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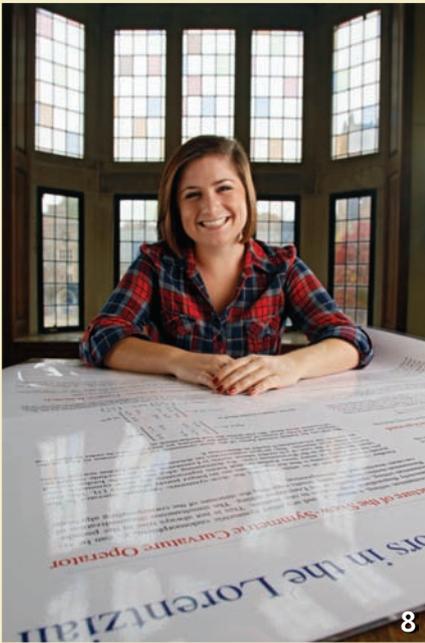
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EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Felix Kronenberg, director of the Center for Language Learning (left), and Katheryn Wright, Modern Languages and Literatures chair, show trustee Dan '71 and wife Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler '71 around the new facility

By John Bryant '11

It's early September 2010, the second week of classes and everyone is back in the academic rhythm. Tests, papers, angry debates over "Inception's" "real" ending over never ending bowls of fro-yo. Yep, we're back. And everything's the same. Or is it? Turns out, something new is afoot and we students almost missed it. Do a double take yourself next time you pass by—Palmer Hall looks better than ever, yet "different."

We students were soon on the case, craning necks around corners, pausing upon steps, probing the halls with keen ear and nose. That quiet, polite whir of drills, the ever soft murmur of correct measurements, the fascinating paint smells. What, exactly, was going on? For a brief moment, we were *all* British detectives. But you just about have to be on the “up and up” of Palmer Hall this year. Thanks to the spectacular, efficient and quiet care of the Rhodes Physical Plant Department, hardly anyone knew that Palmer was in the final phase of its transformation into the flagship building for Rhodes’ academics.

The transformation is more than a facelift. New floors, new offices, new wood paneling, and all of it in perfect keeping with Palmer’s signature Gothic style. Palmer Hall

is all dolled up, but has somewhere to go. Beyond the new look, the true spirit of the renovation is Rhodes’ renewed emphasis on providing the best academic experience possible for its students. And *that* is a renovation story best told in three acts, as we follow Modern Languages’ move to Palmer, the construction of a new student-focused, user friendly language center and President Troutt’s pilgrimage to his new office home on the ground floor.

A bit of exposition gets the story rolling. Why renovate? The answer takes us back to 2004 as the faculty put together its long-range vision for academics at Rhodes. The plan addressed a pressing, yet welcome, new concern—and Rhodes’ commitment to academics is partly to blame. Thanks to its long

tradition of providing students with the best quality education available, Rhodes was bursting at the seams with world-class professors with nowhere to sit. Continued growth meant office space was crowded. But thanks to the nimble foresight of the academic space committee, the solution was ready and waiting for just two dominoes to fall: Barret and Burrow. The opening of the new Barret Library in 2005 provided “wobble room” for exciting expansion and strategic shuffle on campus.

“The building of Barret gave us an empty Burrow, a building with creative design work and wonderful craftsmanship,” explains Dr. John Olsen, associate dean of Academic Affairs. “They’ve now built something in Burrow that looks terrific and houses the administrative offices and student



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Katheryn Wright, chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and Eric Henager '89, associate professor of Spanish, in Wright's new office, which since 1925 has served as a student lounge, classroom and Financial Aid office, in that order

services that were once in Palmer. And that created the space to let us start doing big things in Palmer.”

To figure out what those big things would be, the committee canvassed the campus, taking an inventory of the space needs for each

faculty’s mood: “This is the first time we’ve ever been together as a department. You can imagine how we feel in that we can now work together on a daily basis. When we were in separate buildings it was very difficult to interact like that unless we set up a meeting—and

the north side of first floor Palmer. No more than three (OK, perhaps four) steps from the language offices, the student-focused language center flows right into the new faculty lounge, facilitating the vital yet casual ebb and flow of student-faculty interaction that is so often the highlight of students’ experiences at Rhodes. But the language center does more than accent student-faculty rapport, it’s its own creature. Striking a delicate balance between rigorous and informal language learning, the center allows students to take the skills they’ve learned in class and plug them into real-world contexts.



President Troutt confers with his student associates Meredith Hicks '12 and Sameer Warraich '13 in the president's new first-floor Palmer conference room

department. The answer came back loud and clear. It was finally time to bring all of Modern Languages and Literatures, long scattered across Buckman, Rhodes Tower and Clough, to its new home in Palmer. Now that the move is said and done, our language professors are ecstatic, especially when it comes to their newly built offices’ “open air” aesthetic. When asked “what was really cool” about their new offices, one professor says, “It just feels good being here. It feels good to be at work.”

Another laughs, “Personally for me, there are two windows in my office now.”

Beyond windows, the move gets applause all around for its academic advantages. Chair of Modern Languages and Literatures Professor Katheryn Wright gives voice to the

there are always way too many meetings,” she laughs. “Now, we’re working in the same building. We see one another, we are doing some fine things, and we can share those things even better. It develops a ‘being togetherness,’ *esprit de corps*.”

The move not only fosters community within the department, it speaks the department’s new public persona loud and clear to the rest of the campus.

“The department now has a face, a common space that is associated with us,” says Russian Studies instructor Sasha Kostina. “People can come here and know, ‘OK, this is Modern Languages.’”

Sitting at the heart of this new community is Rhodes’ rebuilt, rethought and radically revised new Center for Language Learning on

The designer of the space, Dr. Felix Kronenberg, paints us the picture: “Human beings want to communicate. So we made the space communicative. With the old language center in Buckman, everything was bolted down, everything was walled-off. But learning a language means talking to others. We wanted to open it up. We wanted students to talk.”

The new language center has everything it needs to get the real-world conversation started. Its availability, accessibility and flexibility let language breathe. The first thing one notices when entering the space is its sliding partition, allowing students and faculty to replicate the private classroom experience in one-half of the room while the other half remains open for any curious student who breezes by. Perhaps most interestingly, none of the furniture or technology has to stay where it’s put. Everything can be moved, and should be. Students who’ve already tried it out know it’s the best thing since the sandbox.

“Students can really make the space their own,” says Kronenberg. “All



Felix Kronenberg, assistant professor of Modern Languages and Literatures and director of the Center for Language Learning, with students in the new center, located in the former Admissions Office

the furniture is mobile. The tables are mobile. They can be rearranged into any different configuration. Even the computer screens are movable into any shape or form. Everything has wheels.”

Not even the walls are set in stone. With innovative whiteboard paint covering all four walls, the students practice their writing on a canvas as wide as the room itself.

“In a traditional classroom, you have the whiteboard up front, maybe a projector, oftentimes it’s covered. Everyone looks in the same direction,” says Kronenberg. “This

space is much more organic. It shifts all the time, so an instructor can go right here, right there, anywhere.”

The walls are a kick start to lateral thinking, allowing the students to begin seeing how language moves in 3-D and real time.

“The walls are awesome,” says Anne Harper ’11, John C. Hugon Scholarship recipient. “You never have to stop the flow of your ideas.”

“It’s what I always write on when I’m practicing my Chinese drills before class,” says Jasper Page ’12, Lucy W. Rowe Scholarship recipient. “I love it.”

Thanks to its innovative design, the language center has no expiration date in sight. Built around the idea of flexibility, it’s set to keep pace with the Joneses and the Jetsons.

“With technology changing so rapidly, we decided to build a space that went beyond technology,” says Kronenberg. “No matter what software we use, we have a space that’s configurable.”

The technology may only be a complement to the space, but so far the space is flattered. Students have all the equipment to immerse themselves in language and let it live

out loud. Webcams and headsets can be used for international Skype calls to students and classrooms around the world, allowing, for example, a German 101 student at Rhodes to share his experiences with an English 101 student in Germany. A fully-equipped multimedia center also lets students get creative with the language learning process. They can narrate their own slideshows, make a film, create a visual tour of a foreign country through Google Earth, or create their own graphic novel. According to Kronenberg, the rationale behind this equipment is simple—“When you share your language, it sticks to you.”

But this still doesn't cover all the language center offers. It's also stocked full of films, videos, music, magazines, board games and other resources that'll be sure to appeal to any and every type of language learner. There's even foreign language karaoke. And ready and waiting to show students and faculty just how to use these new features is the language center's staff of expert trained student employees.

And the students are thrilled.

It's Jasper Page's “one-stop shop.” And according to Stephanie Sessarego '13, “International Skype is a really great tool.”

The award for the language center's funniest plaudit, however, goes to Sameer Warraich '13:

“Foreign language karaoke will help facilitate social embarrassment across the language gap,” he laughs. “Really, though, it's cool.”

The renovation also dovetails with Rhodes' larger story—Palmer's return to its original roots as a true academic building. It now houses not only Modern Languages, but the English Department and Greek and Roman Studies—all under one roof.

“Everyone who's teaching anything having to do with language and literature is now in this building,” says Dean Michael Drompp. “The idea was to get Modern Languages and Literatures all together into one

coherent space, but part of the idea was also to bring to Palmer a more academic feel and give it a thematic unity as the building of ‘languages and literary studies’ through the Departments of English, Modern Languages and Literatures and Greek and Roman Studies.”

Thanks to this new unity, Palmer Hall—the geographic and architectural heart of Rhodes—is now the pulse of academic life on campus.

“Palmer is in many ways the focal center of the campus,” says Drompp. “So the idea of returning that to a predominantly academic space was really attractive to all of us. When people come into the largest building on campus, they see faculty offices and the language center, which signal Rhodes' devotion to the student academic experience.”

As a happy punctuation to the renovation story, President Troutt has moved to his new office on the ground floor. It's a wish come true for the president, who now has a better sense than ever of the college heartbeat.

“My move to the first floor of Halliburton Tower has already improved my access to our many campus guests,” says the president. “And coming in and out of my office enables me to stop and visit with more students, faculty and staff on a daily basis. I love it.”

The new office space even flows directly into the language offices and language lab, ensuring that the captain will always be listening to his crew as Palmer steers itself to great new waters. So keep a lookout. With a renovated Palmer Hall, Rhodes is going places. **R**



Russian instructor Sasha Kostina in her new office, bedecked with all things Russian, with students Kelly Whelan '14 (left) and Emily Swanagin '14



Josh Fuchs '11, a Jack H. Taylor Fellow in Physics,
in the Rhodes Tower observatory

TAKING IT *on the* ROAD

By Dean Galaro '11

Photography by Justin Fox Burks

What student would willingly add more work to an already rigorous academic schedule? Surprisingly, quite a few Rhodes students do,

and their extra work is paying off with opportunities to conduct research in the cutting edge of their fields and present their findings along with the best and brightest.

Rhodes builds some of these opportunities on campus with fellowships and events like the annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Symposium (URCAS), but many students take their independent research off campus and even internationally.

Some might think that research is something only faculty do, but there are myriad ways for students of every major to

get involved in assisting a professor or pursuing their own investigations.

Reaching for the Stars

Four years at Rhodes give students a lot of time to do research. Physics major Josh Fuchs '11 has certainly done that. He has worked with NASA, presented his findings in Croatia and researched at observatories in Massachusetts and Hawaii.

At the suggestion of Professor Brent Hoffmeister, the Van Vleet Fellow in Physics, in 2008 Fuchs became a member of a six-student team that would participate in NASA's Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunity Program, building and testing an experiment on binary electrostatic orbits. That meant spending part of the summer at Rhodes helping build the apparatus for the experiment, then taking it to the Johnson Space Center in Houston and flying it aboard the "Weightless Wonder," NASA's plane that creates a zero-gravity environment by climbing and falling in the air. The wooden structure built for the experiment can still be seen in Rhodes Tower.

After doing something like that, more research is hard to ignore.

"The microgravity project got me hooked," Fuchs says.



“It was great from a few perspectives: figuring out how you do research, applying to NASA, building the apparatus, running the experiment and then analyzing the data so we could write the paper that has since been published.”

Fuchs presented the team’s findings at the International Conference of Physics Students in Split, Croatia. One of only two U.S. students to attend the conference, he got to meet physicists from around the world.

“The social aspect of the conference was a big part of it,” Fuchs recalls. “There were a lot of presentations, but people were also there to make friends from different places, to learn from each others’ experiences.”

Fuchs spent the next summer at the Maria Mitchell Observatory in Nantucket, MA.

“I joined six other students from all over the U.S.,” he explains, “doing astrophysical research in all areas of astronomy.”

That summer had a big impact on Fuchs, who wants to be a professor one day, teaching at a college like Rhodes, or working at an observatory like Maria Mitchell.

“I liked it there because it was a small environment and we were doing really cool research. But there was also the educational component: talking to visitors about what we were doing and helping them to understand it.”

The next summer was spent at the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawaii. Along with nine other students from around the country, Fuchs researched galactic winds, which are produced by starbursting galaxies. Galactic winds are outflows of gas and dust

from a galaxy.

“Understanding the roles of different components of the wind helps us understand what is happening in the galaxy as a whole,” he says.

While in Hawaii, Fuchs worked with Professor David Rupke. “It was somewhat a matter of coincidence that we got to work together before he joined the faculty here this fall,” recalls Fuchs. “I have continued to do research with him here, partially because we were able to work together last summer.”

That’s a lot of research in only a few short years, but it has been well worth it for Fuchs.

“It’s not easy, but it’s very educational. You’re creating new knowledge. It can be frustrating, but when you look back on it, it’s a great experience and you learn a lot.”



You Really Have To Enjoy It

An important way Rhodes professors help students explore their own academic interests can be through a simple suggestion—applying for a grant, or even attending a program at another institution. Kaetlin Taylor ’12 got her start with a recommendation from Mathematics Professor Eric Gottlieb to apply to a National Science Foundation (NSF) program.

“This past summer I did Research Experience for Undergraduates, a program sponsored by the NSF, held at Cal State, San Bernardino,”

Taylor explains.

Differential geometry might make some people’s eyes glaze over with memories of high school math, but it has become Taylor’s primary research passion. So much so that she plans to pursue graduate school after Rhodes and possibly continue with differential geometry as a career in research or teaching.

“I hadn’t thought of doing research until Professor Gottlieb suggested it to me, but I think it’s important to experience it before you put in all that time and work in graduate school then find out you don’t like it.”

She speaks from experience. Before coming to Rhodes Taylor wasn’t even sure she wanted to study math, but once she got to know the faculty and the students in the small department she was hooked.

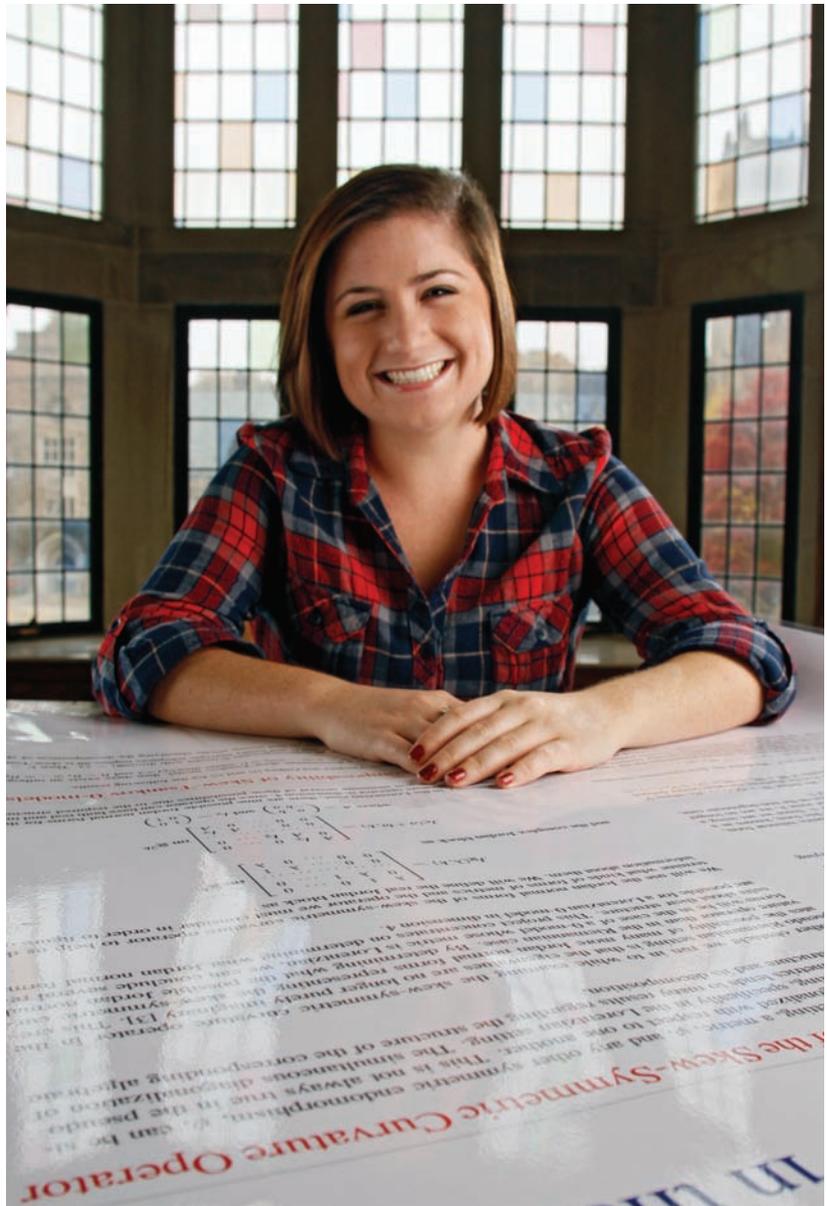
She had never taken a differential geometry class before beginning the NSF program, but the more she learned about it, the more she liked it. In addition, applying for the program may have seemed like a shot in the dark at the time, but it became much more than that as she, too, learned how to write a proposal, conduct research, then write and present her work.

With NSF paying her travel expenses, Taylor had a great experience in California, but it wasn't all fun in the sun.

"I worked nine-to-five, five days a week over the summer," she fondly recalls, but that's a small price to pay for opportunities to research something you love. "You really have to enjoy it and keep doing it, and I think it was worth it when I presented at the end of the program."

Next on the calendar for her was a presentation in New Orleans during the first week of January 2011 at the Joint Mathematics Meetings of the Mathematical Association of America (which sponsored her travel to the conference) and the American Mathematical Society. Not only did Taylor present her research to hundreds of her peers and experts, but there was a judged competition with cash prizes.

A lot of work goes into independent academic research, but that's what keeps students coming back for more, not to mention the fresh ideas and motivation they get from other researchers and areas of study.



Kaetlin Taylor '12 in the Buckman Mathematics Library, Ohlendorf Hall



What About Shakespeare?

It's not surprising that most people associate research and presentation with the sciences, but what about the social sciences and the humanities? More specifically, what about Shakespeare? In October 2010 English major Andrew Miller '11 presented his paper "To Stand Upon My Kingdom

Once Again: The Ethics of Fiscal Monarchy in 'Richard II'" as the only undergraduate at a Yale University graduate conference titled "Shakespeare and Renaissance Ethics."

