 1993. Along the way, I had two lovely daughters, Camille (now 15) and Lillie (now

11). Craig and I divorced in 1995. I've been in the money management industry since joining Fidelity in Boston. It seems impossible, but my bio now claims I have 20 years of industry experience. Since 1998, I've been at Lord Abbett, where I'm now a partner (in institutional marketing). I remarried in 2000 to a fantastic, ever-so-slightly counterculture fellow named David Mintzer. Life is a blast. My daughters attend the Nightingale-Bamford school in NYC, which has led to a very strange 'small-world' coincidence. Walking down the NB hall one day, I noticed a familiar face. It turned out to be **Brad Whitehurst**, a good friend who was in our class, but left SAM after one year. Brad lives happily in NYC, and is now Camille's freshman English teacher. Go figure!"

Also in the New York area is Father **John Hamilton**, who has served as the priest-in-charge at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer since Sept. 1. Redeemer is located in Astoria, a burrough of Queens, and John resides in Newark, NJ. Father John pastors a bilingual English-Spanish-speaking congregation: "It is a temporary assignment, and God alone knows where I will be in March. Mass in English is Sunday at 10 a.m. and in Spanish at noon. If you are in the vicinity, come on by!"

Back down South, **Matt Soper** has served as the senior minister of the West Houston Church of Christ since 2003. He writes, "Prior to that, my family and I were in Los Angeles for nine years. My wife, Angela, is the clinical director of a

mental health/counseling agency. Our two daughters are in tenth and seventh grades. I am finishing up a doctoral degree in ministry. My hobbies are golf, reading and fitness. Life goes fast: I have not seen the Rhodes campus, nor any alums, since driving through Memphis in 1994 as we moved from Connecticut to California. Too long! I always enjoy reading updates about folks from the class of 1984. Best wishes and God bless."

**Leslie Price Sweeney** and her family are back in Mobile, where she grew up. Her husband, Bob, is teaching at the University of South Alabama, while Leslie is celebrating her 20th year with FedEx. "The nice thing is that I telecommute from my house and also work part time. The perfect setup! It's a good thing because my girls are keeping me busy. Claire (9) is swimming and playing basketball. Emily (13) is cheering and playing volleyball. Somehow I've found the time to start playing tennis and am thoroughly enjoying it."

One of the benefits of being class reporter is receiving pictures of classmates' children. **Janet Compberry McReynolds** e-mailed an adorable Halloween photo of her children, William (1) and Mary Margaret (3). Janet recently appeared as Truvy in the Hazard Little Theatre production of "Steel Magnolias."

I also received some very cute photos from **Anne Gaudet Beard** (not that I'm suggesting you all send photos, but if you want to, feel free!). Anne

reports, “We are doing great! I recently accepted a position at the school my children attend, St. Alcuin Montessori School. I am doing public relations, advertising and marketing for the school—what I used to do in my “former” life—and am enjoying it a great deal. Back in the summer we moved from Frisco, TX, to University Park in Dallas. We really like the area and plan to stay for a while. My son, Ramsey, is now 4 ½ and Jocelyn is 2. They get bigger and more opinionated every day!”

**Leonora Green Clifford** did not include photos with her submission, but I would certainly love to see some! According to Leo, “Life here in Franklin is going great! I have a senior in high school at Battle Ground Academy. She is a nationally-ranked swimmer and will be making her college choice soon. Sarah has been the Tennessee state champion, so colleges have been ringing the phone off the wall. Somehow, I ended up with two very tall daughters, and swimming has been a good sport for them. The younger one is 14 and is looking forward to a trip to England and France this summer. We hope to go over while she is there and see Scotland. My husband retired this year after 25 years in law enforcement in Franklin. He is only 45 and enjoying some free time—we like riding our Goldwing with friends on the Trace. I am a commercial lines underwriter for a company in Brentwood, focusing on auto. At present, our house is busy with teenagers coming and going somewhere. We

are always in the midst of a home improvement project as our house is 100 years old, and keeping it standing is a fulltime job. I have been truly lucky in this life to have two wonderful daughters, parents in great health, a wonderful husband who can fix a speeding ticket and good friends. What more is there?”

**Tina Babcock Miles** apparently inspired her three former first-floor Trezevant roommates to send in some news! **Jennifer Frost Ramos** resides in Collierville, TN, with her two sons, Greyson (13) and Tyce (9). After working in the Human Capital Management Department at FedEx for the last 12 years, Jen was recently promoted to senior manager, Human Capital Management and Benefits Appeals at FedEx Express. Her sons, both honor-roll students, keep her very busy. “Greyson’s life is consumed by video games and cars. We’re not talking Fords or Chevrolets, but Ferrari Enzos, McLaren F1s and the like. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up and design either video games or cars, or both. Mom has emphasized the importance of education; otherwise, he’ll be driving a Ford or Chevrolet! Tyce plays football and loves to swim and is also addicted to video games. He wants to be either a teacher or play in the NFL, or both if that is possible!”

**Cathy Reese** and husband Don McGregor welcomed daughter Lilah Caroline Reese McGregor into the family Sept. 8, 2006. Lilah joins sister Selah (3). “Lilah is a night owl, like I used to

be,” says Cathy. “Now all I want to do is sleep!” (Cathy is vying for the coveted “Youngest Child from the Class of ’84” award, which many of us are more than happy to concede to her!) And, as if having a baby was not enough, Don and Cathy moved into a new home in Jonesboro, AR, in November and have been painting, scraping ceilings, hanging Sheetrock, etc. ever since.

**Cameron Conley Phillips** writes of a “trip of a lifetime” that she and **Nate** took over the summer: “Nate and I became captivated with the Argentine Tango several years ago after seeing a production of ‘Forever Tango’ at the Frist Auditorium—so much so that we joined the local tango society here in Nashville. As anyone who has ever danced the “real” tango knows, it is truly addictive. Our dream has been to travel to Argentina to take lessons and to participate in authentic “milongas” in Buenos Aires. We made our pilgrimage to Buenos Aires last August and spent 10 days completely immersing ourselves in the culture, music and language of tango. What an amazing experience! Nate and I went to practice during the day, even attending a master lesson conducted by tango master Pablo Veron, and danced in clubs and dance halls every night. Everyone would be surprised to see what a *tanguero* Nate has become. We are already planning our next trip!”

And finally, on a personal note, I am thoroughly enjoying being back at Rhodes working in the Development Office. There

can be no more beautiful place to work than Rhodes College. The atmosphere is energizing—the enthusiasm of students and faculty is contagious. I find myself walking around campus encased in my own time-warped sense of reality. In many ways, I still feel 18 years old as I rush into Palmer Hall for a meeting or stand in the lunch line at the Rat. All this is shattered, however, when a student answers, “Yes, ma’am” to a question. I had a horrifying experience during Homecoming this past October. I was attending a presentation in Briggs Student Center when a young coed insisted on giving me her seat. I was mortified. What was worse, the chair was so deep that when the presentation was over, I couldn’t get back up!

So, make a resolution this year to visit your alma mater. I would be delighted to take you on a private tour of the new library. I might even buy you a cup of coffee in the Starbuck’s there! Just don’t call me “ma’am!”

## 1985

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Hey, Classmates! Hope everyone has made it through the holiday season and that it was wonderful for you. I remember Prof. Robert Amy (biology) telling me, just in passing, one time in a corridor of FJ, “Son, the older you get, the faster time flies.” I feel that is so true. Things are fine here teaching, and hope all is well

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with each of you.

**Rebecca Windham** and Friends performed jazz Oct. 7, 2006, at Ray's on the River, Sandy Springs, GA. She also sings alto with the South City Voices vocal group.

**Ross Weisiger** has started a new job working with adolescents at Davis-Stuart group home in Lewisburg. He reports, "One of my hens laid her first two eggs yesterday and then gave such a joyful chortle. Scrambled eggs and grits. Have collected seven-to-nine wheelbarrow loads of walnuts and two trashcans full of pears. Nature has been bountiful and provides for winter diversions."

Ken and **Elizabeth Smith Vanexan** welcomed a son, Wilson Davis, July 21, 2006. Wilson joins brother Stewart.

**Christy Weir** returned to the workforce when the boys returned to school this fall. She reports, "I am currently the controller for Ballet Memphis. We also offer a ballet school and a certified Pilates program. Now I have no excuse about exercising. The best perk of the job is watching the professional dancers during their classes and rehearsals. Seeing them on stage at the Orpheum is absolutely stunning. They are truly some of the most gifted athletes I have ever met. On a growing-older note, my oldest son was just accepted to Ole Miss. He will be making the move to Oxford next fall. Upon enrollment, he will be joining the ROTC Army program and studying history. His dream: to serve in the armed forces. Please say a prayer for peace before he reaches his dream."

**Maria Bonovich Marvich** lives and works for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Washington, DC, area: "I joined the USPTO's hoteling program (work from home program) to be more available for my children, Ilya (6) and Cooper (4). What an amazing and complicated experience. Consequently, I find myself in the joyful (and unusual) position of accumulating leave. Perhaps that summer trip to Italy may finally happen."

**Doug Trapp** and his partner have bought a house in Germantown, NY, two hours north of New York City, in the Hudson River Valley. According to Doug, "We're both on the road, working in different shows right now. I recently did 'Sanders Family Christmas,' a great holiday show at Flat Rock Playhouse in North Carolina. Last summer took me to Connecticut, New Hampshire and Long Island for theater work. I'm continuing to do voice-over work as the voice for Qwest telecommunications, so if any of you live in the Southwest, Upper Midwest or Pacific Northwest, you may hear me touting the benefits of cable, Internet and cell phones."

**Dan DiStefano**, a senior research associate at Merck, was recently named to head an HIV virology laboratory, where he is responsible for supporting programs identifying potential anti-HIV treatments. Dan says, "I am also working on new vaccine candidates, something I have done for most of my career. Most recently I was involved in basic and clinical research

supporting a Rotavirus vaccine that was approved earlier last year. Rotavirus causes infant diarrhea and is responsible for nearly 600,000 deaths a year worldwide. It is a real thrill knowing that the work I did will help save the lives of countless children, not to mention the effect on the parents."

**Montie Davis** is back in China after a short detour to Finland: "I'm currently working on an automated crane project for a steel mill in the Liaoning Province not too far from North Korea. The technical part of the project is easier than trying to manage the people in a rigid industrial structure, and through a translator at that. So far, I have only experienced Shanghai, Beijing and Anshan, where I am now, but it's clear to me that China is on the rise, and it's likely the world will be better for it if the people I have met here are any indication."

**Mary Li Behun Creasy** and husband Jim Duda traveled to the People's Republic of China in July to adopt their beautiful 19-month-old daughter, Lily Claire MeiLi. Son Marshall (8) traveled with them. Lily is from Huazhou City Social Welfare Institute in the Guangdong province along the southern coast of China. While in China, the family saw many of the sights in and around Beijing and Guangzhou. "Lily is healthy, happy, smart and sweet (as reported by a truly unprejudiced new mom!) and adjusting well to life in Florida. I continue practicing labor and employment law on a

part-time basis as a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa and teach as an adjunct at Stetson College of Law."

**Bill Krieger**, a 727 captain at FedEx, says he's "just keepin' on keepin' on." Will is now a freshman at Houston High School, and David is a first-grader at Bailey Station Elementary. Kathy continues to steer the boat."

## 1986

Reporter: Colleen Grady  
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It was wonderful to see so many of the class of 1986 at our 20-year reunion! Many thanks to **Mike Palazzolo** and **Amy Donaho Howell** for their hard work in bringing us all together again. Personally, I had a great time and I was so impressed with how well we have aged and how active we all are in our respective communities. I also wanted to share a note from **Susan Stribling McDermott**, who writes, "Some of us spent time reminiscing about our wonderful friend Laurie Sides, who we know absolutely would have been at the reunion if she was still with us. She is missed."

**Lee Talbot**, a costume and textile historian, recently returned from 2 1/2 years in Korea, where he was a curator at a textile museum. Now he divides his time between Philadelphia and New York City and is working to finish his Ph.D. dissertation. He is also writing the chapters on East Asian art for the book *A History of the Decorative Arts and Design, 1400-2000*, to be published by Yale

University Press in 2008.

**Christie Bates McKaskle** is pleased to announce that her book, *Accepting Your Resurrection*, is online for a full preview on her publisher's Web site. Check it out at [jodere.com/authorsandbooks/](http://jodere.com/authorsandbooks/). All are welcome to read as much as they like.

**Skip Gronauer** writes that he had a great time at our class party. He is the president of Regal Motors Inc., a Memphis independent car dealership now in its fifth year of operation. He has three beautiful children: Margo (10), Marcus (7) and Mason (3) and spends his busy days balancing work with school and extracurricular activities for the kids.