It began after Miller completed Professor Scott Newstok's "Green Shakespeare" course in spring 2010. The course, which explored how ecological concepts and "green"

issues apply to the interpretation of works by William Shakespeare, was followed by an international symposium at Rhodes. Newstok suggested that Miller submit his final class paper to the Yale conference.

With that in mind, Miller retooled his paper to make it more accessible for an audience that had not been in the class with him, just as he

had done several times before for URCAS and British Studies at Oxford symposia at Rhodes. Plus, he had gained earlier research experience his freshman year at Rhodes through the British Empire learning community, headed by English professor and British Studies Dean Michael Leslie. Miller says that while his interest in English began in high school, the shift toward wanting to do serious research began then and there.

“All those experiences were great practice,” he says.

Still, Yale wasn’t an easy crowd for the only undergraduate in the building. But Miller was ready.

“It was definitely intimidating at first, hearing that this person was finishing up his dissertation or that person was three years into her Ph.D.,” says Miller, “but as soon as the first panel got going I saw and felt that this was not so different from anything I’d already done—I knew I was prepared for this. A couple of people remarked that they were surprised at how much I seemed to take to the format, or how much I seemed to fit in.”

All thanks to the myriad resources



Andrew Miller '11 in the archives, Barret Library

available to Rhodes students, such as the Iris A. Pearce Shakespeare Endowment, which supports research and events related to

William Shakespeare, and the Rhodes Student Travel Fund, which sent Miller to the Yale conference.



From Start to Finish

Lest anyone think that all research relationships between professors and students last only a semester or a summer, many collaborations continue throughout the years a student is at Rhodes. One such team is Sarah Allen '11, C. L. and Mildred W. Springfield Honor

Scholarship recipient, and Anna Kolobova '11, Neuroscience majors who have been working for three years with Psychology Professor Dr. Kimberly Gerecke, one of the faculty running the Neuroscience program. In November 2010, Allen and Kolobova went to the Society of

Neuroscience annual conference in San Diego.

“Our research involved neurodegeneration caused by stress and how exercise can protect from that degeneration,” reports Kolobova.

For a budding neuroscientist and an aspiring doctor, the conference, with 35,000 attendees, was the best place not only to present research, but to see the results of other people's work. It also put them alongside the top minds in the field, an opportunity that might seem unreachable for undergraduates.

"You're presenting not just to graduate students, but professors, professional researchers and top neuroscientists in the country," explains Allen, whose travel expenses to the conference were covered by the Rhodes Student Travel Fund. "As an undergraduate I never thought I would have that opportunity. I felt very professional and knowledgeable about the material we were presenting. Anna

and I had to be, because Dr. Gerecke let us do all of the presenting, unless members of the audience were asking very technical questions beyond our realm of study."

While it requires a great deal of time and effort to do this kind of professional research, it's actually quite easy to get involved. Allen recalls simply walking into Dr. Gerecke's office and explaining her desire to do neuroscience research. And it worked.

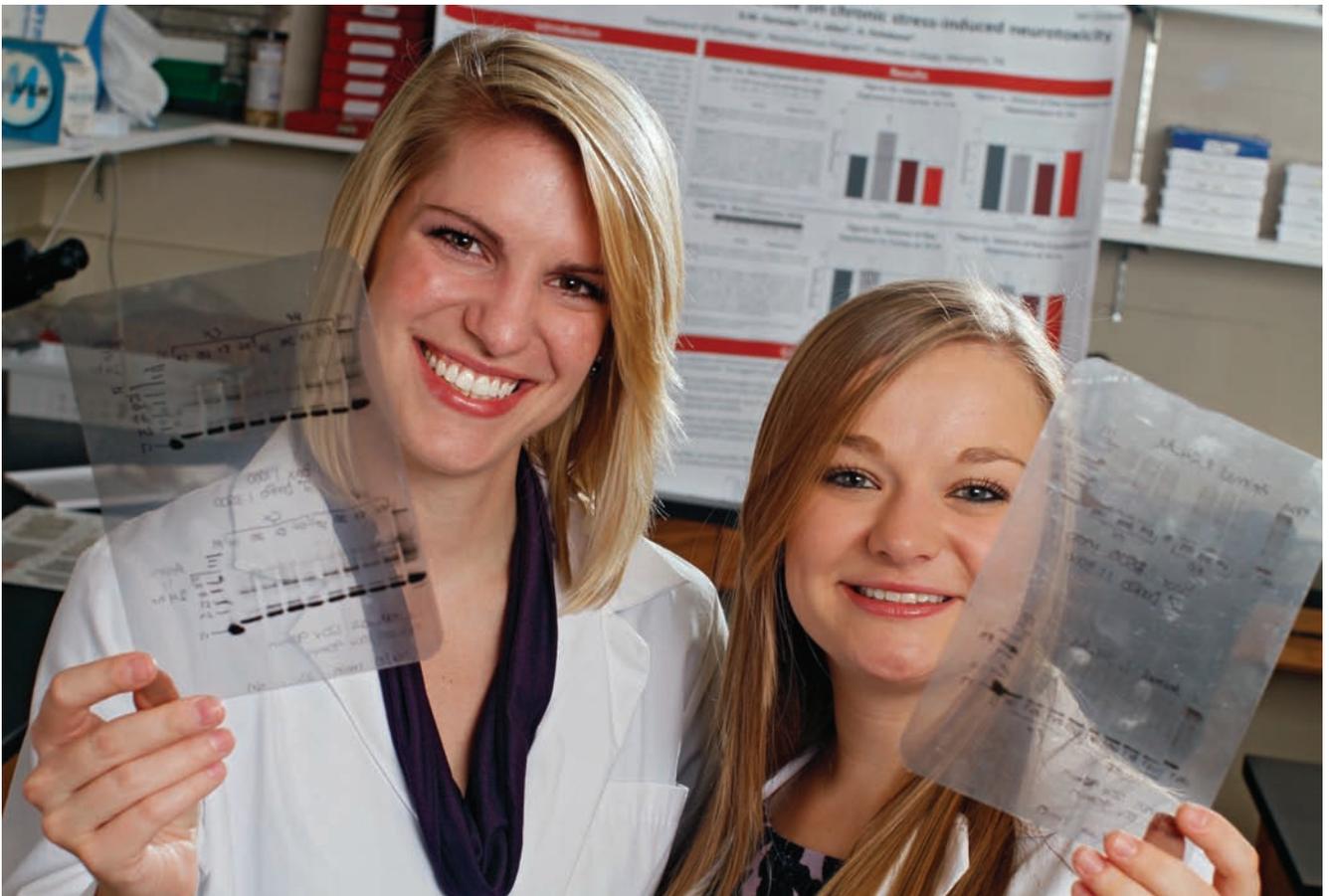
Kolobova has also worked with professors at the University of Memphis. But both students say the benefits of all their research outweigh any cost of time or energy. Being able to see a problem evolve from

inception to completion is essential.

"Just being in the lab and seeing how things work from start to finish," is what Kolobova loves, "coming up with a question, looking into the background literature about it and then actually performing it."

Allen agrees. "It sounds really nerdy, but it makes science exciting."

Working with Dr. Gerecke has also helped them develop their problem solving skills, critical thinking and leadership. Plus, "We have a great time," says Allen. "Dr. Gerecke makes it really relaxed. I wouldn't want to do research with anybody else because she is so understanding." 



Sarah Allen '11 (left) and Anna Kolobova '11 in the neuroscience lab, Clough Hall



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'A THEATER POPS OUT' McCoy Turns 30

By Lynn Conlee

Outside McCoy Theatre, blustery winds swayed the surrounding pine trees and a cold evening settled in over the Rhodes campus. The night was Feb. 25, 1982. Inside, equally charged air swirled around the intimate black box theater as a cast of 22 prepared to take the stage for the facility's inaugural performance. First to set foot in front of the packed house, community actor Marler Stone, playing the narrator Voltaire, delivered the opening lines of "Candide:"

"VOLTAIRE (*Reading*). In Westphalia in the castle of the Baron Thunder-Ten-Tronck, there lived four young people. All of them were very happy because they knew they were living in the best of all possible castles in the best of all possible countries in the best of all possible worlds. (*He rises and starts toward one of the small curtained stages.*) The happiest of them all was the noble youth Candide."

And thus began the saga of one of the most storied traditions at Rhodes, the 30-season history of McCoy Theatre. Over the years, McCoy developed a dramatic trajectory in its own right. With the assistance of several faculty and guest directors, the theater program both



McCoy Theatre's premiere performance of "Candide," 1982

preceding and following the opening of McCoy has provided Memphis with some of its most outstanding performances, sets, lighting, costumes and moments.

Sitting around the table of McCoy's conference room, the department's current staff talks energetically about the theater's past, recalling favorite productions and exceptional student actors, finishing one another's sentences in the manner of longtime couples with many shared memories.

"You had Ray Hill, who was wonderful with the avant-garde, and then Betty Ruffin, who loved the classics," says Julia "Cookie" Ewing, professor of Theatre and artistic director of McCoy. "And then you had Tony Garner '65, who loved musicals and ..."

"A theater pops out," inserts Kevin Collier '91, performing arts coordinator.

While that sequencing might seem a bit magical, it becomes quickly clear that the longevity of McCoy exists due to year after year of hard work on the part of student and community actors and the faculty who encourage them to, in Ewing's parlance, "question."

In the years preceding the idea of McCoy Theatre, classes and performances took place in "Theatre 6," Room 6 in the basement of Palmer Hall, under the direction of Professor Ray Hill and Professor Betty Ruffin. During her tenure at Rhodes, Ruffin was a one-person Theatre Department, known for her elegance and excellence with Restoration drama.

“One of my favorite memories of Betty,” Ewing recalls, “is from the Renaissance Festival in the 1970s. We did the closet scene from ‘Hamlet’ with Jim Peebles ’78, who was a student at that time. Betty was playing Gertrude and he was playing Hamlet and we did it in the Cloister. Jim was a big man and Betty was this thin woman, frail, and he was throwing her around and she would fling into one of those columns and she never complained, she never stopped, she kept on going. And when it was over she said, ‘Would you like to see something?’ and she rolled up her sleeve and it was black and blue.”

Ruffin’s toughness and ability to persevere helped define the Theatre Department; it also foreshadowed the upcoming drive that led to McCoy. At the time, campus planners were intending to demolish the vacant, 3,600-square-foot Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house, built in 1950. Students, particularly music major Kevin Jagoe ’81, had another idea. It involved a theater.

“Kevin started a petition to stop the demolition of Zeta house, and was successful,” recalls Ewing. “At first, we performed in what is now the lobby of McCoy. You could still smell the smoke from the fireplace.”

Jagoe recalls those early performances, but insists he was just one of many who saved the Zeta house.

“I think the movers and shakers and people who should really be applauded for getting the space would be Cookie and the Southwestern Players because it took a lot of effort for people to make contacts and talk to people. When any meetings came up we tried to attend and tried to say our piece and put forth a very thoughtful reason about why we should have a theater.”

But an even better plan was taking shape. When Memphis real estate developer Harry B. McCoy Jr. died in 1966, his will stipulated that a trust be created and that “primary interest will be focused upon developments in the theater.” McCoy Foundation money was already supporting a visiting artist program on campus. The foundation granted \$750,000 to renovate the old Zeta house into what Mr. McCoy was said to have wanted: “a little jewel of a theater.” The new 5,000-square-foot addition featured a “black box”



As artistic director of McCoy Theatre since 1998 and department chair from 1998-2007, **Julia “Cookie” Ewing** has garnered a long list of awards and adoring students. Most recently, she received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award (2008), the Eugart Yerian Lifetime Achievement Award (2007) bestowed by the Memphis theater community at the annual Ostrander Awards; numerous “best” awards for her theatrical pursuits; and a namesake scholarship in conjunction with Playhouse on the Square’s youth theater program. In addition to her work with Rhodes, Ewing has displayed her acting range in a diverse group of productions on stage and screen.

performance space. For the exterior design, Met Crump of Taylor and Crump Architects created a building that melded beautifully with the campus’ natural setting. A gala event was held Jan. 21, 1982, to celebrate.

Widely credited with what Ewing describes as “harnessing the energy for McCoy,” founding artistic director Tony Garner ’65 told *Southwestern Today*, a precursor to *Rhodes* magazine, “I see McCoy as a place where actors, actresses and technicians all receive training and experience. But all this exists within the milieu of a liberal arts education. You get an educated graduate able to pursue the same kind of acting career as one who’d gone to a professional acting school.”

Ewing concurs. “It was the community and students working together to give a sense of what *could* be done.”

Nowhere was this more evident than in McCoy’s first production, “Candide,” a musical version of Voltaire’s 1759 satire, with a cast of 13 students and nine community actors portraying 75 roles. The 10-performance run set on seven stages was directed

by community member Barry Fuller, with musical direction by Tony Garner ’65, technical direction/production by Laura Canon ’79 and costumes



JAM ADKINS

David Jilg, associate professor and current chair of the Theatre Department, is a 1979 Rhodes alum with a major in Foreign Languages. He has a M.F.A. in Theatrical Design and Production from Tulane University (1994) and began teaching at Rhodes in fall 1994. Jilg’s McCoy tenure, however, began with Seasons 1 and 2. He returned for Season 10 and came back to stay in Season 14.



JUSTIN FOX BIRKES

Laura Canon, assistant professor of Theatre, reports that she “graduated from Rhodes 1979 with a B.A. in Religion. Of course there was no McCoy then, and I was not involved with the theater program. I was, however, in Singers. As I look back, it’s obvious that being in Singers and knowing Tony clearly affected the course of my life. It was Tony who put me in the chorus of ‘Cabaret’ at Theatre Memphis and the rest, as they say, is history.

“I received a MFA in Theatre from the University of Memphis in 1982, with a concentration in lighting design. My last term of graduate school coincided with the opening of McCoy and Tony becoming chair of the department. I did my last term of graduate assistantship here as the technical director/lighting designer. I stayed until 1990, when I ran off to San Francisco for awhile, then to Rensselaer (if you can spell it, you get to graduate) Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, pursuing a career move to architectural lighting. The next move I made was back to Rhodes in 1994. And the rest ”



"The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby," 1985

coordinated by David Jilg '79 and Bette Dale Garner '72, Garner's wife and fellow theater enthusiast. Both Canon and Jilg have since returned to and remain at Rhodes as Theatre faculty members.

Marler Stone asked Fuller if he could be included in the cast. Stone's stentorian voice opened the show, and he played five roles in the performance.

"It was great working with those young people," Stone says. "I was twice as old as they were but it was a great cast of young people. They were very energetic. And it was good for them, too, to be working with people like Barry Fuller and have that experience."

The abbreviated inaugural season went on to produce "Brecht on Brecht," directed by Ewing, and "The World We Live In," directed by Ray Hill.

Season 2 initiated a tradition that has become synonymous with McCoy: the production of plays by The Bard.

"We have a strong tradition of Shakespeare," says Ewing. "We are doing things others in town can't do and we like to ask big questions."

Jilg notes that one of the advantages of being a college theater, subsidized by the college, is the ability to

select plays on their merit without concern about their commercial viability. McCoy's nonprofit status has allowed it to experiment with Shakespeare in ways that have pushed the boundaries of audience approval.

The company's Shakespeare tradition began with "The Tempest," brought to the stage by guest director Bennett Wood in May 1983. The next year, Ewing's production of "The Taming of the Shrew" drew praise from the *Memphis Business Journal's* theater critic Edwin Howard. The show "crackled with invention and spirit under Julia 'Cookie' Ewing's clever direction," he wrote when selecting the play as one of the year's best citywide. All told, 12 Shakespeare plays have graced the McCoy stage.

But few productions earned the attention that Ewing's "Hamlet" did in Season 22.

"We turned it on its head," she says. Indeed, Ewing prepped the audience for the departure from tradition in her director's note from the playbill: "This is not your traditional 'Hamlet.' We have laughter and fun.

We have music and pratfalls. There are no traditional costumes." Photos from the performance show actors dressed in contemporary, daily attire. "We liked to say, 'It's not your mama's Shakespeare,'" Ewing laughs.

A few traditionalists voiced dislike of the production, but the overwhelming response was positive, Ewing says.

"The thing that I will remember is that the audience, after every performance, did not want to leave. They stood, and they clapped, and they did not want to leave."

While all productions bring with them challenges, McCoy consistently has undertaken plays controversial in nature and difficult in scope. Season 23 brought to stage "The Laramie Project," a play written about the brutal 1998 hate-crime killing of Matthew Shepard near Laramie, WY. Elaborate musicals such as "Cabaret," "The Fantasticks," "Robber Bridegroom" and "Carnival" take place typically once a year during the performance season. But arguably, little compares with the tackling in 1985 of "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby."



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Performing Arts Coordinator **Kevin Collier** graduated from Rhodes in 1991 with a major in Theatre and a minor in English/fiction writing. He worked for five years in Tulane University's Department of Publications, returning to Memphis in 1998 to pursue a career in advertising and electronic media development. Collier rejoined his alma mater in 2005 to serve on the McCoy staff.

McCoy Theatre lays claim to being the first in the South—and the first college troupe ever—to stage the 7½-hour show, a production so lengthy that it was performed in two-night runs 12 times. "Nick Nick" as it is affectionately referred to at McCoy, required 2 ½ months of rehearsal (220 hours), followed by 100 hours onstage in performance. It involved a community-wide cast of 38 actors playing 131 roles in 95 scenes.

Bringing the 360-page script to life resulted in a cost of \$20,000, almost a whole year's



TREY CLARK

Tony Garner '65

budget, Garner told the *Commercial Appeal*, Memphis' daily newspaper. The sheer scope of the endeavor led to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and helped net Garner the Clarence Day Dean's Award for Research and Creative Activity. And again, *Memphis Business Journal* critic Howard chose a McCoy production as one of the year's best.

Perhaps the resilience of McCoy casts and crews as they undertook those difficult productions over the years prepared them for an unexpected moment that even today affects the joyous celebration of the theater's 30th season. In the mid-1990s, Garner was diagnosed with cancer. Throughout his treatment, he continued to work, conducting concerts—even singing at a benefit for Memphis actor Jim Ostrander, also battling cancer, whose name is attached to the city's annual theater awards. Garner had turned over his duties to Ewing by the time he died June 25, 1998, at age 55.

“One of the beautiful things, though, at his memorial service,

which was at Evergreen (Presbyterian Church),” Ewing reflects, “was that all of those singers he had taught came back and they started singing and that whole place was just incredible. I've never heard anything like that since.” Today, the campus' only fountain serves as a memorial to Garner. Dedicated at Homecoming 1999, the fountain is in Garner Court at the main entrance to McCoy Theatre.

Thanks again to the McCoy Foundation, in 2006, the theatre underwent an expansion that added office and classroom space along with a costume shop and a studio that compares in size to the actual performance area. Along the hallway of the new space hangs what might be another tribute to Garner: professional headshots of all the students on campus who are active in McCoy productions, be they theater or econ majors, undecided or bound for a career in medicine. The diversity of students attests to Garner's hopes for a teaching theater grounded in the liberal arts, and to the current faculty's ability to draw students from all disciplines.

As Season 30 opened with a bang in October 2010, the hallway of photos was packed with theatergoers poring over 29 digital photo frames and scrapbooks featuring every past McCoy performance. Before filling the hallway, the crowd had seen a reprisal of “The Robber Bridegroom,” originally produced in Season 8. In November, a reunion for the cast of “Nicholas

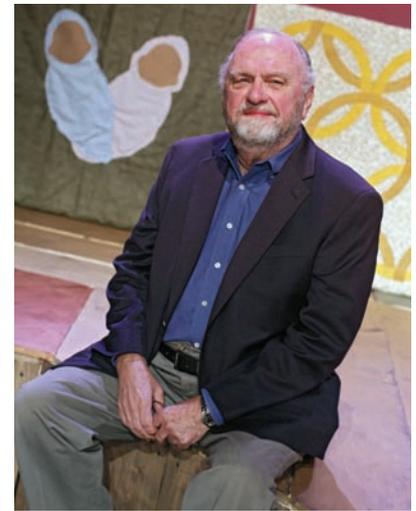


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David Mason, associate professor of Theatre, has been teaching at Rhodes since fall 2004 in the Theatre Department and as part of the college's Search program. He received a doctorate in Theatre Research from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.A. in South Asian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a B.A. in Comparative Literature from Brigham Young University. Mason additionally studied Sanskrit and Hindi in India and was a Fulbright Fellow there in 2001-02. He has taken two groups of Rhodes students to academic programs in India.



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Marler Stone

Thirty years of McCoy memories were on display for theater patrons on the opening night of "Robber Bridegroom" during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2010.

"Nickleby" drew 22 out of 32 surviving members of the original cast, many of whom recorded their memories in a video session. Their stories and the recollections of all the other cast and crew members over the years give McCoy life, says Ewing.

While much has changed since "Candide" opened that cold February night, the core values that have made McCoy Theatre successful—innovation, resilience, quality, fearlessness—remain. But, as Tony Garner wrote in the program for Season 1's final performance, when "a theater pops out," a little magic is, after all, required:

"I recall standing squarely in the center of the McCoy Theatre just prior to its completion. As I stood there, it occurred to me that no matter how functional this space was, no matter how attractive the facility, no matter what promise of the future lay ahead, what the McCoy Theatre needed was people ... 'spirits' or actors, performers, artists, directors, musicians, technicians and those other never seen but behind the scene people who help bring a theatre to life.

"Three months later, on the night after 'Brecht on Brecht' was struck, I came into the theater rather late in the evening. All the platforms were out, the lights were down and the theater appeared to be much like it was before it opened. But on this night the theater was warm and alive with 'spirits.' People had filled this space and had learned much from it. Communities of actors and technicians had taken the raw materials of script, score and talent and had created the magic of theater." 



I Am One, I Am Rhodes

If you went to Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend in October, you couldn't miss the signs proclaiming, "I Am One, I Am Rhodes."



Homecoming 2010

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Nor could you ignore the alums lining up to have their pictures taken while peering out of handheld "I Am One" cutouts. It certainly made a statement, but what exactly does it mean?

The idea is that, as Rhodes people, we are all one. We are united in the knowledge that our college is like no other; that the Rhodes experience is defined by lifelong



relationships with faculty, classmates, staff, parents and alumni, all of whom share a passion for learning and a desire to improve the world.

It takes all of us to ensure that the Rhodes experience remains the very best. And because we are all one, we have the power to:

- Recruit students who will benefit from and contribute to the Rhodes community
- Provide opportunities to students outside the classroom, such as paid internships, research opportunities,

fellowships, service projects and international travel

- Assist students and young alumni with professional and career development

- Support the college financially to ensure that Rhodes continues to recruit and retain the best students and faculty

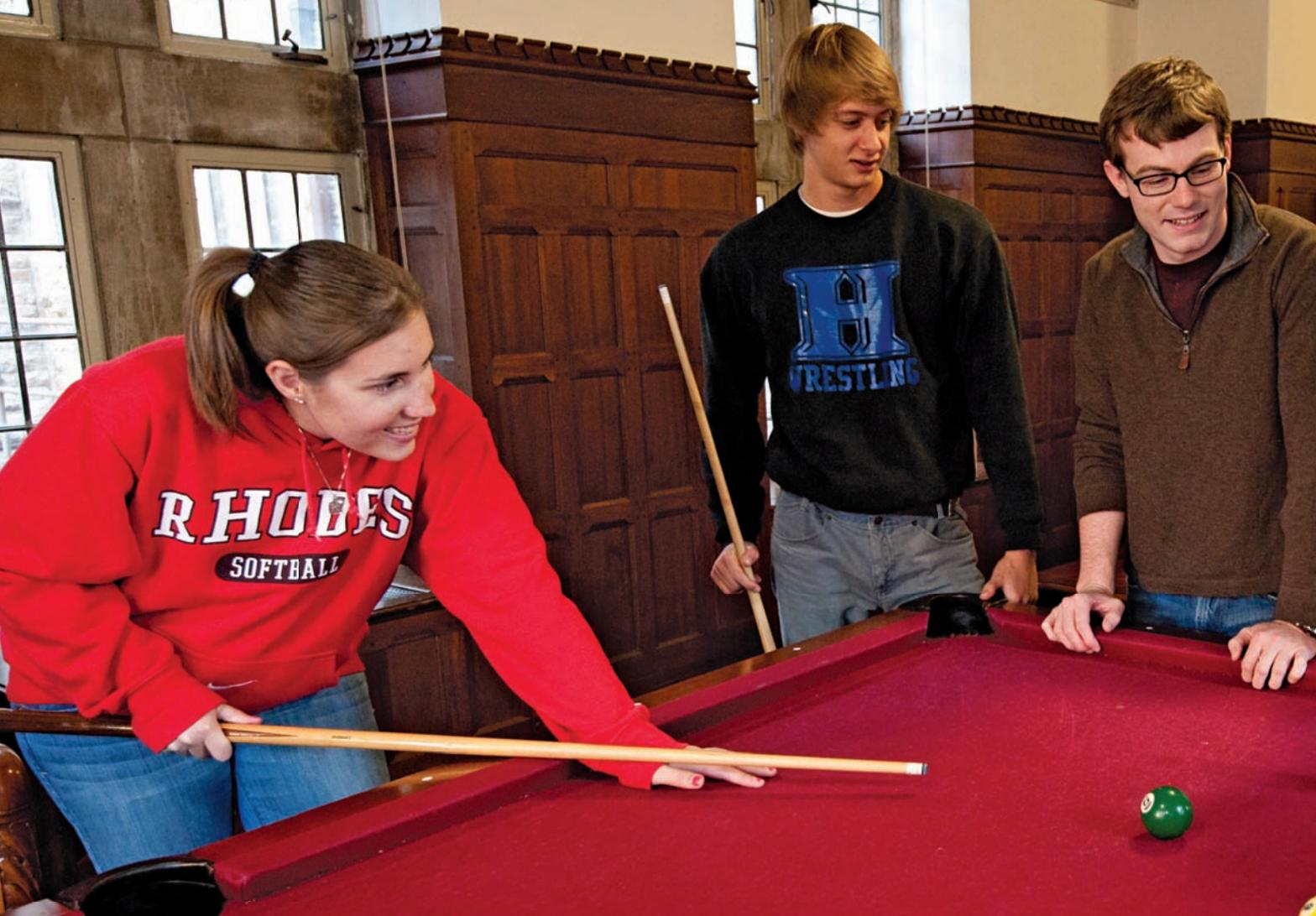
How do we do that, exactly? By helping the college reach three important goals in 2011—

1. Recruit 500 outstanding students for the Class of 2015
2. Increase the Annual Fund participation by 500 new donors
3. Increase volunteers for admission, development, career services and alumni programs by 20%

Consider what you'd like to do and where your expertise applies, then contact Kerry Connors, connors@rhodes.edu.

I Am One, I Am Rhodes.

We all are. **R**



More Than a Job

by Daney Daniel Kepple

Photography by Jay Adkins

Katie Stich '13 about to sink one in the Voorhies social room, to the admiration of Nick James '14, Williford RA Tyler Turner '11 and Voorhies RA Bailey Romano '12

To attract the very best people, employers can make an open position sound like heaven on earth. The Residence Life Office at Rhodes, though, doesn't. That's because Res Life, which hires resident assistants (RAs) makes it clear that expectations are high, the job can be grueling, and only top students need apply. Yet every year the Res Life staff attracts a stellar group of young people to fill the 37 RA positions.

They live and work with other students in the

dorms. They are counselors, friends and sometimes enforcers. Considered to be the support system for residents, RAs are expected to put their jobs ahead of everything—except academics. That's the first sentence in their job description, followed by: "The resident assistant is responsible for fostering an educational and comfortable residential community that supports residents' academic goals and provides for their safety and well-being. The resident assistant is also responsible for the explanation and enforcement of college policy." These expectations



are followed by 14 others, not to mention the usual “additional responsibilities as assigned” clause.

There are two full-time Res Life staff members, director Marianne Luther and associate director Regina Simmons. Two graduate assistants from the University of Memphis, Becky Taylor, who is pursuing an advanced degree in counseling, and Brent Owens '06, a Ph.D. student in higher education administration, serve as assistant directors. Four head RAs have leadership roles: seniors Woody

Lawson and Tyler Turner, and juniors Bailey Romano and Kelsey Smith. The 33 other RAs round out the program.

They are bound together by common responsibilities and a strong work ethic, but all similarities end there.

“We don’t have a cookie-cutter mold,” says Luther. “The RAs are representative of the student body. We have athletes, Greeks and non-Greeks, people from all types of involvements, majors and socioeconomic backgrounds. The one thing they all have in common is an understanding that being a resident assistant is more than a job.”

The RAs themselves agree that there’s no particular “type” that guarantees success.

“We’re not necessarily all extroverts,” says Physics major Anne Wilson '12, RA for second floor Trezevant. “It’s good to have a mix.”

Woody Lawson '11, a History major who works with students in the Spann Place townhouses and next-door Stewart Hall, agrees. “You can be introspective or outgoing. Both types do really well as RAs. But you do have to get outside your comfort zone.”

There are other words that come up a lot, beginning with “responsible.” English major Liz Moak '11, second floor Robinson, offers “approachable,” “understanding,” “selfless,” “open-minded,” “objective” and “trustworthy.”

History major Kelsey Smith '12, first floor Robinson, says, “You have to have a caring personality.”

Drew Wagstaff '11, an International Studies and History major who’s on first floor Townsend this year, adds, “You have to have a willingness to engage people and you have to be proactive.” He notes that RAs have to have the ability to “balance what residents want with what they need.” And yet, he says, “There’s no job I would rather do.”

These students are employees of the college, unlike many other student workers. The Human Resources Office, rather than Financial Aid, processes their



Robinson RAs Kelsey Smith '12 (left) and Liz Moak '11 in the Robinson laundry room

applications for employment and their paychecks, which are not opulent. They receive a single room for the price of a double and they are on call around the clock. What motivates them?

Most talk about a desire to give back to the college and the satisfaction they receive from helping others. Interestingly, most

current RAs report that they had wonderfully supportive, mentoring RAs their first year in college.

Moak recalls, "I came here knowing only one other person, my cousin. My RA made me feel like I had a friend. I want to do that for others."

Wilson says, "Seeing the residents

interact and become friends is very rewarding."

Smith recalls opening her door on a February 14 morning and finding Valentines, what she calls a "big pile of love by my front door," from her residents. She also notes that, as the oldest sibling in her family, "I like being the one who's responsible. I know that if

I'm in charge I will do it as well as I can."

Moak says, "I love being a resource for people."

And "the people" appreciate it.

For example, Stan Badger '12 says of Woody Lawson: "Woody doesn't follow the RA stereotype of simply policing his residents. He sees his job as helping us have a fun college experience while staying safe."

Adds John Wells '12: "I've been very fortunate to have Woody both as a fraternity brother and a friend. People know that they can talk to him in complete confidence, and he is always fair with his residents. I know if I have a problem, I can go and talk to him about it."

Alex Nicholson '14 jokes about Drew Wagstaff, but in a good way: "Drew may seriously lack skill with video games, but he makes up for it by being really good at life. That is why he is an effective RA."

In addition to friendships they develop, RAs find another major draw is the residence life community itself. Smith quotes a former RA friend: "He said being an RA is like having a prescreened group of friends who are fun, responsible and kind."

Lawson reports, "There's a bond among the people who share the same responsibilities and sacrifices."

Wilson refers to the "strong support system in the RA community."



Townsend RA Drew Wagstaff '11 (left) and Charles Walker '14 in the Townsend social room

The job has plenty of difficult moments, but the RAs are almost universal in their dislike of the "enforcer" part of their role, which Luther estimates takes less than five percent of their time.

Wagstaff says any difficulty diminishes if the RA is careful to be consistent and fair. "I've even had people volunteer to get written

up," he says. "My residents know I'm not out to get them."

Wilson notes, "I thought I would have to deal with a whole lot more than I have."

The RAs give high marks to the training they receive, which certainly doesn't end when the semester begins. "We get constant



Spann and Stewart RA Woody Lawson '11 (foreground), Sarah Bacot '13 (doorway), Stan Badger '12 (top window) and John Wells '12 (bottom window) in front of Spann Place

refreshers,” Smith reports. “We’re never really done.”

Luther says the staff tries to make the training both enjoyable and worthwhile. “They receive continuing training from the Counseling Center—how to deal with homesickness, which warning signs to watch for, how to encourage a resident to get

help. Another thing we try to get across is that so much of the job is common sense and instinct. We try to show them that they already know a lot.”

Apparently the high aspirations pay off.

“On a certain level you can’t be prepared for everything, but you can have a good understanding of

the available options and how to react appropriately,” Wilson muses. “Knowing you are as prepared as you can be builds confidence.”

“It’s good to know where to get the answers,” Wagstaff agrees. “Everything from ‘rush is going wrong,’ to ‘where do I park my bike?’”

Lawson reports, “I worked with another residence life program over the summer and ours is so much better. We receive excellent training in everything—how to build relationships, how to head off problems, what to do in a crisis. It’s all top-notch.”

The high morale and *esprit de corps* pay off for the college when the RAs have to go even more extra miles than usual. One such occasion arose when it was time to find housing for the record class that entered this fall.

Various tactics were used. Social rooms were converted to bedrooms, singles became doubles and doubles became triples. And some RAs were asked to take roommates. They were unfailingly gracious about the request.

“I volunteered to take a roommate,” says Moak. “I knew the request was a last resort and I really didn’t mind. I didn’t want a student to miss out on the opportunity to be here because I just love Rhodes.” **R**

The Chapters in Our Lives

By Martha
Hunter Shepard '66



Memphis young alums enjoy a sunset party on the rooftop of Memphis' Madison Hotel, July 2010

After people go to Rhodes, they find that Rhodes goes with them. With alumni located around the world (you never know who you'll run into, or where), and with a solid base of 16 Rhodes Chapters sprinkled about the country, reconnecting with the college is easier than ever. Chapters, arms of the Rhodes Alumni Association, have been called "outpost communities" of alums, parents and current students. More than that, they're like families who come together for old and new times' sake, for fun and fellowship that always end up helping the college in myriad ways.

For fun

You can find Chapter members at ballparks cheering for the Nationals, Astros, Travelers or Round Rock Express. They tailgate when the Lynx play local colleges.

The Nashville Chapter attended the opera last year,

and Chicago hosted a night at the theater, taking in a performance by Heather Tyler '97. Austin turned out to share some laughs when attorney and comedian John Ramsey '02 headlined at a comedy club.

Members of the Alumni Relations, Admission, Athletics and Development staffs travel to these gatherings. Often, a Rhodes professor will be there to speak about current events or the featured artist at an exhibition. Chapters also like to invite prospective students and their families to meet Rhodes people, including President and Mrs. Troutt, who enjoy attending as many of these events as they can.

Every Rhodes Chapter has a website, and many have a Facebook page to promote current events and contacts within the region. The St. Louis Facebook page features side-by-side pictures of the Gateway Arch and



Spencer Schlesinger '14 (left) greeted by Emily Bach '11, Jessie Fawer '11 and Sarika Mirchandani '12 at the New Orleans summer send-off at the home of Rhodes parents Dr. Peter and Linda Tufton

the Rhodes arch between Robinson and Williford. Most Chapters encompass large metropolitan areas. Others are more regional, like the Arkansas Chapter headquartered in Little Rock, North Texas in Dallas, or the New England Chapter based in Boston. (See Alumni Relations Director Bud Richey's column on page 39 to see how it all works.) Memphis, with the most alums (more than 3,000), last year divided itself into four geographic "clubs": Downtown, East, Midtown and Germantown/Collierville. It simply makes it easier for people to get together.

And do they love to get together—for happy hours and trivia nights at local pubs, dinners out or crawfish

boils and barbecues at people's homes. Sometimes, young alumni like to do things on their own, like have a spectacular sunset-on-the-river party on the rooftop of Memphis' Madison Hotel. And, bygones being bygones, some Chapters even party with alums of rival colleges.

Anne-Marie Crifasi '07 in New Orleans loves it all, including when the Chapter "co-happy hour-ed" with Sewanee and Vanderbilt alums last year. She especially enjoyed a Chapter-only reception and the chance "simply to meet, mingle and reminisce with Rhodes friends, faculty and family, both old and new." She adds that "connecting with generations of

Rhodes alumni enhances the fundamental unity we share. It helps keep Rhodes alive."

Many Rhodes people like to remember the city of Memphis, a large part of their college experience: The Arkansas Chapter marks Elvis' birthday at a restaurant where the chef makes fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches, the King's favorite. Some even risk heresy: The Houston Chapter is known to have hosted a Memphis-style barbecue the same weekend as the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest.

And just as they did in college, Chapters take community service

seriously. They do things on their own, or team up with local organizations to help make the world a better place.

For instance, Birmingham hosted a benefit show for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Austin Chapter members, following the lead of service chair Harry Swinney '61, regularly volunteer at a lunch program for the homeless.

The North Texas Chapter sponsors a team for the Step Out Walk to fight diabetes. The team, "Adah's Rhodesters" was formed in memory of Adah "Laura" Coultas '01 who passed away due to complications from diabetes.

For Rhodes

What happens in Chapters definitely doesn't stay in Chapters. The fellowship and fun always come back to aid the college. Members recruit at college fairs, host receptions for prospective students and their families, have "yield" parties for accepted students who haven't yet committed to Rhodes, then host summer send-off receptions for the first-years who have.