**Laura McCall** and her husband, Robert Hamilton, traveled to Nancheng, China, in May to adopt their second daughter. Kelsey is a happy and healthy addition to the family and is adjusting well to her new life in Seattle and sister Ashton (adopted from Guangzhou in 2001). Laura works as a project manager for the U.S. Commercial Service, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Rick Samuels** is a private practice radiologist in Pensacola, FL. He and his wife, D'Arsey, have a daughter, Alyssa Joy (3). Their sailboat was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan, but luckily they had no other damage. Unfortunately, Rick's childhood home in New Orleans was destroyed by Katrina, but his parents and brother have relocated out of the city and are doing fine. Rick writes, "We had a great time at the reunion.

Luckily, my classmates approved of my marriage. Unfortunately, they prefer D'Arsey over me."

**Susan Baynham Miller** and her husband, Kevin, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Katherine Scot Miller, Oct. 23, 2006, in Atlanta. I cracked up at her e-mail, which read, "What am I thinking at the age of 42 having two kids under the age of two?"

## 1987

20th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

Greg and **Lydia Henegar Spencer** are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Annie Melissa Spencer, Aug. 3, 2005. Lily is a proud sister. At present, Lydia is a stay-at-home mom.

**Alan Truitt**, of Maynard, Cooper & Gale in Birmingham, was selected by his peers to be included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for the practice area of environmental law.

## 1989

Dennis and **Lynn Martin Wonders** married in May 2006. Dennis is lieutenant commander in the Navy. Lynn writes, "We are living in Atlanta, where I practice as counselor for young children and families. I also provide counseling and stress-management training for adults. My children are Jonathan (12) and Patrick (9), and my new stepdaughter is 6."

## 1990

Reporter: Claire Dalrymple Watkins  
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The weather has cooled and I am sure we are all hunkering down to recover from our hectic holiday season. Even so, it is always great to hear from you all. Don't hesitate to drop me a note whenever you have some news!

I heard from **Stacy DeZutter**! She is pursuing her Ph.D. in education at Washington University, where she was recently awarded the Association of Women Faculty Graduate Student Award. Stacy is also an adjunct faculty member at Fontbonne University, where she teaches developmental psychology, and at Washington University, where she teaches a course on creativity. Stacy is also serving as chair-elect of the Graduate Student Council of the American Educational Research Association. She struggles with the concept of free time, but when she has it, she volunteers as a drama teacher at a center for urban youth. Well done, Stacy!

**Aimee Goffinet Svenneby** and her husband, Peter, welcomed a daughter, Lily Corinne, Aug. 3, 2006. Aimee says, "She's a wonderful addition to the family, and her brothers adore her. She was a surprise, and she's definitely our last! It's been a little hectic around here lately adjusting to life with three, but we're starting to get the hang of it." Congratulations, Aimee, and best to the Svenneby clan!

Thomasz and **Angela Zakrzewski Ludwiczak**

welcomed a son, Alexander Thomas, Nov. 16, 2005. He joins brother Lucas.

**Sam Vermont** recently accepted a faculty position at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, VA. Says Sam, "I guess my 12th-grade teacher was right: Learning to read pays off eventually."

Mark and **Robyn Brewer Jamison** welcomed a son, Luke Abel, May 21, 2005. Brother Tyler Remington adores Luke.

**Scott '89** and **Nancy Brown King** welcomed their third child, John Campbell "Jack," May 3, 2006, in Nashville. Sister Gracie (10) and brother Will (7) are delighted.

I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures, families and careers. Be well and happy, and be sure to drop me a line! Until next time, class of 1990!

## 1991

**Shelley Griffen Valiulis** and husband Christian had a son, Charles Christian, Feb. 16, 2006.

**Michael Robbins** reports, "Last January, I started as director of new schools development for The SEED Foundation in Washington, DC. The foundation operates the nation's only public urban boarding school, and we are working to establish new campuses across the country. Heather, Alexander (born in October 2005) and I live just north of D.C. in Silver Spring, MD."

William and **Lee Holcomb Webb** had a son, Vincent Reagan, June 23, 2006, in Knoxville, TN. Vincent, brother Jackson and family moved to Warsaw, Poland,

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at the end of the year, where they expect to be living through 2008.

### 1992

**Anisa Cottrell Willis** volunteers as a La Leche League leader and at her son John's Montessori School.

### 1993

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Rick and **Lindsey Mitcham Lorence** are proud to announce the birth of a son, Luke Arlington, Jan. 9, 2006.

Ryan and **Jara Hill Ahrabi** welcomed a son, John Robert, May 30, 2006. Brother Henry is three.

**Rob '95** and **Susannah McLendon Macmillan** adopted a daughter, Charlotte Huston. She was born Dec. 16, 2005, and was adopted at the age of one day. Brother Duncan (one year and 10 days older) adores his sister.

### 1994

Reporter: Judy Brown  
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**Andrew Jeter** and wife Karen welcomed a son, Hudson Bennett, Feb. 27, 2006. Hudson joins sisters Abby (12), Allison (10), Kate (4) and Caroline (2).

### 1995

Reporter: Sarah Sears-Egeli  
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Congratulations to **Tony Capizzani!** He and Sherri Dianne Capps tied the knot

Oct. 15, 2006, in Seaside, FL. The couple resides in Winston-Salem, NC, where Tony will complete his general surgical residency at Wake Forest University in 2008.

**Shelby Scott** is proud to announce the adoption of a feline "son," Ellis Scott. Ellis was found in a dumpster with his legs taped together and covered in motor oil. A neighbor rescued him and, via the Internet, Shelby was able to adopt him. By all accounts, he is marvelous.

**Sarah Sears-Egeli** works as director of membership programs for the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) in Falls Church, VA, and is enjoying life in the nonprofit world.

### 1996

Reporter: Jennifer Larson  
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Laura and **Michael Stoker** welcomed a daughter, Day, April 5, 2005, in Lake Charles, LA.

Robert and **Johanna Samaha Maichrowicz** welcomed a son, Joseph Robert, March 21, 2006.

**Cass Whetsell Runnels** and husband Ted welcomed their third child, John McCoy "Mac," April 7, 2006. He joined brother Jackson (5) and sister Lily (3).

David St. Germain and **Geraldine Alba** had a son, Noah David St. Germain, May 29, 2006, in Memphis.

**P.J. '90** and **Jacqueline Schaffhauser Brady** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, son Patrick McLain, July 12, 2006, in Dallas.

### 1997

10th Reunion  
Homecoming: Oct. 19-20  
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**Christopher Marlowe** recently accepted a position at Aronovitz Trial Lawyers in Miami. He had been employed at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office as an assistant state attorney. Christopher writes, "I am now working on plaintiff consumer class-action cases involving deceptive trade practices and violations of federal and state consumer privacy laws. I also handle personal injury and product liability claims involving great bodily injury and wrongful death. This was a natural transition from the public sector, where I tried approximately 30 jury cases to verdict as a prosecutor."