Bobbo Jetmundsen '77, chair of the Atlanta Chapter, and Rhodes parents Dr. Peter and Linda Tufton in New Orleans hold records for having hosted the most events. Jetmundsen seemingly holds open houses for Rhodes year-round,

Established Rhodes Chapters

Mobile/Gulf Coast—Nov. 10, 2003
Atlanta—Feb. 19, 2004
Washington, DC—April 19, 2005
Arkansas—May 24, 2005
Memphis—July 12, 2005
Nashville—Sept. 13, 2005
North Texas—Sept. 21, 2005
Birmingham—Oct. 27, 2005
Houston—Feb. 7, 2006
Chicago—March 23, 2006
New York—July 11, 2006
St. Louis—Nov. 27, 2006
New Orleans—Feb. 27, 2007
Austin—June 13, 2007
New England—June 24, 2008
San Francisco—June 17, 2009



New York host and Rhodes Trustee Chair Bill Michaelcheck '69 (seated) enjoys remarks by Bud Richey, Associate Vice President and Director of Alumni Relations, at a November 2010 reception



JUSTIN FOX/BIRKS

Members of the East Memphis Club of the Memphis Chapter enjoy the King's Audubon Drive home during Elvis Week, August 2010



CARSON IRMIN '08

Atlanta host Bobbo Jetmundsen '77 (left) and Michael Drompp, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, listen as Tracy Vezina Patterson '84, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, addresses Atlanta Chapter members in February 2009 before trekking to the High Museum to see "The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army"

welcoming area prospective and accepted students and their families and hosting Chapter get-togethers.

In New Orleans, the Tuftons, parents of Margaret '08, Michael '09, Anne '10 and Ashley '13 are right up there with Jetmundsen. In

fact, after one summer send-off, a guest was heard to say upon leaving, "Thank you for a wonderful time. See you next year!"

In the Washington, DC, area, Charlie and Lucy Cook, parents of Becky '08, are staunch Rhodes

supporters as well.

"Lucy and I have known of Rhodes' great reputation for 40 years, but it was Becky's enthusiasm and love for Rhodes that she developed as soon as she arrived in 2004 that was contagious," says Charlie. "We soon became evangelistic in our zeal to promote Rhodes in the Washington area, when it was just beginning to get on the radar screen for high school counselors, students and parents. Becky received her B.S. degree in Biology in 2008 and is almost finished with her graduate work toward a master's in genetic counseling, but we still support Rhodes financially and promote the school enthusiastically. What's there not to like? I don't know how someone could have an experience with Rhodes and not be incredibly impressed by the students, faculty and administration."

Terry '79 and Trudy Palmer-Ball Regan '82 in Cambridge, MA, share the Cooks' sentiments.

Trudy says it's fun reconnecting with the Rhodes community, but, "Basically, we just want to spread the word about Rhodes up here. In New England, people seem to fixate on a select few colleges and don't even bother to look outside that list. We're just glad to give some of these more adventuresome students a new alternative. It can be hard convincing them to look outside the box, but the few who do are really loving it. Academically, I believe Rhodes is just as strong as many of the New England colleges. Plus, the college admissions process is so stressful these days, it's wonderful to be able to tell students from the

Northeast about a really strong choice that would be a good fit for so many of them.”

Chapters don't stop after getting students to Rhodes. They're also big on holding career networking events, usually in the spring, helping find internships for current students and jobs for new graduates. The DC website even includes an “Internship Manual” and some “Job Hunting Tips for Federal Jobs” in the District.

There are one-on-one instances as well. When Shannon Myatt '92, an account manager at Reuters America in San Francisco, heard that Effie Du '11 was interested in moving to the bay area after graduation to pursue a career in business/finance, Myatt invited her to meet with her in her west coast office. Du flew out over fall break, met Myatt and a colleague for an informational interview and was provided with names of potential employers.

“Effie is a delight, says Myatt. “The whole encounter re-instilled the pride I have in the college. I can now pretend that I am as smart as she is since I went to the same school! All joking aside, I'm happy to be an advocate for Rhodes in any way I can.”

Elizabeth Tyson '02, a New York documentary maker, has asked for Rhodes interns. Assistant Professor of Art Liz Daggett, who heads Rhodes' CODA program (Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts), had already planned to accompany several CODA students in New York in January, so it was a natural for them to meet.

Says Daggett: “We were so excited to have met with Elizabeth. The theme of our trip was ‘surviving in the arts,’ and Elizabeth is a great example of not only surviving, but thriving. Her art history concentration at Rhodes provided a broad base, which makes her an excellent documentary producer, and I was happy to talk to her about that, as well as internship opportunities for current Rhodes students. The alumni network, from what I have seen, makes a fantastic effort to support not only other alums, but the current students, and that's really remarkable.”

Origins

Rhodes Alumni Clubs were put in place in the 1990s but went dormant until 2003 when Bud Richey took the helm as associate vice president and director of Alumni Relations. At the time, veteran Rhodes recruiter Billy McLean '57 in Mobile, AL, and Dave Wottle, then dean of Admissions, teamed up on Richey, encouraging him to re-establish them. McLean emphasized that Mobile alums would be more than happy to open their homes for many kinds of events. That set the standard, and in four months' time, the Mobile Chapter was born, with McLean as president. Other Chapters followed in rapid succession.

“Chapters continue to do so much to help advance the college,” says Richey. “And it doesn't matter how far they are from campus, they're all eager to engage in Rhodes activities. It is difficult to imagine turning back the clock to the days before our chapters were in place.”

Carey Thompson, Rhodes' new vice president for Enrollment and Communications, agrees.

“Coming from two other colleges that Rhodes would consider close competitors and ‘like’ institutions in many ways, I'm highly impressed with Rhodes' ability to command attention so far from home,” Thompson says. “On a recent ‘listening trip’ to Dallas, Houston, Austin and Denver, I was astounded with the level of interest in Rhodes in geographic regions that are distant from Memphis. While there is much work to do to spread the word about Rhodes, I believe the potential for the development of the national reputation of the college is outstanding.”

Marynell Branch '77 founded and heads the Arkansas Chapter as well as the Rhodes Alumni Association. She sees “more and more younger alums becoming involved. I'm liking the numbers,” she says. “We're building our bench.”

With a total of 14 years' service, Branch is the longest-serving member of the Alumni Board. And she doesn't do it for nothing.: “It has meant a whole lot to me. When you believe in something, you want to give back, and this is my way. Financially, you can always give, but giving with your heart and service is part of the Rhodes experience as well.” 

For more information
on Rhodes Chapters, visit
rhodes.edu/alumni

Rhodes Chapter Events June 1, 2010-January 6, 2011

Atlanta

Summer send-off Aug. 2 hosted by Cathy and Art Rollins '81, parents of Caroline '13

Admission/recruitment reception

Sept. 27 hosted by Brian '94 and Laura McRae O'Neill '97

Admission/recruitment

reception Jan. 3 hosted by Bobbo Jetmundsen '77

Austin

Summer send-off Aug. 5 hosted by Maria and Manny Farahani, parents of Leila Farahani '13

Birmingham

Summer send-off July 27 hosted by Emily and Bill Bowron, parents of Will '12

Chicago

Summer send-off Aug. 1 hosted by Janet and Mike Millis, parents of Andrew '11

Dallas

Summer send-off July 28 hosted by Carmen and Richard Ramirez, parents of Eli '13

Admission/recruitment reception

Nov. 10 hosted by Susan Brown and Bill McCoy, parents of Clark Ruppert '10

Greenwich, CT

Admission/recruitment reception

Nov. 1 hosted by Laura and Klaus Said, parents of Nick '14

Houston

Summer send-off July 29 hosted by Kelty and Rogers Crain, parents of Alex '12

Admission/recruitment reception

Nov. 8 hosted by Diane and Jim Cain, parents of Connor '14

Jackson, MS

Summer send-off July 31 hosted by Fred Smith and Emily Dunbar-Smith, parents of Katherine '09

Knoxville

Summer send-off June 6 hosted by Norma Keisling Holmes '52, Carroll Tuthill Minor '52, Barbara Bondurant Pelot '59, Joseph Dent '67, Bruce Guyton '78, Andy '88 and Patricia Hall Long '88

Little Rock

Summer send-off July 29 hosted by Courtney and Bill Mott, parents of Courtney Leigh '11

Louisville

Summer send-off Aug. 3 hosted by Stephanie and Doug Madison, parents of Roger '13

Memphis

1960 Class Homecoming/Reunion party Oct. 30 hosted by Kim '60 and Ray '60 Henley

Mobile

Admission/recruitment reception

Nov. 18 hosted by Charles '71 and Missy Meyers Jones '74

Nashville

Summer send-off July 18 hosted by Wendi and Bob Mahoney, parents of Alex '08 and Nathaniel '11

Admission/recruitment reception

October 12 hosted by Tanuja and Bhaskar Reddy, parents of Sreyas '13

Career networking Jan. 5

hosted by Becky and Stuart Campbell, parents of Molly '10

New Orleans

Summer send-off Aug. 1 hosted by Linda and Peter Tufton, parents

of Margaret '08, Michael '09, Anne '10 and Ashley '13

Admission/recruitment reception

Nov. 16 hosted by Ann and David Williams, parents of Elliot '12

New York City

Chapter event Nov. 9 hosted by Pam and Bill Michaelcheck '69

Phoenix

Admission/recruitment reception

Sept. 25 hosted by Lyric and Gary Naquin, aunt and uncle of McKenna Lewellen '13

St. Louis

Summer send-off Aug. 8 hosted by Peggy and Gary Polovich, parents of Michael '11

Career networking Jan. 5 hosted by Tori and Ken Mallin, parent of Chip '08 and Courtney '13

Admission/recruitment reception

Jan. 6 hosted by Christy and Edward Schlafly, parents of Eloise '12

San Francisco

Chapter event Aug. 30 hosted by Michael Horberg and Chip Brian '94

Washington, DC

Chapter event June 13 hosted by Claire Tonore '08, Caroline Lindley '08 and Jenny Mueller '08

Summer send-off July 29 hosted by Christine and Robert Leibner, parents of William '10

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Two Decades *of* Dilemma

By Lynn Conlee

When national education expert Jonathan Kozol lectured at Rhodes during fall semester, his appearance attracted the attention of faculty—one of whom called Kozol his “hero”—and Memphis City Schools Superintendent Dr. Kriner Cash, among others. Orchestrating the event was a single student, history major John Pevy ’11. Multiply Kozol and Pevy by several and you’ll have some sense of the impact of Dilemma, a weekend-long speaker symposium launched in 1966 by a handful of energetic and dedicated Rhodes students.

Dilemma speakers represented the best and brightest minds of their times. Politicians—some of whom went on to run for president—actors, writers, protestors, and religious leaders constituted just some of the lecturers leading themed symposiums.

It took two years of planning to get the program off the ground, in part because the student initiative was completely funded by contributions solicited by the students themselves.

“I think we helped birth something new at Rhodes,” says Joyce Malone Wilding ’66, whose role was to procure the speakers for Dilemma ’66. “Examining some of the key issues of our time based on the liberal arts perspective was the whole idea of Dilemma 66—to share thinking, look at some classic research and writing and teaching of key disciplines and then to continue to stay in dialogue.”

The inaugural symposium’s theme was “Society in Search of a Purpose” and included experts such as Dr. Frank Barron, a research psychologist at the University of California, writer Jesse Hill Ford, and a then little-

known freshman Congressman from Arizona, Morris King “Mo” Udall, a Democratic presidential candidate in 1976 who lost his party’s primary race to future president Jimmy Carter.

C.V. “Bo” Scarborough ’67, a founding member and now the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, recalls how the symposium was structured.

“We’d have the main lectures in the gym and then they would go to a fraternity house or a sorority house for a talk. So there was a speech and then a seminar and it was all open to the Memphis community.”

Dilemma was a hit both off and on campus.

“I recall the excitement of the weekend at the prospect of such world-class intellects descending on us and



1968—House Minority Leader Gerald Ford (R-MI), who would become U.S. vice president in 1973 and president in 1974, in Mallory Gym

how the gym was transformed into a Chautauqua, with rows of chairs dotting the whole basketball court,” says Carol Colclough Strickland ’68, who did not serve as a member of the Dilemma team, but represented one of the many students who benefited from their association with the event.

One of Dilemma’s biggest challenges

came in generating funding for the program.

“Freedom of speech was an important issue and we wanted to be able to control that ourselves. Having to raise the money made us think about being fair, not being one-sided,” says Scarborough, laughing as he recalled one particular fundraising moment.

“We’d go around to different businesses in town. One time, I was talking to the president of Otis Elevator and he said, ‘I don’t believe people should hear both sides. I think they should hear the right side.’ And then, he gave me \$200, which, for that time, was a lot of money.”

Fundraising helped connect Rhodes



1970—Ecologist G. Tyler Miller (left) and Yale chaplain, civil rights and antiwar activist William Sloane Coffin with students, faculty and staff in Briggs Student Center

students with the greater Memphis community where contributors not only donated funds but also suggested other donors.

“Dilemma was just a great experience. There were a lot of people involved. I did fundraising and got to reach out to a lot of businesspeople who became my mentors. In addition, they gave me money and ideas for Dilemma,” remembers John Sites ’74, a partner at Wexford Capital specializing in private and public equity investing. “Particularly William Leighton ‘Billy’ Reed, who was in residential and commercial construction. He told me he wanted to see more interesting and exciting speakers with divergent opinions come to Rhodes. Billy introduced me to other people and gave me leads.”

Famous names to grace the Dilemma dais over the years included then-Congressman Gerald R. Ford, head of the GOP leadership committee; famed theatrical producer and director Joseph Papp; author John Knowles; politician George McGovern; consumer activist Ralph Nader; philosopher and religious studies scholar Huston Smith; former Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Nobel Prize-winning biologist Dr. George Wald; ecumenicist Eugene Carson Blake; and bioregionalism expert Stephanie Mills.

“The theater producer Joseph Papp (Dilemma ’68) seemed like a big bear of a man, making the wit and vigor of Shakespeare come alive,” says Strickland. “But the most

moving was Viennese existential philosopher Viktor Frankl (Dilemma ’67), a holocaust survivor who’d experienced the worst degradation in a concentration camp and still kept his humanity and belief in the power of love.”

Recalls Deborah Sale ’70: “Dilemma opened us to the world of thought beyond Memphis. In 1967, I was Whitney Young’s student host. We discussed the slow progress of race relations and the personal impact on his family and mine. And the next year after Joseph Papp’s eye-opening talk, we sat in Bo Scarborough’s apartment discussing the role of theater in community before Papp’s late night flight back to New York. A few of our friends followed him like the pied piper into the New York

theater world. Rhodes encouraged our bravery, and Dilemma helped us channel it into new lives.”

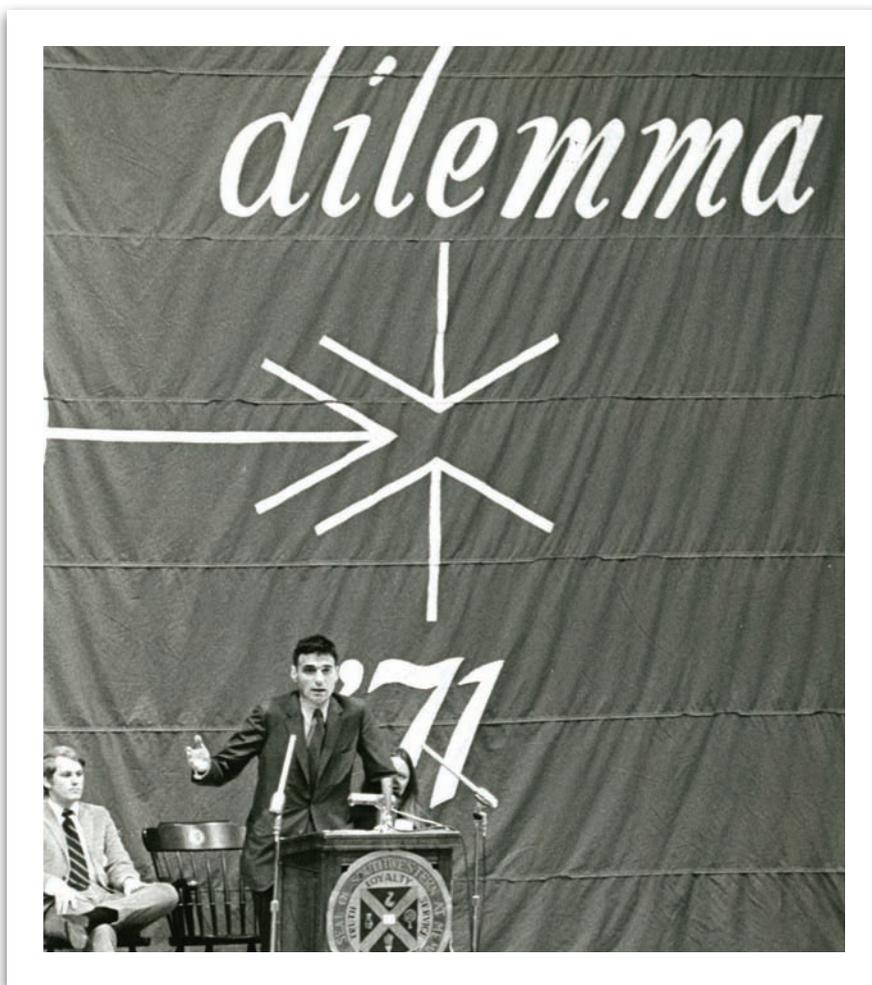
Dilemma celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1986 by becoming a biannual weeklong event. But the decision to change the symposium’s structure appeared to seal its fate. The *Sou’wester* reports on only one other Dilemma, in 1989.

Wilding notes that 2011 will be the 45th anniversary of the original Dilemma. For those former students who conceived of and helped organize the event, its influence is felt still today.

“Much of the work I did in ’66 is shaping my ministry now, beyond just my liberal arts,” says Wilding, an educational and environmental ministry leader. “It’s wonderful to have a liberal arts education, I’m actually grateful for the beauty of a liberal arts school that gets the big questions out.”

“I remember someone saying to me once, ‘How does it feel knowing that one of the most important things you’ve done in your life you did as a junior in college?’” says Scarborough. “There are people in Memphis who are still my friends today who I met in Dilemma. People speak glowingly of what it meant to Memphis then. There was nothing like it.”

Behind those immediate experiences, the program taught Rhodes students lasting lessons, according to Sites. “It (Dilemma) shows that if you’re motivated enough, if you want something enough, you’ll know how to get it done.” **R**



1971—Consumer activist Ralph Nader in Mallory Gym



1974—Daniel Ellsberg, antiwar activist who three years earlier, released the Pentagon Papers to the news media, and John Sites ’74

From the Alumni Relations Office

Dear Alumnus/α,

Greetings from the Alumni Relations Office!

An article in this issue of the magazine features Rhodes Chapters, providing opportunity for a bit of reflecting on the program. My first conversation about this matter occurred in July 2003, about two months into my service on the staff, in which Billy McLean '57 in Mobile suggested that the college could benefit by drawing on local alumni to plan and host gatherings on a regular basis.

The Alumni Relations staff members reviewed approaches used by other colleges and universities in an effort to learn more about what would make sense for Rhodes. Among several conversations, one stands out: The alumni director of a fine liberal arts college said: "If you don't have them, I certainly would not start them now," indicating his college's alumni clubs

were "high maintenance ... and too much work." Staff members of other institutions were more encouraging.

The time was right to begin organizing alumni and parents of students at the local level. We had heard from Mobile, explored good practices of sister schools and realized that we would benefit by having alumni and parent involvement at the local level. Our Alumni Board came to the same conclusion in embracing a view being advanced by Bobbo Jetmundsen '77 in Atlanta. Thus, in the October 2003 meeting of the Alumni Board, a decision was reached to formalize a "Steering Group" centered in Mobile to serve the Gulf Coast from Pensacola, FL, to Gulfport, MS, and a "Regional Caucus" in Atlanta to serve people within a two-hour driving radius from Atlanta.

In April 2005, after some tuning



Bud Richey

efforts, we began the work of establishing Chapters in communities where we had good concentrations of alumni and students.

As we look from the early days to the present, we have come to rely so heavily upon our 16 Rhodes Chapters for serving as vehicles through which the college advances.

The March 2011 meeting of the Alumni Board will be an important one regarding the future of regional programs. Leaders of the Alumni Association will be asked for their thoughts and ideas to guide the Alumni Relations Office in selecting sites in which to establish new Chapters or Clubs. My expectation is that we will build upon the good work of so many alumni and parents in charting "phase II" of the Rhodes Chapters model.

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/Reunion Weekend Oct. 21-22:

- Distinguished Alumnus/α Award
- Young Alumnus/α of the Year
- BSA Distinguished Alumnus/α Award
- Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations are also being sought for a three-year term of service on the **Alumni Association Executive Board**. Individuals may nominate themselves for board membership.

Nominations must be received by **Friday, March 11, 2011**

Use the electronic form at rhodes.edu/alumni2951.asp or e-mail alumni@rhodes.edu or mail to:
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Class Notes

By John Bryant '11

Rhodes College
Alumni Association
President
Marynell Branch '77
Little Rock, AR

1938

Our thoughts are with **Lewis Donelson** whose beloved wife of 65 years, Jan, passed away Sept. 22, 2010, in Memphis.

1941

70th reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Ann Bell, retired professor of hematology at the University of Tennessee-Memphis Health Science Center, where she served for 44 years, was pictured in the Oct. 30, 2010, Memphis *Commercial Appeal* signing copies of her book, *The Morphology of Human Blood Cells*. The book signing was part of her 90th birthday celebration given by the Department of Internal Medicine at the UTCHS College of Medicine. Her book is considered to be the atlas of blood cells.

1950

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Helen Dacus writes: "I couldn't attend the Homecoming Reunion in October, but there was a Rhodes alumni reunion at the Arts Center in Little Rock in June 2010 and my son and daughter-in-law took me to the fun evening

called "Music, Martinis and Mummies." A history professor from Rhodes spoke on the "World of Pharaohs" exhibit there. My grandsons attended with us. Joe is with Stephens Inc. and Weston played with the Kansas City Chiefs the last two years."

1951

60th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Betty Gray McGehee retired as pastor in New Haven, LA, and is now living in Lakes Charles and serving two vacant churches.

Frances Crouch Perkins is busy with volunteer work (HOPE Ministries and Senatobia Presbyterian Church); plays in three bridge groups; and enjoyed traveling to San Clemente, CA, Whitefish, MT, and Atlanta last year.

1956

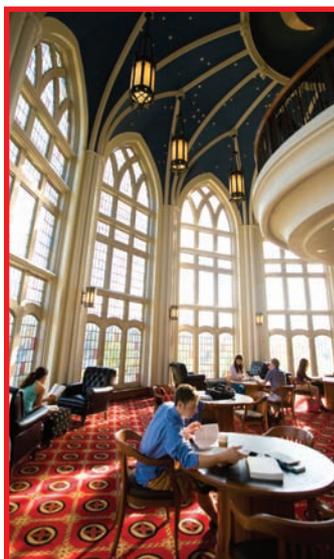
55th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Marty Morrison Moore writes: "I'm still loving Florida—doing a lot of modeling still (they love us old mamas). Children and seven grandkids doing great. Hope to get to Memphis and homecoming some year soon."

Jim Turner's granddaughter is a first-year student at Rhodes.

Edith Jean Cooper of Long Beach, CA, writes: "I participate in a weekly 'Pub Quiz' with people younger than I. When I know some arcane fact, to their amazement, I smile and say, 'The Man course and Senior Bible.'"



The Charitable Annuity: The Gift That Keeps Giving

The charitable gift annuity is an increasingly popular way to make a planned gift to Rhodes while enjoying fixed income for life and possible tax benefits. In exchange for a contribution of \$10,000 or more, in cash or appreciated stock, Rhodes can offer you a fixed annual payment for life, based on your contribution, your age and the current annuity rates established by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

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75	6.4%
80	7.2%
85	8.1%
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1958

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Though 2010 was not an anniversary year for our class, a good representation of classmates went to Homecoming/Reunion weekend. Several wanted to celebrate **Bob Welch's '59** induction into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame. Many went for the unveiling and presentation of a portrait of Dr. Tom Lowry. Some seen at the reunion were: **Lewis Murray, Mike Cody, John Quinn, Jettie Bowen, Robert Neil Templeton, Chuck Blake, Beth LeMaster Simpson, Richard Dortch, Milton Knowlton and Walker and Diane McMillan Wellford '59.**

We hear from **Lewis Murray** in Chevy Chase, MD, that he and wife Giorgina have downsized. Moving within the same neighborhood, there won't be so much house and yard to care for, which Lewis calls "liberating." The Murrays left in November for a few months in their home in Italy. Lewis thoroughly enjoyed Homecoming, including the lovely brunch President and Mrs. Troutt gave for the 50-year grads, the golden oldies.

Another Homecoming attendee was **John Quinn** of Washington, DC. John represented Rhodes at the inauguration of the new president, Dr. Mitchell B. Reiss, at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. John and wife Joan had a delightful time, along with other college representatives (in their academic regalia), proudly representing Rhodes.

Mike Cody enjoyed seeing Bob Welch and

Dr. Lowry honored at Homecoming. Mike has received some honors of his own recently. He received the IAM Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Academy of Mediators. He was also named the *Best Lawyers'* 2011 Memphis Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year. *Best Lawyers* is an old, respected peer-reviewed publication for the legal profession.

Also enjoying Homecoming festivities and seeing friends from other classes were **Robert Neil Templeton**, Virginia Beach, VA, and his wife Karen. While in Memphis, they stayed with old friends **Jettie** and Glenda **Bowen**. The Templetons spent Thanksgiving in Savannah, GA, with a daughter-in-law's family and then went to Greensboro, NC, for a delayed feast with three of their children and their families.

In my request for information from the '58 e-mail list, I mentioned that I might have a paragraph for folks who just hit "reply" on the computer and say, "I'm alive and kicking." **Kip Shoaf Zbinden** took me up, writing, "Louis and Kip Shoaf Zbinden are both still here and enjoying every minute!" Not quite enough for **Louis**, who expanded a bit on their doings. In November, the Zbindens hosted a group of old Union Seminary friends and a professor they all admire at a houseparty at their Texas beach house. They also had recently visited sister-in-law **Peggy Moffat Zbinden '59** (brother **Ray's '60** widow) in Dallas, and enjoyed looking at her 50th reunion booklet.

In September I passed along to the class e-mail list a link to an article in *Newsweek* praising Rhodes'

service learning programs. I mentioned in the e-mail **Beth LeMaster Simpson's** work with the Kinney program over the years. Beth responded, saying that she had told Dr. Troutt that, "It was amazing to see what an enormous part Dr. Kinney had in shaping the character of the college." She said that she was grateful that Dr. Troutt saw the importance of service learning and had made it a cornerstone of his vision for Rhodes. She also mentioned the many remarkable students who have been part of the service learning experience.

Nan Schaeffer Graham writes from Wilmington, NC, some heartwarming news: "Our big news? Our son Howell just celebrated his 20th anniversary or *lungiversary*—as some stories say—of his double-lung transplant. This makes him the longest surviving double-lung transplant cystic fibrosis recipient ... IN THE WORLD! This was the child who doctors said, when he was diagnosed at age two, would never make first grade! Today at 48, married to a beautiful dentist, he is a partner in a real estate appraisal firm and raising two Labrador retrievers. The double-lung transplant was done by the remarkable team at NC Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill." Now in her 17th year, Nan is still doing biweekly public radio commentary.

Traveling to scenic Alaska on a 14-day cruise were **Mike Ivy** and wife Jane from Benton, AR. He said the weather was great and the food wonderful. In the spring the Ivys plan to go to their favorite fun spot, New Orleans, which they haven't visited since Hurricane Katrina.

Charles Somervill checked in from Granbury, TX,

where he has been pastor of First Presbyterian Church for the past 16 years. He has also been adjunct professor of communication at TCU for the past 10 years. Charles plays racquetball three times a week, goes fishing on his day off, and along with wife Linda and Siamese cat Dexter, he is living a happy life.

A sports note from **Jane Alexander Biedenharn '59** about tennis-player husband **Jack** in Vero Beach, FL. Jack and son Joe teamed up in November to play in the National Senior Father-Son Doubles Tournament in Sarasota. This will be Jack's last year as "just a senior" player. He'll age up into the "super senior" category.

Jane Dean Sohm, Memphis, writes about a lovely Rhodes choir concert she attended in the fall. It was the Rhodes College Choirs Fall Concert, with James Cornfoot and William Skoog directing and Debbie Smith accompanying. "The talent of the singers, the expertise of the directors and the enthusiasm of the listeners made for a delightful event. I was eager to say that I, too, graduated from Rhodes!"

Sam Cole, also in Memphis, writes that he is now serving on the board of directors for the Mid-South Regional Blood Center (Memphis Lifeblood.) He and his wife took a fall vacation to visit son David, an ESL high school teacher in Alexandria, VA. While in the Washington area, the Coles visited a newly restored "Lincoln's Cabin," which served as Lincoln's getaway, like modern-day Camp David. They also saw a marvelous performance of '60s and '70s music at Wolf Trap.

Linda Hardesty and **Arnold Schroeter**, Rochester,

Class Notes

MN, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June in Los Angeles with daughter Laura and family, including husband Bruce and beloved grandchildren Isaac and Ana. In July, Linda and Arnold again went on a work project to a church in Sitka, AL. That church was started by a minister who established the Schroeters' First Presbyterian Church in Rochester 150 years ago.

Intrepid travelers **Mary** and **Buddy Whiteaker**, Pine Bluff, AR, took to the road for a fall trip to New England. They began in Boston, and went on to Cape Cod, where they visited with Buddy's old roommate **Paul Thompson** and his wife Bunny. They visited the historic Episcopal church, St. Andrew's By-The-Sea, in Hyannis Port, where Bunny's grandfather had served, and where Paul, though retired, is the senior prelate serving the church. They stopped in New York City on their way south, taking in three Broadway shows, before landing in Washington, DC "to add our voices to Jon Stewart's Rally4Sanity in politics." These Whiteakers are tireless!

Thanks so much for the news. If more of you have-email, which is the way I receive most of this news, and I don't have your address, please do send it along to me. It's good to stay in touch.

1959

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Sincere condolences to Anders and **Peggy Ann Bornman Kaufmann** on the tragic death of their son, Anders Jr., in an automobile accident.

Congratulations to **Bob Welsh** on his induction into

the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame. I think we can all remember Bob's cross country days!

Jane Alexander Biedenbarn writes of family, of attending a memorial service in California for brother, **David Alexander '53** (president emeritus of Pomona College and 16th president of Rhodes College).

Ed Stock's wife Martha Dale is now in skilled nursing care at their retirement facility in Cary, NC. Ed reports proudly of his representing Rhodes at a fight song competition on College Day at his new residence. He came in second, winning out over "large numbers" of North Carolina State and UNC staff and other entrants from Notre Dame and the University of Florida. Ed says he was beaten by .04 points on the noise meter. Part of his routine was his rendition of the Lynx fight song. Go Lynxcats! And, go Ed! Ed also writes of a gathering of seminary classmates, hosted by **Louis '58** and **Kip Shoaf Zbinden '58** at their south Texas beach house.

Frank and **Susie Splann** spend much of their time in Hawaii although Frank is still practicing medicine (urology) in Dallas. Frank says he is blessed with five children, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one cat.

Mary Farish Sharp talks about seeing Rhodes folks everywhere she goes, including a week in Maine where she saw **Allen '61** and **Marilyn Davis Hughes '61**. Mary called attention to Allen's growing reputation as a talented artist and bird carver. Mary has accepted leadership of our class's 55th reunion party and has some plans for the Elvis Presley home on Audubon. I

remember that place! Before Graceland!

As I prepared these news items my own plans included time in Montreat, NC, over the Thanksgiving holiday with **Ann Evans** and **Ann Vines Roberts '60**. We have been warned about the growing bear nuisance there, including the bear seen on the top of **Sissy Rasberry Jones' car!** Yipes!

1960

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Morris Reagan writes, "In October, **Mary Crouch Rawson** and I had a wonderful time on a car trip to Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Taos, NM."

1961

50th Reunion
Homecoming: Oct. 21-22
Reporter: George Awsumb
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Nelle Nuckolls Kottman recently retired from Iowa State University Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Jim Hutter is "still teaching away here in the Political Science Department at Iowa State University."

Harvey Jenkins writes: "Beginning in February, I flunked retirement by accepting a position as interim executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), located in Central Alabama. That means I am back and forth between my home in Panama City Beach, FL, and Birmingham, AL, on an all too regular basis. My first presbytery staff position was in Birmingham

23 years ago."

Ken Barker and wife Marilyn entertained 43 medical students from Italy who were in Buffalo to take a gross anatomy course at a local college where Ken taught for 25 years and from which he was recently awarded professor emeritus status. The students were largely from the universities of Bologna and Salerno. "It was pleasant being around so many young people. The anatomy program, which will be an annual event, will run for four weeks each summer. Several local physicians affiliated with the Italian-American medical club came over as well. It was good fun grilling shrimp and preparing some Italian dishes. Two of the visiting students spent one morning with Marilyn at her pediatric clinic."

Tom and **Judith Carson Vestal** continue to enjoy "retirement," as they both stay quite busy. "Tom serves as a supply priest for the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) and recently served in Memphis at St. James REC. It was so nice to see old friends again. He also served at our local parish while the priest was on vacation. I enjoy serving as a consultant to the occupational therapy program at Louisiana State University Health Center. In addition, I continue to volunteer with CASA as a court appointed special advocate. CASA advocates for children who have been abused or neglected and are going through the court system. Sad sometimes, but comforting being able to make a change in these children's lives. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Where did 2010 go?"

Jack and **Emma Thompson** welcomed their 17th grandchild into the family.

Jack had the pleasure of representing son Scott and daughter-in-law Beth in court for the adoption. Scott and Beth have been the foster parents of John Michael for all but two days of his nearly two years. They are the parents of five older children, ages 8 to 19. At the end of the hearing, everyone in the court room clapped, to John Michael's delight.

1963

Reporter: Charlie Rich
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I volunteered to become the '63 class reporter with the hope of reconnecting with members of my class. I have also been disappointed to see that our class seldom has any news printed in *Rhodes* magazine. So, I am soliciting news from class members. My e-mail address has been misreported several times in the magazine—it is TRULY gsrscar@sbcglobal.net. I and other classmates will be happy to hear from you!!

A brief update: **Gretchen Smith Rich '62** and I have been in Stillwater, OK, for 22 years. We moved here from Monroe, LA, where I had been on the faculty of the School of Construction for 19 years. After we moved to Oklahoma, our older son, Burton, married and blessed us with our first three grandchildren, a boy, a girl and another boy, and they now reside in Medford, NJ. Not long thereafter, two more grandchildren, a boy and a girl, were born to our second son, Kenneth, in Little Rock, AR.

Through all this, Gretchen has been running a highly successful and personally rewarding in-home Suzuki violin and piano studio for 30 years, and I recently ('06) retired. Shortly after I was promoted to professor emeritus, our

daughter Meredith, also in Stillwater, presented us with spontaneous, identical triplet grandsons. To allow both new parents to continue working, we and the other grandparents (also in Stillwater) have assumed day-care duties during the week. We have the boys here at TRIPLET TOWN DAY CARE CENTER three days each week, and Gretchen continues to teach private music. They are truly a blessing in our lives, and it is a joy to watch them grow and learn new things each day! They were four in December, and will start school next fall, and the school is only two blocks from our house!

The other change at our house is that we moved Gretchen's mom in with us last summer. She had been living in a condo in Stillwater for 18 years and is adapting to her new surroundings with grace and style. Can you spell Sandwich Generation? Well, here we are and enjoying it all, even though it is quite different from what our original concept of retirement was!

I hope to hear from you soon!

1964

Reporter: Mary Lou Quinn
McMillin

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Greetings. As you "settle down" with your newest issue of *Rhodes*, I hope you find a warm, cozy spot and treasure the memories that these "news bites" bring of classmates and the times we shared together.

Eleanor Lawrence Geiger shared that husband **Tom** and **Jim Fall '65** took a grand hike in the Grand Canyon. On Oct. 8, Tom, Jim and two other guys hiked 21 miles from the South Rim

to the North Rim of the Canyon in one day. The original plan had been to hike back on a 24-mile trail, but discretion proved the better part of valor. In spite of some wicked good blisters, it was a glorious experience. The scenery was beautiful and included both a sunrise and a sunset.

From **Rita Edington Odom**: "It was an absolutely beautiful spring and summer in the Texas hill country and I have a new grandson." Congratulations, Rita!

Linda Jackson Walter writes of her work running a travel agency: "We had a very busy year planning and executing so many groups. 2010 was the year of the once-a-decade Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, so we had numerous tours to that as well as to Turkey, Spain and Portugal. 2011 is already busy and selling. We are doing fewer trips because we are getting older but have Egypt and Jordan in February, the Pyrenees area of France with Paris in March, Holland and Belgium when the bulbs are in bloom in April, fabulous France in June and, the newest idea—a mystery tour in September. The travelers know that it flies into Capri and out of Munich—in between is a mystery!" And, of her family: "My children are great and both successful in their lives, so life is good for us. My nine brothers and sisters are a continual source of fun for me though we lost our parents and one brother during the last several years. As the oldest of all of these siblings, I feel like 'the mom' now. That's overwhelming. How did she do it?"

Carolyn Cooper Hill says, "My husband Randy and I have turned our lifestyle upside down. In the past year, we sold our summer home in the Canadian

Rockies and our primary residence in Palm Desert, CA, and have moved to Bend, OR. It is a naturally beautiful area and offers both of us an opportunity to simultaneously pursue our respective hobbies. I am moderating a class titled 'Civil Liberties and the Bill of Rights' and will follow with 'Famous Trials' in the spring. These classes are intended as continuing education for senior citizens. Randy has his pick of beautiful, freshwater trout streams. We anticipate spending January and February in New Zealand. We bike on a daily basis and are still healthy and happy."

From Nashville, **Howard Romaine** reports that he is "working out of a weekly feature newspaper office" just down the street from Fisk and Meharry Med School, where he has an office, practices some law and writes a legal column for the newspaper. The University of Memphis recently honored Dr. Hortense Spillers, with whom Howard lives, as an outstanding graduate. Hortense lectured at Duke recently, where she (with Howard) was in residence about two weeks at a seminar open to graduate students, faculty and undergraduates. It dealt with her current research topic, citizenship formation in the early republic, especially focusing on Thomas Jefferson and the recent series of histories and novels based on his relationship with Sally Hemmings. "At Duke we had a series of fabulous dinners at both restaurants and private homes, including the UNC Chapel Hill home of **Dr. Jacquelyn Hall '65**, and her husband Bob Korstad after Hortense made a brief appearance at Jackie's

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seminar in American history.”