John Michael and **Laurea Glusman McAllister** are happy to announce their marriage July 29, 2006, in Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, NC. Rhodes alumni in attendance include bridesmaid **Gina Yannitell Reinhardt, Tammy Parks, Laura McRae O'Neill** and **Brian O'Neill '94**. After honeymooning in the Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Chapel Hill. Both are graduate students in the dual-degree MSW/MDiv program at UNC School of Social Work and Duke Divinity School.

Jonathan Russell and **Carrie Archie Russell** married June 10, 2006, in Nashville. Rhodes alumni in

the wedding party include **Kelly Mallett Hidalgo, Emily Wiggins Little, Kate Maffei McGuinness '98** and **Robin Hille Michaels**. Other attending alumni include **Brooke Porter Sisco, Chris '94** and **Marci Allen Cardwell '96, Brian McGuinness '98** and **Rocky Hidalgo '96**. The couple resides in Nashville, where Carrie is a Ph.D candidate in political science at Vanderbilt University.

Carter and **Tilghman McFadden Aldinger** announce the birth of their son, Carter William Jr., Oct. 10, 2005. Will joins sister Addie (3). Tilghman, who has taken time off from work over the past year to devote to her family, plans to return to her profession as a certified financial planner part time later this year. She also writes that a mini-reunion took place in Dallas in June to celebrate Dave and **Amy Riddle McCollum's** upcoming travels to Africa to aid HIV victims with their medical training. Fellow Rhodes alums in attendance were **Jennifer Gafford, Elizabeth Smith Gorman, Jennifer Wilson, Andrew** and **Marianne McWherter Tetlow, Kelly Slaven-Terstriep** and **Olivia Reynolds**.

Jim and **Shae Whittington Uden** welcomed their first child, James Whittington (Whit), April 8, 2006. They are in Nashville, where Shae is working to finish a master's degree in neonatology by the end of 2006.

*Texas Lawyer* and *Texas Monthly* magazines recently named **Scott Self** as a Rising Star and one of the Top Young Lawyers in Texas for 2006. Scott is a senior associate with Fee, Smith,

Sharp, & Vitullo in Dallas.

**Nichole Williams Walker** and her husband, Tom, welcomed their third child, William Thomas, May 17, 2006. His sisters are Madison (8) and Savannah (3).

Deinde Otuyelu **Heather Coleman-Otuyelu** married Oct. 21, 2006, at The Brownstone in Paterson, NJ. They currently reside in West New York, NJ. Heather is a recruitment assistant at WPP Group, and Deinde is the office services manager at W.P. Carey & Co., where the two met in 2001. Heather's sister, **Erin Coleman '93**, was the maid of honor. **Tammy Parks '97** and **Alizza Punzalan-Hall '97** were bridesmaids. The newlyweds honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica.

*The Dallas Morning News* featured **David and Amy Riddle McCollum**, who are currently working at a clinic in Swaziland, Africa, with nine other doctors. Swaziland has the world's highest HIV infection rate. Molly, the couple's 19-month-old daughter, lives with them.

On Oct. 22, 2006, **Jeff Lekarczyk** completed the Chicago Marathon in 3:47:42.

## 1998

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**Craig Pollard**, who earned his M.S. from Rhodes, has been promoted to senior manager in the Audit and Enterprise Risk Services practice at Deloitte &

Touche in Memphis.

**Juhee Desai** writes, "Great returning to Atlanta after four years in San Francisco. I left the world of retail buying and returned to banking. This summer, I took a trip to South Dakota to see the Badlands National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, etc. I highly recommend this trip off the beaten track!"

## 1999

Reporter: Leigh Powell  
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William and **Alina (Raines) Bjerke** had a daughter, Brooke Katherine, April 12, 2006, in New York City. Luke, who turned two in September, is enjoying being a brother.

**Sarah Morgan** and Khaled AlDarei married July 17, 2006, in Indianapolis, IN. Sarah and Khaled are planning receptions in Columbus, OH, and Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. Sarah is a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology. Khaled, who recently completed a M.B.A., is an electrical engineer. The couple currently resides in Indianapolis.

**Andy '98** and **Mary Allison Beasley Cates** celebrated the birth of their son, Charles McCool, Aug. 13, 2006. The family lives in Memphis, where Mary Allison serves as the Presbyterian campus minister at the University of Memphis.

**Ladye Jane Vickers** recently moved to Raleigh, NC, where she is the art director of AUE, a design firm. Also, she has set up a freelance design company, Little White Bungalow.

**Matt Willis** is completing

his third year of orthopedic surgery residency in Chattanooga, TN.

**John Quigley**, wife Kim and children Megan and John have moved back to Tennessee after five years in Philadelphia. The family is living in Corryton, just outside of Knoxville.

**Kyle and Libby McCormac Ryan** announce the birth of their son, Tucker Evans, July 27, 2005. The Ryan family lives in Jacksonville, FL, where Kyle works for Ring Power Corp. and Libby is a stay-at-home mom.

**Jenny Wilkerson Weaver** and her husband, Troy, welcomed twins, Matthew Charlie and Addison Grace, into the family March 10, 2006. The family lives in Mississippi.

**Brook '98** and **Marissa Murphy Loper** announce the birth of their second child, Lydia Helen, March 10, 2006. Big brother Bennett (3) loves his new sister. The family resides in Collierville, TN.

Annabel and **Chris Johnson** welcomed a son, William Elliott, July 29, 2006. Chris is vice president of commercial lending/private banking at Centennial Bank in Little Rock, AR.

Marcia and **Jason Grundorf** married Feb. 25, 2006, in Orlando, FL, where Jason is an associate attorney with Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy, Graham and Ford. Rhodes graduates in attendance at the Grundorfs' wedding included **A.J. Robison** and **Jeremiah Guccione**.

**Kathryn Royster** and her husband, Antony Boshier, welcomed a daughter, Lenora Rose, into their

family Dec. 23, 2005.

Kathryn splits her time as a homemaker and freelance writer in Nashville, TN.

**Julie Thomas Corcoran** and her husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of their daughter, Katy Marie, March 7, 2006. Brother Jackson (3) welcomed Katy home.

**Sarah Chittenden Curry** and her husband, Stephen, had a son, Truman James, May 26, 2006. The three have moved back to their hometown of Sikeston, MO, where Sarah opened a medical practice after completing her residency in family and community medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia in June.