From **Ann Clark** we hear, “After a week in Destin, I visited son Clay in Minneapolis at the end of August. He has moved there to attend law school at St. Thomas University. I, along with **Jo Cox Sanders** and **Gail Hoover Parrish** and our sons, were all sweating bullets to see if the Auburn Tigers could keep on winning!”

Tom Lappage writes, “Had a fun summer with lots of travel. In June, it was off to Pennsylvania to help a friend from our Florida days celebrate his 70th birthday. In July, Thuy and I celebrated our 40th anniversary by spending some time in a B&B in the historic district of Charleston (one of our favorite cities). Near the end of August we headed west, first spending a few days in Seattle and then doing an Alaska cruise/tour, seven nights on the ship (with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway) and another five nights on land in Alaska. What a beautiful place and we were very fortunate to get clear weather to see the glaciers and Mt. McKinley. We looked for **Hayden Kaden** but couldn't find him. I continue to be semiretired. After retiring from IBM in 2002, they have continued to keep me around as a contractor or supplemental. Lower pay but no stress!”

Challace and **Mary Lou Quinn McMillin** were the honored guests of members of the Memphis University School's Class of 1970 as they celebrated their 40th class reunion in September. Challace taught and coached football and track at MUS from 1966-68. **Peggy Early Williamson '68**, director of admissions at MUS, was on hand to welcome us as were **Jerry '60** and **Ruth Burrow**

Peters '60. Jerry is in his 51st year at MUS, coaching basketball. Earlier in September, Mary Lou had a wonderful visit in Highlands, NC, with **Bummie Crowell Nurkin '66** from Atlanta and **Nancy Bullard Ladner '65**, who lives nearby in Greenville, SC. In October, Mary Lou was privileged to bring her 97-year-old mother, Flossie Quinn, to Memphis to celebrate Evergreen Presbyterian Church's 100th anniversary. Flossie is Evergreen's oldest member. While there we were the guests of **Ladye Margaret Craddock Arnold '44** and enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of her daughter **Peggy Early Williamson '68** and husband Jim along with Ladye's stepson **Bill Arnold '63** and his wife Margaret Anne Fohl. On Sunday evening, I enjoyed a visit with **Ann Adams** over supper at Panera.

1965

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Our 45th reunion was great! Hope to see many of you at the next one ... the big 50! If you are not receiving my e-mails as class reporter, please take a moment and send me your correct contact information. Keeping up with our ever changing e-mails, etc. is an ongoing challenge. Even if you don't have news to share, a quick hello will be appreciated. Thank you.

Our thoughts are with the family of **Berney McInness Bridges**, whose husband, Claude, passed away Nov. 17, 2010,

Cam and **Joan Herbert Murchison '64** were not able to attend the reunion but sent this: “We have moved to Black Mountain, NC, as

Cam undertakes a sabbatical year from Columbia Theological Seminary prior to his scheduled retirement at the end of June 2011. Cam is working on two different research projects during his sabbatical, while Joan continues her work as project manager for the WJK publication, *Feasting on the Gospels*. Having gotten settled in Black Mountain, we are both looking forward to two months at Clare Hall, Cambridge, England in February and March 2011.”

Pat Hargrave shares this: “Bud Richey asked me to represent Rhodes at the inauguration of Furman University's new president, Rodney Smolla. I was very pleased to do so. The inauguration was Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, under bright blue skies. Colleges and universities from around the country were represented, and it was an honor to be in the procession with them. My husband John and I also enjoyed the lovely luncheon that was served after the ceremony.”

Tom and **Judy Simono Durff '66** unfortunately missed the reunion, but Tom writes: “We continue our very gratifying work here east of San Francisco, home of the amazing Giants. I am working as an instructor in a day program for developmentally disabled adults, ages 22 to 64, in Martinez. Stimulating, challenging, gratifying and underpaid. Judy is thriving as the associate pastor for spiritual formation at a relatively large Presbyterian church in Lafayette. We plan to keep going as long as the energy is there.”

From **Lou Ellyn Hindman Griffin**: “We combined the 45th reunion at Rhodes with a visit to family and friends in the region, as many others did. We visited cousins in

southeast Kentucky for a day, and then continued on a Kentucky odyssey to see a cousin in Louisville, and on to Lexington. Visited Henry Clay's mansion and the UK campus as well as Shaker Village, Berea College and Centre College. At Cumberland Gap we hiked a mile or two on the wilderness trail and saw three states (Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee) from the overlook. The fall colors were lingering. On our trip to the Knoxville airport and home on Nov. 5, we had brief snow showers at the Kentucky-Tennessee border.”

1966

45th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22
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I hope everyone in our class is making plans to attend our 45th reunion in October 2011. Maybe if you begin making plans now, you might be able to be there.

Bill and **Kay Allen**, who recently traveled to Disney World with two of their four children, write that they are planning to attend our reunion.

Ray Bye writes: “Thanks for keeping in touch with all of us and getting us primed for our 45th next year. This year has gone by quickly. Kathy and I continue to enjoy Tallahassee, particularly with the cooler temperatures upon us. We have both been traveling more to the DC area, as I do it for my work with Florida State University and Kathy because both of our children and their spouses live there as well. Other than those DC trips, we have spent time

in California (marshaling at the U.S. Open Golf Tournament in Pebble Beach and visiting Napa and Sonoma beforehand), Seattle, Dallas, Pinehurst, NC, eastern shore of Maryland and Costa Rica. I was also presented the Career Excellence Award by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities in August, reflecting a whole bunch of years working with universities while at both the National Science Foundation and Florida State. As I still really enjoy my work, I see no need to give it up for the foreseeable future.”

Betty Walker Hudson and her husband Marvin retired at the end of the year and moved to Virginia to be near their oldest son and family.

Martha Overholser Whitney is “still teaching American literature and freshman comp and love the work and the freedom that an adjunct position brings. Active in church, community and the lives of our children and granddaughters.”

“Kyoto Views: The Art of **Randy Hayes**” is currently on exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson through July 17. Selected works from “Kyoto Views” were recently exhibited at Marquand Books in Seattle. Randy’s interest in Japan began on the Mississippi Gulf Coast after finding a Japanese style house heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina. At the time he was working on a series that compared the area with ruins in other parts of the world.

1967

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Don and Leslie

Hollingsworth “enjoyed a two-week vacation in New England in October, starting with a marvelous visit with Jeanne Hope at her home in Winter Harbor, ME. Lots of catching up ’til the early morning hours and terrific seafood, along with JH’s guided tour of the Winter Harbor area. The vacation progressed down the Maine coast, ending on Cape Cod with two of Don’s childhood friends.”

From **Billy Heiter**: “Not sure if I have the latest magazine or not. Glad to see **Dr. Hatzenbuehler’s** name on the address line. Chip—I wish I could be fishing Idaho up near you guys. I had a nice trip back in June. Visited **Ray and Jennifer Henley** in *Nawth* Carolina where Ray and I enjoyed any number of hours fly-fishing this and that undisclosed but gorgeous mountain locations. I need more of that. Recently, my (newly 12-year-old) granddaughter mastered the “ropes course” 20-40 feet in the air at Knuga near Hendersonville, NC. This fall, she and her sister moved from swim team to cross country. Anyone else proud of grandkids?”

Barry Boggs has published two books, *Through a Glass Darkly* and *The Lazarus Year*, and is at work on a third about the rise of Elvis Presley in Memphis in the 1950s.

Jim Durham e-mailed: “Here’s the best I can do—a photo of **Doug Post** in my office after lunch last week.” (Great picture!) “Doug and I both work for the Defense Department’s director of research and engineering. I run a pretty nifty organization that does cutting edge IT stuff with 400+ people working here (www.DTIC.MIL), and Doug runs some of the fastest computers in the world. Pretty neat that

we should show up in the same part of the world, two physics majors from Rhodes College class of ’67. By the time this is published I’ll be back in Memphis. I’m taking a downgrade to move back to Navy Millington so I can support our extended family better. Hope to see you next time you come through Memphis.”

Linda Robinson Overly checked in from Knoxville with the following news—“I love reading about ‘old’ friends from Rhodes ‘Southwesterners.’ I am retired after 38 years as a speech pathologist, mostly in the Oak Ridge Schools. I retired due to health (having to start dialysis). In July, being very blessed, I received a kidney. Wow, is life different = BETTER!. I am enjoying retirement, my grandson (6), getting to do volunteer work and the million things I put off doing for many years—reading, knitting, traveling, cooking—anything new! Hello to everyone and hope to see you at our next reunion.”

Jimmy Whittington is in print again! This time there was a long article on the Battle of Shiloh in *Slate* magazine (Oct. 4, 2010, edition) written by John Swansburg, who toured the site with Jimmy as guide: “At the visitor center, we meet up with Jimmy Whittington, who is outfitted in shorts, a golf shirt and a canvas safari hat. A native of the area—he’s the former mayor of nearby Selmer, TN—Whittington’s been giving tours of Shiloh for 20 years. His rate for his services is ‘whatever you think it was worth.’ ... Whittington keeps a collection of weather-beaten, corkboard-mounted maps in the back of his truck, the positions of the Union and Confederate

divisions marked by pieces of blue (Union) and red (Confederate) tape. At each stop, he pulls them out and orients us, showing us how the battle lines are redrawn as the day progresses. Whittington becomes especially animated when debunking what he considers to be bad history. ... Jimmy Whittington doesn’t maintain a website, as some of the other Shiloh guides do, but you can reach him through the National Park Service or try him at home. Whittington gave us an outstanding tour, and his willingness to let us determine the price inclined us to err on the side of generosity.” A tour of Shiloh with Hizzoner sounds like something we should all do!

Hope everyone has a good winter! —JH

1968

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Judy Owen retired last summer from a 40-year career as a licensed clinical social worker. “I started off in state psychiatric hospitals, spent a long stretch in adolescent residential treatment and finished my career in outpatient work with the welfare-to-work population for Ventura County Behavioral Health. I still have family in Memphis, so I get there fairly often. It’s so much fun to visit the Rhodes campus and marvel at how much it has grown and how impressive it all looks. Do you remember that sea of mud that we used to have to cross to get from the “shacks” to the Briggs Student Center? For that matter, the psych shack regularly flooded whenever there were rains. In retirement, I’m having

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fun catching up on books, movies and museums that I had missed; spending time with family and friends; taking short trips; and attending classes through the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning.”

Sloan Young sends this update: “I left Memphis for Florida in early 1997, settling first in St. Petersburg. I was working in mental health administration at the time, but left the field in 1999. I first spent several years in executive recruiting, followed by four years in retail, selling men’s clothes with Nordstrom in Tampa. That was followed by my going to work for a rural hospital in Inverness in 2007, marketing outpatient diagnostic and wound care services to physicians in the county. I am still working for the hospital and have become enmeshed in the politics of health care in conservative central Florida. I married my wife Becky in 2005. She was a mermaid at Weeki Wachee and has been a member of the Mermaids of Yesteryear since the late 1990s. In fact, I met her in 2002 while attending one of the M of Y shows with some friends and fell head over fins in love with her. She is also in health care and currently works as the manager of cardiopulmonary services with a hospital in Dade City. We live on a couple of acres in Brooksville (about 50 miles north of Tampa) with our eight rescue cats. My daughter, Kristin, currently lives in Memphis in the neighborhood I grew up in more than 50 years ago (a “midcentury” neighborhood in East Memphis). She is an LCSW social worker working with substance-abusing adolescents in eastern Arkansas. My son Jesse

and his wife live in Kent, OH, where he is on the faculty of the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine, teaching anatomy and conducting research on primate motor behavior. They are the parents of my two grandchildren, Ethan (5) and Anya (2). Becky and I had the pleasure of spending five days visiting them at the end of October and helping them trick or treat. It’s always fun to check the alumni news and see what my classmates are up to. At the rate I’m going, I’ll probably never retire, but the periodic reinvention of myself over the last 15 years continues to make my life an unfolding adventure.”

Lorenzo Childress sends this update: “After Southwestern I attended the UT School of Medicine, then trained in internal medicine and gastroenterology in Baltimore at the University of Maryland. After returning to Memphis in 1978 I practiced medicine for 12 years. I left Memphis in 1990 and joined a 120-physician group practice in inner-city Detroit as the head of its internal medicine group. After a couple of years, I left clinical practice and became the chief operating officer of the medical group with several responsibilities in our parent company, the Health Alliance Plan of Michigan. I left Detroit in 1995 to join Amerigroup, a start-up HMO company in Virginia focusing on government sponsored programs, primarily Medicaid. There I held several positions, eventually becoming the chief medical officer. We established HMO companies in eight states and became a publicly traded company in 2001. I have been retired since 2005 and still live

in Virginia Beach with my wife Veronica. We are empty nesters now: my oldest son is a physician in Baltimore, my second son just finished law school at the University of Richmond, my third son is a senior at Stanford and my daughter, the youngest, is a freshman at Brown University. I am fairly busy in retirement: I attend classes regularly at a local university, we travel occasionally, and I am thoroughly enjoying my first grandson, Lorenzo IV (6 months).”

Susan Duke Woods writes: “I’m still teaching here in Camden, TN, in an upper elementary school (grades 3-5). For the last several years I’ve been the computer lab facilitator. Outside of school I stay very busy with various groups, several of which are educational organizations, but mostly with the Friends of Nathan B. Forrest State Park. From time to time I enjoy basket weaving with others in our local basket guild. I also enjoy hiking and gardening—the food type. I’m in the process of having a new house built on the land where I’ve been living for the last 12 years. No children except the furry kind, on whom I dote greatly. My passion is for the protection of natural lands and wildlife habitat.”

1969

On Oct. 19-22, 2010, seven women from the class of ’69 met at Shaker Village in Kentucky for a reunion. Those participating were: **Melinda Gates Weber, Tan Heslip Hille, Claudia Cooper Cook, Susan Dillard Hendrickson, Judy James Potter, Jeanne Shearer Mead and Courtland Mobley Lewis.**

1971

40th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22
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Cary Fowler, who conceived Norway’s Svalbard Global Seed Vault, was one of nine people to receive the Heinz Award. The annual award, totaling \$1 million, was established by the Heinz Family Foundation in memory of U.S. Sen. John Heinz to recognize his commitment to the environment.

Lillian Aivazian Eades writes: “After years of teaching and being a principal of a school, raising two children, husband **Ron ’70** and I have now moved and retired to Charleston, SC. What a great place to be!”

Candy Cleveland Martin has retired after teaching art in the Memphis City Schools. “Now I am devoting my time to my own art!”

Alice Cockroft Oates’ daughter **Amy ’14** is a first-year student at Rhodes

John Satterthwaite has been “married to the “same wonderful woman for 36 years. Two children and two grandchildren. Still practicing pain medicine in South Carolina.”

Karen Francis writes, “My new play, ‘Sea Sisters,’ was performed in midtown Memphis at The Evergreen Theatre (formerly Circuit Playhouse) in December 2010. More info at seasisters427.com.”

Carol DeForest and John Barron Boyd married in October 2010 in Memphis. John is interim dean of arts and sciences at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, where

he has taught political science for 35 years. Carol writes, "Being an artist, it's going to take awhile to unglue myself from all of my projects here in Memphis! Teaching part time at Hutchinson School with our friend and classmate **Hadley Hury**, running my interior design business, and I am just finishing up a public art project. It is for the city, at the Vehicle Inspection Station on Appling Road—14 steel panels made of vehicle parts to entertain you while waiting in those long lines!"

Houston and Barbara Menz Bryan have retired, Houston from Ernst and Young and Barbara from Merrill Lynch, and live on a small ranch in the hill country outside Kerrville, TX. "We have exotic game and I have traveled some to London and to hunt in Argentina for the past few years," writes Houston.

1972

Hershel Lipow, Ken Ellison '73 and **Clay Farrar** were pleased to be joined by Dr. Michael Kirby and his wife, Jan, at a reunion in Virginia in October 2010. Also joining them were Hershel's wife Susan, Ken's wife Becky and Clay's wife Kathy Kelley. Dr. Kirby, who recently retired, was the Plough Professor of Urban Studies and director of the Urban Studies Program. Hershel, Ken and Clay were Political Science/Urban Studies graduates and were in one of the first graduating classes that Dr. Kirby taught at Rhodes. They all agree that Dr. Kirby was their favorite professor and mentor and have all kept in contact over the years.

1973

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Herman Morris, Memphis city attorney, is one of 50 Men of Excellence honored by the Memphis *Tri-State Defender* newspaper. The recognition acknowledges African American men who personify the exemplary qualities of respect, responsibility, passion, brotherhood and leadership.

Christina Wellford Scott attended the "Nicholas Nickleby" cast reunion at Rhodes this fall.

Tom Jones led the predevelopment team for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts in its successful deal negotiations to form a joint venture to develop the proposed Shanghai Disney Resort in China. The first phase of the resort will be anchored by Shanghai Disneyland and will include hotels, retail, dining and recreation amenities. "A fascinating experience in a fascinating city with a fascinating culture. 983 days of negotiations, all in two languages (Mandarin and Disney), 58 bouts of wicked jet lag and a handful of trips on a maglev train at 268 miles per hour—really." Tom's wife Molly Newman is in her fifth season as a writer/producer for the ABC-TV series "Brothers and Sisters." They continue to reside in Los Angeles ... and somewhere over the Pacific.

1974

Jimmy Ogle was featured in a Nov. 1, 2010, Memphis *Daily News* article, "History on Foot." Jimmy has been offering acclaimed, behind-the-scenes walking tours of the downtown area since 2008.

1975

Anna Olswanger and **Lillian Eades '71** are providing leadership for a fundraising effort to assist **John Turpin '55**, who served as college registrar from 1956-82, in meeting his health care costs not covered by insurance. John is receiving chemotherapy treatments. Please e-mail Anna at Anna.Olswanger@verizon.net.

1976

35th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Herb Gunn, who returned to Memphis in April 2010, works as director of communications for the Episcopal Church-based CREDO Institute.

Gary Gehrki continues to enjoy his practice of internal medicine and ultra-running events. **Claire** "plays with yarn" every day at her shop—now three years old—Knit Unto Others. All their kids—Julie, Paul and Katie—have graduated and are working in the Fayetteville, AR, area.

John Brejot recently moved to Austin, TX, to work as a senior advertising director for the Austin *American-Statesman*.

Terry Patterson Howie was selected for, and attended, the first national Mickelson-Exxon/Mobile Teachers' Academy in summer 2009.

Nancy Jordan is clinical coordinator for the post-traumatic stress disorder residential treatment program at the VA in Memphis. She's "in training to become a Jungian analyst with the InterRegional Society of Jungian Analysts."

Arden Ritter McElroy writes: "A small group from our class, including **Mary Ann Bradley Sutherland**,

Cindy Montgomery, Jeanette Sims, Debbie Williams, Sallie Clark and I, celebrated our '55' with a fun trip to Jeanette's beach house last summer. We get together annually now, and headed to Sanibel in October. Debbie documented our trip with a fabulous book of pictures and favorite things. Last spring, I spent a couple of weeks in Italy with my youngest daughter Amy, who was studying there. My daughter Amanda graduated from Rhodes in 2009."