**Lauren Wray Ostendorff** and her husband, Seth, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Claire, Sept. 27, 2006. Lauren currently works as president of KPXJ, the CW affiliate in Shreveport, LA.

**Vanessa Lanceley** and Matthew Zachary Hauser married Sept. 16, 2006, in Beaver Creek, CO.

**Kelly Gill Laudon** and her husband, Anthony, welcomed their first child, Aubrey Nadine, March 30, 2006. Kelly, who graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School last spring, has accepted a job as a law clerk for a federal court judge in Minneapolis.

**Alok Madan** recently completed his Ph.D./M.S.P.H. at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, specializing in clinical psychology and outcomes research. He has accepted a fellowship with the Medical University of South Carolina to complete his required hours for licensure as a clinical psychologist.

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### Kevin Willoughby

is a photographer and promoter for Azimuth Artz Multimedia Ltd. Co., where he promotes DJ talent. He also teaches fashion marketing and fashion trend forecasting at El Centro College in Dallas and is a sales representative for hand-woven accessories by Brooke Rydman.

**Patricia Brasfield** has been participating in dragon boating for more than three years. The sport involves a team of 22 paddlers moving in unison in a 40-foot boat that is painted to resemble a dragon. Races range between the endurance distance of 1,500 meters to sprints of 250 or 500. Patricia recently became a member of the Houston Heat, a dragon boating team. The Heat placed seventh nationally in a competition in August 2006.

## 2000

Reporter: Richard Lum  
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**Sarah Squire** reports, "In May 2005, I received a master's of music in voice performance from Louisiana State University, and for the past year, I have worked in the development department at the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. I am returning to Memphis to be the company manager/production coordinator for the Opera Memphis 2006-2007 season. I am thrilled to be working with opera again, and I will enjoy being back in Memphis."

**Christine Knipscheer** has been promoted to manager in the Audit and Enterprise Risk Services practice

at Deloitte & Touche in Memphis. She received her M.S. from Rhodes in 2001.

**Elizabeth Watt** and Shawn Hoven had a son, Zane Oliver, Sept. 20, 2006, in Boulder, CO. Elizabeth received a M.F.A. in theater: contemporary performance from Naropa University in May 2006.

Russ and **Rebecca Stetler Chambliss** married June 24, 2006, at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL. **Nicole Gibson Davison '99, Audrey Davis Herrin, Elizabeth Hassinger McCain '01** and **Rachel Bozynski Richey** were bridesmaids. **Catherine Neelly '01** read scripture during the ceremony. Other alumni in attendance included **Leah Hollstein, Emily West Bynum '01** and **Daniel Arciniegas '01**.

**Ebony Woods** recently accepted a position as an associate at the St. Louis office of Stinson Morrison Hecker in the Employment & Labor/Employee Benefits Division. Her primary practice areas are business and employment litigation.

**Sonja Johnson** writes, "**Matt '97** and I have had a busy year! After going to Italy for my mom's wedding last fall, we have relocated from Falls Church to Arlington, VA. Matt is still a research analyst at ANSER, a government contractor focusing on homeland security issues. I have recently accepted a conference coordinator position at Pal-Tech, a government contractor specializing in training and technical assistance."

## 2001

Reporter: Amanda Flaim  
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**Shawn Kefauver** writes, "I have recently been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research in Barcelona, Spain. It is a very exciting as well as busy time, as I am currently trying to finish up my master's in ecology at the University of California, Davis, as well as make all the preparations for my work at the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona in Spain. I consider my life as an undergraduate at Rhodes one of the first steps in a progression which has led to this professional accomplishment."

**Kenny Akio Kawahito** writes, "I received my master's in international relations from the University of Amsterdam last October. Now, I'm the director of ConsciousFlowz, a nonprofit organization focusing on HIV awareness and youth empowerment through music in South Africa (consciousflowz.org). I'm also beginning a job in the finance section of the International Criminal Court in The Hague."

After graduating from Rhodes, **Kara Swan** moved to Lake Tahoe for a three-year vacation. Says Kara, "I worked at Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski Resort and taught kiddie ski lessons. When I decided to go on to graduate school, I moved down the hill to Sacramento. I graduated from California State University, Sacramento, in December 2005 with a master's in counseling, specializing in marriage, family, child and school counseling. After working

at a community counseling agency for almost two years, I have taken a job as a high-school counselor at Casa Roble High School in Sacramento. I'm enjoying sunny California, but it's so hard to find some good BBQ around here!"

**Emily Bays Nayar** writes, "After a great year with Rainin, I left to go back to school to become a physician assistant. Every week is a long, tough journey, but it will be worth it 22 months from now! After our wedding last fall, my husband and I spent last Christmas in India with his family and went on a safari to Tanzania and Dubai this past summer."

After graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law in May 2006, **Suneel Gupta** joined the Nashville firm of Boulton, Cummings, Connors and Berry in September 2006.

**Leigh Manasco** and Brad Harmon married Sept. 30, 2006, at First United Methodist Church in Brownsville, TN. They currently reside in Denver. Alumni in the wedding party included **Dayna Dwyer, Jenny Wiedower, Katy Minten Gray, Laura Coultas** and **Dorothy Weir**. Other alumni in attendance included **Adam Lafavor** and **Tim '02** and **Kate Stakem**.

Matt and **Kate Moody Lasseter** married July 15, 2006, at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN, and currently reside in Los Angeles. **Julie Entrekin** was a bridesmaid. **Tanya Gietz Wilkinson, Andrea Hutchinson, Heather Putnam Ball, Ben Ball, Sarah Houser, Emily Baker, Kay Clay** and **Brett Stauffer** also attended.

Robert and **Wesley Moore Briscione** married Sept. 23, 2006, at Church of the Good Shepherd in Lookout Mountain, TN. They currently reside in Atlanta. **Sarah Lannaue Garza, Sophie Boutemy Lowrance** and **Julia Garrett Randolph** were bridesmaids. **Anne Bragg Warren '00** served as a reader. Other Rhodes alums in attendance were: **Leslie Horne, Amy Dundas Matheson, Cobbie and Charles Llewellyn '99, Liz Meyers Yoder, Shelley Fulghum '03, Josh Solomon '00, Clint Randolph '02** and **Mary Reid Tevis '99.**

Nathan and **Jill Baker Briscoe** welcomed a daughter, Rachel Renee, Oct. 3, 2006, in Columbus, OH. Jill writes, "We now have two little girls, both under 2 years old. It is a lot of fun, also exhausting!"