1978

Conrad Hawkins writes, "I finished up a tour in Iraq June 10, 2010, as civil affairs officer in Basra. I trained Iraqi pilots in English so they can start training on U.S. equipment in the states."

1981

30th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Kevin Jagoe is the new orchestra director at Midland, Texas Senior and Freshman High Schools.

Cindy Brittain works as health care national manager within the business-to-business division of OfficeMax Inc.

Jenny Jenson and husband **Rick Cartwright** live in Chattanooga, "where he is employed in the customer service division of a local corporation, and I am a poet and freelance writer. I hope to have my first small self-published book ready for the 2011 reunion book signing events!"

1982

Several of **Philip Howie's** sculptures were in exhibitions at galleries in Catskill and New York, NY, this fall.

1983

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Brian Russell remembers his French language class with Madame Lewine as one of the most challenging of his life, yet he has happy memories of a wonderful week in Paris last summer with his British wife, a St. Jude scientist, and two teenage sons. He has done sculpture projects in Ohio, California, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Saudi Arabia. He has also self published a new book, a look back at 10 years of his cast glass and forged metal sculptures, available through Blurb.com or his website, brianrussellstudio.com. He is building a 45-foot blue water sailing yacht made of aluminum, which can be followed at his blog on odysseyyachts.com. And, he and his wife recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Barry Johnson reports: "I still practice law in Dallas, where I'm a partner at SettlePou and do consumer finance and financial services. Susanna and I are now empty nesters. Last year, our daughter Allie set her mind to go to the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan to study viola. Susanna and I have been learning the skills of managing a high school student 1,700 miles away and have made frequent trips to Interlochen and Traverse City."

Google **David Marshall James'** full name to find his book reviews on a website called Shine.

Laura Lee writes: "It feels like I've spent the last 25 years trying to decide what to be when I grow up, but I think I finally may have it figured out! I spent the first five years after graduation working in

various research labs at UT-Memphis before deciding to go back to medical school. After graduation from the UT-Memphis College of Medicine, I ended up on the East Coast (Philadelphia) to do a general surgery residency and a trauma/surgical critical care fellowship. Afterward I remained on faculty at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center and then transitioned to a private trauma practice in Trenton, NJ. After meeting my husband Robert (eight years now!), I realized that I wasn't really happy in trauma practice and we moved to Alabama for a couple of years while I did general surgery, had an opportunity to be closer to family and figure out what I wanted to do with myself. After another brief stop in Charlottesville, VA, I ended up at the University of Southern California for a breast surgical oncology fellowship with Dr. Melvin Silverstein (boy, was someone upstairs looking out for me when I landed that spot)! During my fellowship I was fortunate enough to win the Scientific Impact Award at the annual meeting of the American Society of Breast Surgeons and secure a position as medical director of the Desert Comprehensive Breast Center in Palm Springs, CA. I'm also in solo practice with an emphasis on breast surgical oncology and oncoplastic procedures. My husband and I live in Palm Springs in our new 40-year-old house which is in a constant state of disarray because of ongoing renovations (Robert is a contractor) and our two canine 'children.'"

From **Ted De Villafranca**: "After 17 years at Peddie School as dean and a

member of the music faculty, I retired ... or rather, left. After serving as one of the *NY Times* "experts" on college counseling (really, me an expert ... who knew?!) I started my own college and prep school consulting firm with a colleague from Princeton University. We advise students and families from across the country and the globe about educational opportunities. Check us out at EdvicePrinceton.com. I now split my time between New Jersey and Montreal where my family is so if you find yourself heading to the northland, please shout out, eh?!"

Bruce Jones recently left IBM and is now VP for North and South America pre-sales' for HP Software. Bruce still lives in Chicago with Susan, his wife of 27 years. They are celebrating two of their three sons' graduating from college in December, Andrew from the University of Houston and Matt from Wheaton College. The youngest, Jake, is at TCU.

1984

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Peter Rooney, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations at Oglethorpe University, has been elected District III chair of CASE, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, for 2010-11.

1986

Allison Pridgen Varner is "still flying with the airline (Delta now) and have

flown for 25 years since I graduated. I am involved in my jewelry line, Allie Rox, and still playing USTA tennis!"

Debbie Mannina Verlander has a new job as vice president, business banking, at Whitney National Bank in New Orleans.

Using NASA's Spitzer infrared space telescope, **Anne Verbiscer** and Michael Skrutskie, astronomy faculty/researchers at the University of Virginia, along with Doug Hamilton of the University of Maryland, discovered the previously unseen Phoebe Ring of Saturn, "the solar system's largest planetary ring," in 2009. Their findings, which received worldwide attention, were published in *Nature*.

Amy Donaho Howell, founder of Howell Marketing Strategies in Memphis, was recently ranked No. 4 on The Huffington Post website's "16 Brilliant Business Minds on Twitter" list. Amy's Twitter handle is @HowellMarketing. The list a part of the Twitter Powerhouses series, which focuses on contributions of people who've helped to expand, influence and redefine how society views social networking.

Ray Barfield is currently associate professor of pediatrics and Christian philosophy, with faculty appointments in the Medical School and the Divinity School at Duke University. His new book, *The Ancient Quarrel between Philosophy and Poetry*, will be coming out in February from Cambridge University Press.

1987

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We have the happiest of news from **Brian Mott!** As of his second follow-up endoscopy, there is still no sign of cancer! He says, "It's pretty mind-blowing to think I got the diagnosis in February, and got the all-clear in August. Never a dull moment!"

He is still teaching and loving his work; living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. This must be a very cool, trendy place to be because Brian also writes, "Thank God I'm too old to be a hipster, it looks exhausting."

Todd Speed checked in with an update. He has three boys in high school and another in middle school! It is no stretch to imagine that he is keeping busy! The Speed family did enjoy an Alaskan cruise with Todd's in-laws, who celebrated their 50th anniversary last summer, which made for special memories.

Nathan Tipton has been working in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the UT Health Science Center since June 2009. He started out as communications coordinator, and recently moved up to coordinator. In this capacity, he does manuscript writing and editing, grant writing and all the research that goes along with those things. He says it's a great job, and loves what he does ... plus he gets to put his name on every manuscript that gets published (which is GREAT for the CV, he points out!). He is also finishing up chapter 4 of his dissertation in English at the University of Memphis and, if all goes as planned, should be done and ready to defend by May 2011. (Fingers crossed!) He and Paul have settled in nicely in Hernando, MS, as has his menagerie of dogs and cats.

Margaret Wood Atwood

was delighted to host **Leslie** and **Bryan Darr '84** along with **Robyn** and **Livy Brien '85** in Charleston, SC, in October! They got to catch up on children and trips and family and classmates and other Rhodes alumni, and a good time was had by all!

Michelle Dry has a new "room with a view!" In November, she moved into a wonderful office with a wall of windows. She now has a nice view that includes trees and green grass. As she typed her note, she reported that she could hear the wind and see it gently moving the leaves on the huge oak outside the window. She wrote further, "An occasional leaf falls to the ground. It's nice, especially since it's autumn and the leaves are truly beautiful. I'm looking forward to watching the snow fall come January." Sounds lovely.

1988

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Russ Wigginton, vice president for college relations at Rhodes, is one of 50 Men of Excellence honored by the Memphis *Tri-State Defender* newspaper. The recognition acknowledges African American men who personify the exemplary qualities of respect, responsibility, passion, brotherhood and leadership. Russ's civic involvement includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Memphis Zoological Society, KIPP Academy, Memphis Prep Program, Ballet Memphis, National Civil Rights Museum, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, Memphis Literacy Council, St. George's Day Schools and Buckman Boys and Girls Club. **Bernal Smith '94**, president and publisher

of the *Tri-State Defender*, said, "We thought it might be difficult to duplicate our inaugural group of honorees from the 2009 Men of Excellence, but this year's group is equally impressive and certainly deserving."

1990

Reporter: Rod White
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USAF Col. **Maria Carl** is director of public affairs for the Pacific Air Forces, based at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where she "builds communications strategy, shapes messages and targets key audiences in the region to achieve command communication goals as well as impact Asia-Pacific influence and deterrence." Her daughter Isabella (5) is in kindergarten and enjoying taking hula, swimming and karate lessons.

Anita Carpenter Horn is beginning her 12th year as CEO for the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault. "Finishing up my third congressional appointment to a Department of Defense task force regarding sexual violence in the military. This current DoD task force took us all over the world interviewing military personnel—even into Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar. I have such great respect for our men and women in the military! Looking forward to having my feet on the ground for awhile now back on the farm with my husband and three kids."

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs has appointed **David Lewis** to the position of partner-in-charge of the law firm's Nashville office effective Oct. 1, 2010. David is a member of the firm's Corporate and Securities Team, concentrating in the

areas of business planning, corporate and commercial transactions, corporate governance, corporate litigation, commercial real estate and estate planning. In addition, he serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

1991

20th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Kate Goodrich completed the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at Yale in 2010 and now works as a medical officer in the Office of Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. She oversees a portfolio of projects on patient-centered outcomes research and works on several cross-agency projects related to quality of care. She married Bruce Ragusa in 2008.

Keith Arnold conducts the One World Singers of Denver, "a chorus dedicated to promoting understanding through performance of music of many cultures." He also serves as minister of music for Jefferson Unitarian Church. In spring 2011, Keith and partner David Burrows will take a sabbatical, teaching and touring in India.

Bill Nelsen is director of premium sales at the TD Garden in Boston, home of the Boston Celtics and Boston Garden.

Chris Schroeder says he is "still working in the actuarial field. I have three boys, Allan (11), Craig (8) and Hayden (6). Am still active in the church orchestra and as the lead teacher for first through fourth grade Sunday school. My wife and I celebrated our 14th wedding anniversary in April 2010. And I am addicted to major league baseball. Go Rangers!"

Linda Stacey is "still

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working for Harrahs, living in Las Vegas and loving it!”

Philip Fons has been appointed senior vice president and chief credit officer for Nashville-based INSBANK. Philip previously was with BankTennessee in Collierville and National Commerce Bank/SunTrust in Memphis.

Patrick and Maureen McCabe Farr live in Birmingham, AL, with their three children: Mary Grace (5th grade), Campbell (2nd grade) and Charles (pre-K). Maureen is the fund development coordinator for The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs. Patrick is a pediatrician. They have been married 15 years, however it was love at first sight—the first week of school, freshman year at Rhodes!

Lydia Turman Hansen is in her 20th year teaching at Westminster School in Atlanta. She has also spent the last 12 years as the junior high admissions coordinator. Lydia’s husband John works as a national sales account manager for Recall, and they recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary. They have two girls: Ellie (7th grade) and Emily (4th grade).

Elizabeth Roe Pearce, in her 11th year at Coxé Curry & Associates, was recently promoted to director. She works with Atlanta’s nonprofits, focusing on fundraising, board development and strategic planning. Additionally, Elizabeth was elected to the Rhodes College Board of Trustees. She writes, “I am so honored to be invited to serve the college in this way. It was fun to be back on campus last fall for my first board meeting. Throughout the course of the two days, I was reminded of the many reasons that I

chose to attend Rhodes and I was overwhelmed by all of the great memories that I have of my four years on that amazing campus. I am so proud of the college’s numerous recent accomplishments. I am looking forward to seeing all of my classmates at Homecoming 2011 in October!”

1992

Reporter: Sara Hawks Marecki
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Amy Matheny recently starred in “FLOAT,” a world premiere play at Chicago’s About Face Theatre. She also celebrated 12 years working in the GLBT media as a radio (now podcast) host and senior account manager with Windy City Media Group.

Brian Picard and wife Christi live in Appleton, WI. They have two sons, Andrew and Reed. Brian works for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Carl Vest and wife Catherine live in Searcy, AR. Carl is in charge of the women’s health program at ARcare, a rural health center based in Augusta with clinics all over northeast Arkansas. He sees patients at a number of clinics, providing prenatal care in communities that have limited access or longer travel to these services. Currently, he is delivering about 150 babies a year. Carl and Catherine have two children: Anna (13) and Drew (10). They do soccer/basketball/cheer/piano, and baseball/football/basketball, respectively. Catherine works for United Way of Searcy and runs the Sunday school program at their church. Carl writes, “We are pretty

much homebodies when we get a chance, but that doesn’t happen very often. Life is good. Hard to believe we are coming up on 20 years after Rhodes.”

Zach Woodworth is currently living in Okinawa, Japan, and is an active duty lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. He recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan working with the 1st Marine Division. He has three children: Lucy (18 months), Caleb (6) and Maggie (10). He plans to return to the states next summer to work in the Northern Virginia area.

Jonathan Fowler was recently promoted to division chief, Ground Combat Vehicles from his position as ATEC System team chairman and lead evaluator, Stryker Combat Vehicles at the U.S. Army Test & Evaluation Command in Alexandria, VA. “Along with coaching my son Malachi’s rugby team and working on my thesis for M.Eng. in systems engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, these new job duties should keep me very busy!”

Christina Temple Pescatore writes, “Despite Hurricane Earl’s attempts to create the only turbulent weather for the entire summer, Steve Pescatore and I married in a beach ceremony Sept. 4, 2010. As it turned out, the day was spectacular at Crane Beach in Ipswich, MA, and the lobster rolls and pulled pork were the perfect blend of our old and new hometown roots.”

1993

James Westphal and Stephanie Endsley of Seattle married Aug. 29, 2010, at Alki Beach, Seattle. Members of the wedding

party included **Sam Hass ’94, John Jeter ’92, Wendy Walters** and **Edgard Cabanillas ’94**. James also writes, “I recently defended my doctoral dissertation in physical chemistry at the University of Washington. Writing it took a very long time. Aspiring Ph.D.s, please take note: It’s a BAD idea to write up your research while you’re working full time. My advice is, ‘Git ’er done!’ Believe, I’m a doctor (sort of).”

1994

Reporter: Judy Brown
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Catherine and **Frank Long** had a son, Franklin Howard III, Oct. 23, 2009. “Catherine and I moved to Birmingham in May 2007 after graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law, and we are both practicing with regional firms. I practice public finance law with Balch & Bingham, and Catherine is a litigator with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz.”

Juliana and **Jeff Massey** had a daughter, Campbell, in October 2009.

1995

Reporter: Sarah Sears
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Katy Hiestand received a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Memphis Dec. 18, 2009.

Tony Capizzani has accepted a position as staff surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He recently was employed as staff surgeon at the University of Michigan. “As you know, LeBron James left the Cleveland Cavaliers for the Miami Heat ... what you may have not realized as part of that package transfer is that I have left Ann Arbor,

MI, to work at the Cleveland Clinic. My PR firm is working on an extravagant announcement of this recent trade development. Though most of my 'playing time' will be in the operating room, I do have a basketball court on my front driveway ... an 8-ft. rim too!"

1996

15th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Reporter: Jennifer Larson
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Tracey Schmidt says she is "raising three daughters, ages 8, 6 and 3, in Alpharetta, GA."

Daniel and **Jennifer Wilson Stringer** had a daughter, Elyse Victoria, July 19, 2010, in Shreveport, LA. Amelia (2) is excited about being a big sister.

Jason and **Hallie McNeill Ward** are happy to announce the birth of a son, Phillip Barham, Sept. 20, 2010, in Memphis. McCall is enjoying spending time and taking care of her new baby brother.

Rob Downey, project manager for the ServiceMaster Co. in Memphis, has earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation from the CCIM Institute. The designation was awarded at the institute's annual meeting in Orlando, FL, in September 2010.

Ginny Neal has joined the Palm Beach office of J.P. Morgan as a senior private banker, responsible for advising clients on overall investing, wealth transfer, credit and philanthropic services. Ginny was formerly with GenSpring Family Offices, where she was director of corporate and legal affairs. Prior to that,

she served as general counsel and CEO for a Palm Beach retail business, and as a corporate attorney at the Greenberg Traurig law firm.

1997

Susan Ashe was recently promoted from associate director of programs and marketing to director of judicial affairs at Cal Poly Pomona University, outside of Los Angeles. "This job allows me to continue working with college students to help facilitate their development, and it gives me an opportunity for professional growth while I complete my doctorate of education at the University of Southern California."

Deinde and **Heather Coleman-Otuyelu** had a son, Noah Coleman, May 25, 2010, in New York City. Nadia (2) is doing a great job as a big sister.

1998

Reporter: Amanda Grebe
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Chip Schramm was promoted to president of Turner Supply Co. in December 2009, "and thankfully, business has been much better this year than last. More important, my wife Audra and I welcomed a daughter into the world July 9, 2010—Cornelia Carter Drechsler, whom we call 'Cece.'"

Travis and **Amanda Nixon Cloud** announce the birth of a son, Jackson Aaron, Sept. 27, 2010, in Conway, AR. His big sisters Abby Grace, Caroline and Annabelle absolutely LOVE him. They are having so much fun!

2000

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Abby Nipper Considine, husband Michael and big sister Maddie welcomed another baby girl to their family April 6, 2010. Her name is Catherine Emery.

Shadenn Zarur founded La Galeria Azul (la-galeria-azul.com), an online art gallery featuring original, colorful, Mexican art.

DJ and Sarah Marshall Morgan '99 report that their son Jack is six years old and their daughter Ellen Jane is three.

Fiona Catherine McCaul and Scott Ryan Bell married Oct. 9, 2010, in Atlanta. They were surrounded by family and friends including **Brynn Fisher, Lydia Shih, Susan Brombacher Fallen, Stacy Weber Houston, Shelby Reed Thompson, Kristen Nichols McDaniel, Laurel King Whitworth and Bryn McDougall Wilson.**

Stephanie White and Edward Lindey married Nov. 6, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Fort Thomas, KY. The couple will make their home in Mobile, AL, where they are being transferred after Edward completes his training at Fort Jackson, SC.

Emily Ogden has been promoted to the position of Tennessee political director of Stand for Children, a nonprofit children's advocacy organization. She was named co-director of the group in November 2009. Emily graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 2005 and worked for the Nashville law firm Lewis, King, Krieg, and Waldrop specializing in education law. In 2007, she joined Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen's administration as a legislative liaison, helping pass an overhaul of the state's education funding formula along with an increase of hundreds of millions of dollars for K-12 education.

2001

10th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22
Reporter: Elisabeth Meyers Yoder
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Marc and **Leslie Horne Tomasini** welcomed son Cooper James into the world April 10, 2010. The family is doing well and resides in Atlanta.

Alex and **Ashley Diaz Mejias** are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Belen Frances, May 11, 2010. The family has recently relocated to Richmond, VA.

John and Allison Dalton McCammon are proud to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Caroline James, June 14, 2010, in New Orleans. Cate (2 1/2) loves to help take care of her little sister!

Mike and **Anna Johnson Whittenbarger** are happy to announce their marriage, Oct. 16, 2010, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Shreveport, LA. **Taryn Murphy** and **Jennifer Moore Wood** served as bridesmaids. Honorary members of the wedding party included **Erin Massey Everitt, Erin Reynolds Hodson and Lise Taylor Pascoli.** Other Rhodes alumni in attendance included **Andrea Masters Everson '00, Meghan Freeman, Kristi Gustavson Harris '00, Anna Teekell Hays and Hannah Smith Mason.** Mike and Anna honeymooned in St. Lucia, and currently reside in Atlanta, where Anna is a federal tax manager with KPMG and Mike is an account executive in commercial underwriting with Travelers Insurance.