## 2002

5th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 19-20

Reporter: John Ramsey  
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**Carol Durham** and **Neal Meyer** married July 15, 2006, in Hot Springs, AR. The wedding party included the following Rhodes alumni: **Patrick Browne '03, Dave Fleming '03, Jay Balfour, Tim Stakem, John Planchon, Evan Baggett, Blake Cole, Crawford Hoke, Parke McEnery, Mike Mann '01, Clark Madison '00, Kate Skvarla, Lizzie Ratcliff** and **Kelly Ranson '03.** Carol is in her fourth year of medical school, and Neal is a commercial real-estate appraiser and broker.

**Matthew** and **Amanda Valencia Wilder** had a

daughter, Paige Ryan, Aug. 21, 2006, in Waco, TX. The family is doing great and enjoying every moment with Paige.

**Meghan Bromert** has completed her master's in international studies from the University of Chile's International Studies Institute. After a brief return to Florida, Megan will be moving to Portland, OR, and would like to make contact with alumni in the area.

**Andy Seiwel** recently completed a master's degree in neuropharmacology at the University of Texas at Austin. His thesis was titled "Role of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase 5 in Cocaine and Natural Reward."

**Lauren Browder** recently accepted a position as Episcopal chaplain to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

**Jay Balfour** has been accepted into the master of laws degree program in government procurement law at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. Jay recently received his juris doctorate from the University of Memphis' Cecil C. Humphries School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and the Moot Court Board and was the recipient of the Cecil C. Humphries Law Fellowship.

## 2003

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**Evan Goss** writes, "I have taken a position with the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. The organization is housed

in a Victorian home on the historical register in downtown Austin, only three blocks from my favorite Thai restaurant and six blocks from the Capitol. We provide legal services to our members and hold an active lobbying department, as well. I'm so excited that I am finally getting to work in something I'm passionate about!"

B.A. and **Victoria Montgomery Cullum** married July 29, 2006, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. The reception took place at The Adolphus Hotel. Rhodes alumni in the wedding party included **Megan McComas, Emily Cunningham Wells, Liz Porras, Ellen Hawbaker Woodbridge, Martha Thomas** and **Kate Hazelrig.** Also in attendance were **Meredith Lancaster, Emily Boggs, Kristin Rishoi, Alisa Reed Solomon** and **Trevor Galligan.** The couple honeymooned at the Four Seasons in Hawaii. Victoria and B.A. currently reside in Cambridge, MA, where B.A. is attending MIT's Urban Planning program and Victoria is teaching preschool.

**Laura Bishop** recently graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law. She is living in Nashville and has accepted a position as an associate with Branham & Day.

**Kate Christrup** and **Matthew Blecher** married June 3, 2006, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in downtown Memphis. The reception was held on The Peabody roof. Bridesmaids included **Libby Shea** and **Gelsey Bennett.** Also attending were: **Liz Forbes**

**'02, Allison Grabias '03, Miriam Dillard '03, Katie Walsh '02, Brian Wright '03, Jessica Paz '03, Jane Wells '03** and **Elizabeth Cooper '03.**

In May 2006, **Haskell Murray** graduated second in his class from Georgia State University College of Law, where he received the Attorneys' Title Guaranty Scholarship. Haskell is currently employed at the law firm of King & Spalding in Atlanta, where he practices corporate law, focusing on mergers and acquisitions.

**Doug McQuirter** is currently studying for his MA in International Studies at the University of Birmingham in the UK. He is having a great time, trying to keep up with the readings and enjoying the British hospitality.

Air Force 2nd Lt. **Marjorie Hall Molloy** currently lives in Mary Esther, FL. She is stationed at Hurlburt Field. She and husband Derek Molloy, married March 29, 2006, in Mobile, AL.

**Kim Kirkpatrick** completed the master's program at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business in Washington, DC. She was recently named as a White House appointee to serve as a communications aide for Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, which Kim calls "an honor and privilege."

After three years teaching English in Japan, **Shawn McCarthy** took "the long way home," beginning in July '06 in Tokyo and finishing in October '06 in Atlanta. She took the Trans-Siberian railway from Beijing to Moscow with stops in Mongolia, Irkutsk (Siberia)

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and Suzdal and then spent two months bouncing around Europe. She plans to teach English in Naples, Italy, this winter.

**Sara Mason** and **Richard Bovender** married May 27, 2006, in Nashville, TN. The ceremony was held at St. George's Episcopal Church and the reception at Belle Meade Country Club. They currently reside in Durham, NC, where Richard attends Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Sara works as a program associate for the Global Academic Travel Experience (GATE) Program at the Fuqua International Center. Rhodes alumni **Melissa Park Brooks**, **Jessica Huber**, **Amanda Valencia Wilder '02** and **Wes Brooks '01** participated in the wedding. Also attending were **Caroline Dale**, **Capt. Matthew Wilder '02** and **Amanda Jane Lloyd '07**.

**Lindsay Levine** and **Steven Rouse** married Oct. 7, 2006, at Immaculate Conception Church in New Orleans. The wedding party included **Anne Barrow**, **Jay Balfour '02**, **Patrick Browne**, **Claire Dowler '04**, **Jim Mueller**, **Patty Rouse '99**, **Blake Schaefering**, **Tim '02** and **Kate Stakem '01**, and **James Whalen**. Many other Rhodes alumnae attended the wedding. The couple resides in San Antonio, TX, where Lindsay is a first-grade teacher and Steven is an attorney.

**Kara Stacks** completed a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Johns Hopkins University and was accepted into the New Leaders for New Schools urban school reform program. She currently

works as resident principal of Friendship Collegiate Academy, a 1,200-student high school in northeast Washington, DC. Her commitment to the program requires three years of working as an urban school administrator in Washington.

**Mary Campbell** and **Matt Toussaint** married Sept. 30, 2006, at University Christian Church in Austin, TX. They currently reside in Dallas, where Matt works in real estate development and Mary is an account manager for a toy company. They couple honeymooned in French Polynesia: Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora.

## 2004

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WeekDay Gourmet, owned by **Jamison Pannell**, opened in early October in the Savannah, GA, Habersham Shopping Center. According to *Savannah Now*, "It offers customers an opportunity to assemble up to eight out-of-the-ordinary meals in less than two hours." To order a meal, a customer makes a reservation on the Web site, selecting meals from 16 entrees. Upon arrival at the business, an apron, food containers, all ingredients and utensils await. "We do meal planning, the shopping and the cleanup," Jamison says. "All you have to do is put it together, and you have a delicious meal that looks like you've been in the kitchen all day."

## 2005

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**Jeffrey Boon** was promoted to program director for the Utah office of CareFocus, a company that provides services for people with disabilities.

**Tripp Hullender** is now working for Region Financial in the town of his alma mater, Memphis. He spends his free time as the youngest member of an "old man's" league soccer team, sponsored by local favorite Celtic Crossing.

In St. Louis, **Lauren Woods** is in her second year of teaching middle school special education with Teach for America.

**Ken Bode** is still working for the recovery of the Big Easy and is awaiting the chance to revisit Beale Street with the friends he has abandoned.

**Katharine Etchen** has taken up photography to earn a few extra dollars in her spare time and hopes to land a few prints in a New York City gallery sometime soon.

After spending a year in Washington, D.C., **Jake Nemer** recently returned to his hometown of Nashville. Jake sells telephones for XO Communications and enjoys playing in the Murphy Dart League on the weekends.

**Lindsay Sears** moved to Portland, OR, with her boyfriend, DJ Irving, and recently started grad school in I/O psychology at Portland State University. She spends her free time

hiking, snowboarding, playing music, cooking and going out.

**Brenna Ragghianti** has been traveling for the past nine months and continues to travel all over the world—a graduation present to herself after working so hard at Rhodes. Having begun in Scotland, Brenna has since visited England, Ireland, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey. She is currently in India and will continue to travel throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. From all of this, Brenna says, "I have learned more than I could have imagined and had a wonderful time doing it. I don't know what lies in store for me next, but I hope that it is as much of an adventure as this has been."

**Lindsay Spellings** and **Joseph Barzizza** married Oct. 27, 2006. She is currently in her second year of the master's program in community agency counseling at the University of Memphis and works as a senior family counselor at Youth Villages. In the near future, Lindsay plans to get her Ph.D.

**Corletra Mance** is currently in law school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she is an active member in the Black Law Student Association and the Sports Entertainment Society. She plans to graduate in 2008 with a concentration in sports and entertainment law.

**Linda Keith** and **Daniel Dunnivant '04** married Oct. 21, 2006, in Moultrie, GA.

**Leah Kaye** recently moved from Brooklyn to Baltimore to continue her second year on the Teach for America

recruitment team. She lives with **Adam Brewer '05**, who is in his second year of teaching chemistry. Leah is in the process of applying to medical school.

After teaching in the Shelby County school system for a year, **John Yacoubian** has begun a career as an affiliate broker and mortgage loan officer with BenchMark Realtors in Cordova, TN.

In closing, **Brandon Couillard** is spending lots of time on the road and recently toured the New York Stock Exchange, though he still resides in Nashville.

## In Memoriam

'36 **Evelyn Hester Perry** of Memphis, Aug. 23, 2006. She taught piano at Rhodes and for 40 years at St. Mary's Episcopal School for Girls. She was a member and past president of the Bohlman Music Society. She was an active member at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral as kindergarten teacher and choir member for 25 years. She was an officer of Les Passees and the Les Passees Fine Arts Club and was a 50-year member of Chapter B.P.E.O. She leaves her husband of 70 years, Russell Perry '33; her daughter; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

'36 **Cecile Porter Piplar** of Memphis, Oct. 10, 2006. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, she and her husband were founding members of the Church of the Holy Communion. She was a member of the Tuesday Study Club and Noel Club and served on the boards of Les Passees, Le Bonheur, The Junior League,

## 2006

Reporter: Nicole Vasquez  
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**Claire Singleton** currently lives in San Diego, CA, working for Invisible Children, a nonprofit organization committed to raising awareness of and support for children affected by the civil war in Uganda. This spring, she will travel around the nation raising awareness for this issue. She asks other alumni to go to invisiblechildren.com to learn more about the cause. Claire plans to enter graduate school this

Lausanne School and the Woman's Exchange. The widow of Charles Piplar, her husband of 54 years, she leaves a sister, two daughters, three granddaughters, a grandson and eight great-grandchildren.

'37 **Robert Kenneth Armstrong** of Memphis, Oct. 15, 2006. After three years' active duty in WWII, he remained in the Naval Reserve Dental Corps, retiring a captain. A life member of the Memphis Dental Society and the Tennessee and American Dental associations, he was a fellow of both the American and the International colleges of Dentists. He served as a member of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry for nine years. A longtime elder of Evergreen Presbyterian Church, he was the first lay moderator of Memphis Presbytery (PCUS). He was a member of a variety of other organizations, including the Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired, where he was a founding board

year to pursue a master's in bilingual speech pathology.

**Mark Stratton** lives in Miles City, MT, and works as a fisheries technician for the Bureau of Land Management. This winter, he will either be traveling to Western Australia to work for the Department of Environment and Conservation or continue working as a fisheries technician in New York. He is also considering attending graduate school to study marine fisheries or a related field. Mark recently had a paper published in the *Journal of Freshwater Ecology*.

member. He was married to Betty Ireys Armstrong '38 for 65 years and leaves two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'38 **Betty Ireys Hunt Armstrong** of Memphis, Sept. 24, 2006. A lifelong Presbyterian, she served as an elder at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, where she was also a life member of the Women of the Church. She was past president of the Southwestern Woman's Club, past president of the Auxiliary to the Memphis Dental Society, treasurer of the Auxiliary to the Tennessee State Dental Association, associate member of Les Passees and a member of the Lenna P. Hart Circle of King's Daughters. She leaves her husband of 65 years, Robert K. Armstrong '37; her sister, Mary Hunt Weeks '40; two daughters; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'39 **Charles Hayden Freeburg** of Memphis, Nov. 26, 2006. In partnership

He completed his research for the paper at Rhodes under the mentorship of Dr. David Kesler, who is a coauthor of the paper.

**Haley Fults** is teaching English in Madrid for the year.

**Patrick Crouch** is pursuing a master's degree in accounting at the University of Georgia.

**Jennifer Rogers** is working in admissions at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

with his brother Nelson under the name of Freeburg Brothers, he built several subdivisions following World War II; later, they manufactured prefabricated houses in Memphis, Mississippi and Arkansas under the name of Fairhill Inc. As a real estate broker, he worked with Mark Hammond in Freeburg and Hammond and later with Dale Freeman in Freeburg-Freeman. He was a past president of the Memphis Board of Realtors and held offices in the local and regional chapters of the National Association of Home Builders. He served as board chairman of the Memphis College of Art and was one of the original founders of the Church Health Center. A lifelong member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church, he had been a Sunday School superintendent, deacon, elder and trustee. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Catherine Moore Freeburg '40; a brother; a sister; four

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nephews; and three nieces.

**'39 Henry Pope Mobley Jr.** of Spanish Fort, AL, Oct. 27, 2006. He served as an aviation cadet in the Chaplain's Corps of the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943-1946. As an ordained Presbyterian minister for 64 years, he served many churches in the South, including interim positions at Trinity Presbyterian in Fairhope, AL, and Government Street Presbyterian in Mobile. An active volunteer in the community, he served as chairman of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, where the Henry P. Mobley Chair in Doctrinal Theology was established. He was a member of the Louisville, KY, Rotary Club for 40 years and served as president in 2002. Locally, he was on the Westminster Village Foundation Board. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Anne Thompson Mobley; two sons; a daughter, Courtland Mobley Lewis '69; a brother; a sister; six grandchildren, including Drew Lewis '97; and three great-grandchildren.

**'40 Anne Potts Lunde** of McLean, VA, Sept. 15, 2006. A civic leader, she worked as head of staff services at GEICO in the 1960s until she retired in 1980. She was board president of the "Little" Langley School and president of the McLean chapter of Business and Professional Women and the McLean PEO, a women's service and education organization. She worked for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in Virginia. She was the widow of retired Air Force

Col. Oswald Weeks Lunde, to whom she was married for 57 years. She leaves five children, a brother, two sisters, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**'41 George Baxter Pouncey** of Memphis, Oct. 22, 2006. He was the principal and coach in Crawfordsville, AR, from 1947-1951 and was the superintendent from 1951 until his retirement in 1981. He was the former president of the Crawfordsville Rotary Club and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, where he was on the chapter and board of Youth Services and Emmanuel Center. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Ruth Lee Pouncey; two sons; two grandsons and two sisters.

**'42 Arabia Wooten Brakefield** of Hernando, MS, Aug. 22, 2006. The widow of Charles Brakefield, she leaves a daughter, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**'42 Elizabeth Nesbitt Douglas** of Bethesda, MD, Feb. 22, 2005. She leaves her husband, George R. Douglas Jr.; three sons; two daughters and 12 grandchildren.

**'42 Charles Everett Reed** of Memphis, Oct. 6, 2006. The founder of the Charles Reed Buick Co. and a longtime leader in the Memphis community, he served as director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Memphis Automobile Dealers Association and the Tennessee Automobile Dealers Association. He was also a member of the Memphis Downtown Kiwanis Club. A gunnery officer on the USS Pennsylvania for three

years in the South Pacific during WWII, he was a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Kathryn Norman Reed; two daughters; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**'43 Roy E. Fears** of Memphis, Aug. 12, 2006. A World War II Air Force veteran, he later worked in the insurance business for 60 years. He was a lifelong member of Bellevue Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, treasurer, tour guide and usher; he was also very active with the senior adults. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Anne, and his brother.

**'43 Laura Terrell Lake Saunders** of Memphis, Sept. 4, 2006. The widow of Madison Ames Saunders Jr., she was a member of Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis Botanic Garden, Ikebana and past president of the Little Garden Club. She was also a member of The Woman's Exchange and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee. She leaves two daughters, including Marcelle Lake Saunders '80; a son and two granddaughters.

**'48 Margaret Elizabeth Austin Jackson** of Sherman, TX, formerly of Cottage Grove, TN, April 6, 2005. She was a member of, and held various offices in, the First United Methodist Church, Sherman Service League, South Grayson County Medical Auxiliary and Stratford Literary Club. For 58 years, she was married to Dr. Van R. Jackson Jr. She leaves two daughters, including Judith Jackson '70; two sons; one granddaughter; four

grandsons and a sister.

**'50 Georgia Skouteris Angelakis** of Memphis, September 2006. Co-owner of the Mark Twain Cafeteria with her husband of 52 years, Spiros T. Angelakis, she was a member of the first group of "Pink Ladies" for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and a member of First Evangelical Church. She leaves a son, four granddaughters and a sister.

**'67 Emalie Appleton Brooks** of Memphis, Sept. 11, 2006. She taught in the public school system and for most of the past two decades served as an adjunct instructor of English at the University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University. At St. John's Episcopal Church, she served on the vestry and was active in women's organizations. She leaves her husband of 33 years, William H. Brooks '66; a daughter and a brother.

**'90 William Hutchinson Davis** of Nashville, Aug. 15, 2006. A captain in the U.S. Army, he leaves wife Alicia; children Rachel, Connor and Ryan; his parents and a brother.

**'97 Nicole Suzanne McNall** of Memphis, March 5, 2006. Following graduation from Rhodes, she attended graduate school at Gallaudet University. She then moved to South Carolina to work at a halfway house for mentally ill deaf adults and later with children in the school for the deaf.

# It Took An Act Of Congress For Bob And Anne Bourne To Make Their Most Recent Gift To Rhodes.

Bob Bourne '54, a general practice physician in Camden, TN, likes to say a great education was the second-best thing he got from Rhodes. The best, he tells friends, was his wife Anne Riley '54, whom he met their freshman year in the "Man" class.

Through the years, the Bournes have said thank you to Rhodes in many ways.

Their most recent gift was made possible when Congress passed the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The legislation enabled the Bournes to make a gift to Rhodes from Bob's IRA without incurring income tax on the gift.



*Bob and Anne, both '54*

"The new IRA legislation increases the amount Rhodes will receive by about one-third because the funds aren't taxed," Bob says. "We had been wanting to add to the Elizabeth Bourne Webb and John Riley Bourne Service Scholarship we established at Rhodes a couple of years ago. This was just a great opportunity."

The Bournes' generosity to Rhodes has touched many lives. The Robert Irl and Anne Riley Bourne Scholarship has been awarded to Rhodes students who demonstrate academic promise. In

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Some of the Bourne's gifts didn't come from a checkbook or stock portfolio. Bob and Anne have given Rhodes a grand piano passed down through the Riley family, as well as a collection of more

than 30 splendid photogravures of Native Americans created by Edward Curtis, an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century photographer.



*Native American photogravure by Edward Curtis*

"We've been very pleased with what the college has done with every gift we've made," Anne said. "Rhodes has meant so much to our family, and added so much to our quality of life."

"The knowledge we gained at Rhodes," Bob said, "helped us get where we are today. It's a privilege to be able to give back."



*Anne's father, John Riley '26, transported library books in the college's move from Clarksville*

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Ringling the victory bell after defeating Colorado College 28-10 at Homecoming (front to back): defensive back Jake McCart '08, defensive tackle John King '09, linebacker Chris Lomas '08 and running backs Tyler Lake '08 and Bobby Martin '09

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