Kate Stakem writes, "Adah's Rhodesters were back and better than ever for the

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JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) walk this year. Our team raised more than \$11,000 in honor of **Laura Coultas! Dayna Dwyer, Leigh Harmon, Olivia Mayberry and Dorothy Weir** came to Memphis to join us for the walk, where we were also joined by **Blake '00 and Catherine Schuhmacher '00**. Laura's parents, her brother John and many of Laura's friends were also here. We had a great weekend catching up and remembering Laura! Big thanks to everyone in the Rhodes community who helped us in our fundraising efforts. We will continue to work together to remember Laura and to find a cure for diabetes!"

Christie Brewer Boyd and her family have moved to Cincinnati. She has a daughter (1).

Olivia Mayberry and her husband relocated from Dallas to Austin in January 2010. "I am still employed by Dave & Buster's HR department, and am enjoying working from home!"

Daniela Seminara Wood has three children: Matteo (3), Nicolo (18 months) and Aryana (4 months).

2002

Reporter: John Ramsey
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Jeff and **Allison Evans Bolton** welcomed a son, Reid McGuire, Aug. 6, 2010, in Boston. Big brother Cooper (3 ½) loves his brother to pieces and is adjusting well.

Eric Gropper and Lisa Kirk-Gropper had a daughter, Emery Katherine, Jan. 9, 2010, in Columbia, SC.

Fred '98 and Jo Winfrey Wix welcomed a daughter, Neely Claire, Aug. 21, 2010, in Nashville, TN. Zeke is

excited to have his "sissy" here!

Will and **Mandy Fisher Moore** welcomed a son, Griffin "Fin" Douglas, Nov. 15, 2010, in Dallas. Everyone is doing well.

2003

Reporter: Kim Kirkpatrick
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Anna Underwood is assistant director of college guidance at St. George's in Collierville. Anna and **James '00** have a new daughter, Lucy, who is 6 months old.

2005

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While still working at Lenny's Franchisor, LLC, **Molly Fitzpatrick** has begun her pursuit of a MBA at University of Memphis. She has also begun planning weddings and special events on the side. Her most recent gig was planning a destination wedding in New Orleans.

Paul Plekon and Cate Majors '07 married in October 2009 and bought a house in Memphis. Additionally, Paul is working at Benefit Recovery Inc. while also attending the MBA program at Christian Brothers, from which he graduated in December.

Brad Romig is "living the dream," as he likes to tell his students in the Midwest, working as a residence hall coordinator at Saint Louis University. Who knew living in the residence halls again would bring back so many memories of the glory days in Glassell?!

Lindsay Sears and Douglas Irving married May, 29, 2010. Lindsay now

works as a senior analyst at Healthways in Franklin, TN, and resides in Nashville.

Jessica Stewart wed Matthew Faris Aug. 14, 2010. **Joanna Young** was Jessica's maid of honor. Jessica and Matthew now live in Cincinnati.

Dan Swanstrom, now in his third season as part of the coaching staff of the Johns Hopkins football team, has had a huge impact on the JHU offense and has been instrumental in the team's recent success. Prior to his current position at Johns Hopkins, Dan spent the 2005-06 academic year as an assistant football and baseball coach at Stratford High School. He then went on to work as a counselor at the prestigious University of Florida Elite Quarterback camp in 2006 and 2007 and spent the 2006-07 football seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Redlands. In addition to his coaching exploits, Dan coached and played for the Darmstadt Diamonds of the German Football League.

In October 2010, **Laura Gray Teekell** received her master's in art, style and design from Christie's Education in London, and is now back in the US.

Lillie Ward is currently working with the town of Wilkesboro, NC, on its Small Town Main Street program. She was recently awarded a merit scholarship from the North Carolina City and County Management Association. Additionally, Lillie expects to graduate with her MPA in May.

Logan and Molly Chapman Wheeler are finishing up their first foreign service tour in Moscow. In January, they moved back to DC to study Swahili for six months. They will then head to Tanzania next fall for their second tour

at the U.S. Embassy in Dar-Es-Salaam.

John Yacoubian opened Bosses Chicken last spring. The chicken-and-catfish restaurant is located at 5030 Poplar in Memphis.

2006

5th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 21-22

Reporter: Caroline King Willson

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Ashley and **Brian Steinert** had a daughter, Lilliana Marie, April 27, 2010, in Huntsville, AL.

Jake Cremer reports: "This has been an exciting year for me! I graduated from Florida State with my J.D. and M.S.P., sat for the Florida bar exam and accepted a job in environmental and land use law with Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee. More important, I married Terin Barbas (Notre Dame '07)—we met in law school!"

Jessica Graham graduated from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center with her doctorate in physical therapy and moved to Baton Rouge to work in inpatient rehabilitation with patients with neurological disorders.

Chrissie Hendrickson currently lives and works in Washington, DC, as a recruiter for TRAK Services, a staffing agency.

Daniel Keedy is a fifth-year graduate student in biochemistry (also structural biology and biophysics) at Duke University.

Alex Livingston is currently deployed to Helmand, Afghanistan, on a year tour, training the Afghan army and police.

Eli '04 and Molly Williams Logan married in summer 2008. "We live in East Memphis. I teach first grade at Omni Prep Academy, a

new charter school. Eli is a CPA at the AutoZone headquarters downtown.”

Michael '04 and **Ashley Crosland Lyerly** married April 5, 2010. Says Ashley: “I relocated to Birmingham from the DC metro area to be with my husband. I am employed at United Way of Central Alabama on the Communities Putting Prevention to Work federal grant, focused on tobacco control and prevention.”

Ted and **Laura Dallas McSorley** married May 23, 2009 in Atlanta. “Our wedding party and guests included many Rhodes friends who were able to celebrate with us! We currently reside in Washington, DC, where we met in Teach for America. I’m still teaching Pre-K here in the District.”

Stephanie Swindle now works as marketing and membership coordinator at the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis.

Ryan Thames and Anna Stroup married in May 2010. Ryan earned his M.A. in communication from Wake Forest University and has begun his doctoral studies at Georgia State University, also in communication.

Benton Ross graduated from the Texas Tech School of Law, summa cum laude, in May 2010, with both Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers honors. “I work in a litigation firm in Wichita Falls, TX.”

2007

Reporter: Mollie Briskman Montelaro
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It seems as though the class of 2007 has been busy, busy! Lots of weddings, babies and job announcements to report!

Jamie Underwood, who serves as assistant editor at *CFA Magazine*, will be in Hong Kong from early February through April 2011. Jamie plans to gain a broader perspective on how the Asia-Pacific office and the magazine can work together to meet both regional and organizational goals. “This will involve familiarizing Asia-Pacific colleagues with the magazine’s production process and aiding the Asia-Pacific office with its communication efforts.”

Eric and **Emily Baldwin Bryan** welcomed a son, Everett Shane, Sept. 21, 2010.

Rene Orth finished summer with a trip to Turkey to swim in the Bosphorus Cross Continental—a 6.5 km swim from Europe to Asia—where she placed fifth in her age group. She’s now a Bomhard Fellow at the University of Louisville, where she is beginning her M.M. in music composition.

Amie Cahill reports that she is currently in her second year of medical school at UT-Memphis.

Krystal Bradshaw White and her husband Charles are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Felix Elijah (baby brother to Gwennie and Cy).

Daniel and **Liz Carlson Hammond** welcomed a daughter, Mary Becca, Oct. 2, 2010.

Chelsea Castiglioni graduated from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in May 2010. In August, she began working as an associate at a civil litigation law firm in downtown Louisville.

Jessika Morris Boles has been a busy girl! She and Steven Dale Boles of Nashville, TN, married Aug. 8, 2010, in Mount Crested

Butte, CO. **Kelly Garner** was in attendance for their big day. The wedding was in a field on top of the mountain, and, as Jessika reports, “It was a stunningly perfect day.” Jessika received her master of education in applied child development from Vanderbilt in December 2009. She has been working as a child life specialist at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and is pursuing her doctorate in educational psychology at the University of Memphis.

Jon Snape was recently licensed as a local pastor in the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. He currently serves a church in Lebanon, TN. Jon will graduate from Vanderbilt Divinity School in May 2012.

Meredith Huddleston and **Jerrod Anderson** married May 22 in Memphis, with **Mary Allison Cates '99** and **Michael Lamb '04** officiating. The happy couple currently live in Washington, DC. Meredith is a data analyst at Welch Consulting, while Jerrod is completing his master’s in economics at George Mason University and is a graduate research fellow at the Mercatus Center.

Jonathan and **Ashton Potter Wright** recently moved from Atlanta to Lexington, KY. Jonathan graduated from Emory Law School in May 2010 and joined a small civil litigation practice. Ashton received her master’s of public health from Georgia State University in December and has begun work on her doctorate of public health at the University of Kentucky.

Will '04 and **Rebecca Koftan Hackman** married in 2008. The two welcomed a daughter, Dana Violet, in September 2010.

Kara Wall, press secretary

for St. Louis mayor Francis Slay, was selected “best bureaucrat” by the *Riverfront Times* (St. Louis).

2009

Will Boehm has accepted a position as assistant language teacher with the JET Program in Tochigi, Japan, located in the Tochigi prefecture. He recently was employed as sales account executive at Danya International. “The change was to move overseas, whether it was with the State Department, CIA, or simply teaching English. The JET Program was the first one to call so I accepted the opportunity it gives, teaching and learning languages. It’s a minimum contract of one year with a possible extension of up to four.”

Anthony Siracusa has been named Rhodes’ new Community Service coordinator. He works with students “linking their passion and skills with opportunities to serve and engage in communities across our city.” He is also the Bonner Program coordinator. In December 2010, he and others from across the state met with Tennessee governor-elect Bill Haslam’s staff about the formation of a Governor’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the creation of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign and the possibility of the governor championing Complete Streets development for cities and counties across the state. Anthony also led a planning retreat for advocacy leaders from Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City at a conference center outside Nashville.

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2010

Michael Gossett has been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship and a

Dean's Fellowship from the University of Maryland's Graduate Creative Writing Program. He is currently a first-year MFA candidate in

poetry and an undergraduate composition and creative writing instructor. He has also been named a 2010 Lannan Fellow through the

Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC.

In Memoriam

'29 Nellie King Powell of Cordova, TN, Aug. 26, 2010. A retired teacher at Bruce Elementary School, she was a former regional tennis champion who played regularly until the age of 96. She was also a member of the Memphis Old Time Car Club, and enjoyed traveling in her antique cars. She joined Union Avenue Baptist Church in 1920, where for many years she served as a leader in the Sunday school department and in the Women's Missionary Organization. The widow of John R. Powell, she leaves a son.

'33 John Russell Perry of Memphis, Dec. 13, 2010. After graduation, he served as Rhodes' alumni and publicity director before moving to the life insurance field in 1935, working first with Connecticut Mutual Life and then with Massachusetts Mutual. He served in the Navy during World War II at Jacksonville, FL. He served as president for both the Memphis and the Tennessee Life Underwriters Association and was named Tennessee Association Man of the Year in 1964. He semiretired in 1976 after serving as national president of the Massachusetts Mutual Agents Association, but continued as agent emeritus, working and mentoring younger agents until his late retirement in 2008 after 73 years of service. An active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, he served the parish as superintendent of the

Sunday school for 25 years, and served the church in the roles of treasurer and bishop's warden. He was a board member emeritus of the Boy Scout Council, president of Youth Services (now Bridges), president of the Rhodes Alumni Association and a member of the Rotary Club. In the early '70s, he served as president of the Episcopal Planning Commission, the group that consequently planned and oversaw the construction of Trezevant Manor. The widower of Evelyn Hester Perry '36, he leaves a daughter, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'34 Anita Wadlington Henderson of Vero Beach, FL, Oct. 13, 2010. She was married to Charles "Charlie" Henderson, who played the trumpet and conducted his big band, playing on the roof of the Peabody Hotel and on radio around the country. He eventually moved into the car business, which eventually led them to New Orleans and then Lake Charles, LA. On retirement in 1993 Anita and Charles moved to Vero Beach. She leaves a daughter, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'34 Elizabeth Markham Woolwine of Princeton, KY, Aug. 20, 2009. She was retired as a teacher at Hilltop Center and was a member of Central Presbyterian Church. The widow of L.M. Woolwine Jr., she leaves two sons, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'38 Emily Lee Terry of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Oct.

15, 2010. She was the widow of John "Jack" Harshaw Terry '38, to whom she was married for 63 years, and with whom in 1948 she established and managed Murmuring Surf Cottages, eight miles east of "the little fishing village of Destin." She also found time to write a cooking column, "Eating with Emily," for the local newspaper. She leaves three daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

'39 Joseph George Griesbeck Jr. of Memphis, Oct. 12, 2010. A World War II Army veteran, he saw action in the D-Day landing, going on to fight across Europe and in the Battle of the Bulge. He served in the mechanized 6th Calvary and as scout and reconnaissance for Patton's 3rd Army and was eventually discharged in 1945 with the rank of captain. For the next 30 years, he worked as an educator, becoming the principal of Guthrie School, Fairview Junior High, St. Anne Highland and finally East High School from which he retired. He received numerous educational awards and in 1972 was honored for a lifetime of dedication to education by the Memphis City Schools. A parishioner of St. Anne Catholic Church, he was the widower of Jane Murphy Griesbeck, to whom he was married for 53 years. He leaves his wife of 13 years, Angie Brunini Henderson Griesbeck, a stepson, two stepdaughters, a sister, eight step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

'40 Esther Geralyn Allen Gresham of Starkville, MS, Oct. 10, 2010. With a great love of art and of architecture, she became a draftsman, working for J.F. Shelton Co. and later, Sears Annex. She was a member of the King's Daughters, Francis Circle for many years. A communicant of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, she was the widow of Lawrence L. Gresham. She leaves a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren.

'42 Marianne Boyd Turner of Memphis, Nov. 4, 2010. She was the widow of John Landon Turner, whom she supported in his 30-year Air Force career. They moved all over the world until settling in Covington, TN, in the mid-1970s. She leaves a daughter, a son, six grandchildren, a great-grandson, two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

'43 George Battle Case of North Branford, CT, formerly of Tarrytown, NY, Oct. 29, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II and was actively involved in local village government in both Tarrytown and Elmsford, NY, serving on village zoning and planning boards and as acting mayor for the village of Tarrytown. He was an avid environmentalist and conservationist. The widower of Peggy Case, he leaves two daughters, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

'43 Dorothy South Projector of Glen Mills, PA, July 24, 2010. She began her

professional career in 1943 as an economist for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the next 30 plus years, she had a successful career as a civil servant, spending more than 19 years at the Federal Reserve, retiring from the Social Security Administration in the late 1970s as director of the Division of Economic and Long Range Studies. She leaves her husband of more than 60 years, Theodore "Ted" Projector, two sisters, including Ruth South Fischer '51, and several nieces and nephews.

'45 Alfred Maurice Alperin of Memphis, Oct. 31, 2010. A chief engineer on a destroyer in the U.S. Navy, he served in the Pacific during World War II. In 1951 he became the design engineer and an owner-in-partnership of Air Temperature Inc., later known as A.T. Distributors. He served as president of both Memphis Mechanical Contractors and the National Distributor Council of Carrier Air Conditioning, and was an early proponent of alternative energy, experimenting with both solar and geothermal systems. Involved in numerous civic, cultural and religious activities, he was a member of Baron Hirsch Synagogue and Temple Israel, where he served on the board and as chairman of the building committee. He leaves his wife, Harriet Alperin, three children, six grandchildren and a brother.

'47 Margaret Alice Pate Smith of Ripley, TN, Oct. 14, 2010. A former American Airlines flight attendant, she was the widow of Bailey Smith, with whom she founded Smith Brothers Auto Parts in Memphis. After his death in 1962, she moved

her family to Fayetteville, NC, where she worked as an editor of classified texts at Ft. Bragg. Two years later, they moved to Sacramento, CA, then back to Memphis in 1965, where she began a 30-year teaching career at institutions that included LeMoyné-Owen College, University of Memphis, the Naval Air Station in Millington and finally, Memphis City Schools in the Department of Special Education. She leaves a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren and a sister.

'48 Bettye Whitsitt Harrison, Oct. 21, 2010. She was the widow of Dr. Samuel Arthur Harrison, to whom she was married for 50 years. Both were founding and active members of the Church of the Resurrection in Loudon, TN. They also enjoyed travel and Arabian horse racing. An avid golfer and bridge player and a 35-year breast cancer survivor, she leaves three daughters, two sons, four granddaughters, eight grandsons, two great-granddaughters, a sister, Margaret Kathryn (Kakky) Whitsitt Tanner '57, and two brothers, including Howard Allen Whitsitt Jr. '46.

'49 James Conover Jeffery of Memphis, Sept. 3, 2010. A World War II Army veteran, he retired as a vice president of credit for William R. Moore Inc. after 34 years. A member of Central Christian Church where he served as an elder and trustee, he leaves his wife, Gloria Hineman Jeffery, a son, two grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

'49 Owen Moore of Yazoo City, MS, Sept. 7, 2010. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean conflict, serving in the South Pacific and Japan. Over the years he managed large agricultural holdings throughout the South. An

active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was the widower of Cecelia Benjamin Moore. He leaves his wife of six years, Glendene Powledge Moore, three sons, two brothers and 13 grandchildren.

'49 Richard Colin "Dick" Smith of Collierville, TN, Dec. 11, 2010. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he was retired from Wyeth Laboratories. He was a founding member of the Memphis Quarter Horse Association and was instrumental in the creation of the Show Place Arena at the Agricenter. He was also a member of the Corvair Club. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Mary Nell Campbell Smith '49, three daughters, a son, two granddaughters, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, including Harland Smith '47, an aunt and his stepmother.

'49 John Errington Thomas Sr. of Memphis, Oct. 19, 2010. A World War II Air Force veteran, he flew 28 combat missions over Germany with the 491st Bomb Group 2nd Air Division of the 8th Air Force based in England. He was awarded the Air Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf clusters, five European Battle Stars and the Presidential Citation. The founder and president of the John E. Thomas Co., manufacturer representative, he also served on the board of directors of Memphis Bank and Trust Co. for many years. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Helen Twist Thomas '51; a daughter; three sons, including Mark Twist Thomas '87; four grandchildren, including Kathleen Dodge Fox '09; and two brothers, including David Ormond Thomas '51.

'50 George King Comes Jr. of Memphis, Sept. 25, 2010. A graduate of the

Candler School of Theology at Emory University, he was a United Methodist minister. He served in the U.S. Navy in Guam during World War II and pastored several churches in and around Memphis, retiring from the ministry in 1991. He remained active in the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church through 2007. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Charlotte Ingram Comes, a daughter, three sons and six grandchildren.

'50 James Curtis Kent of Tuscumbia, AL, Jan. 12, 2011. He began his career with McKesson-Robbins Pharmaceutical Co. in Tennessee and New York. After leaving McKesson, he was with Schick Eversharp in New York, then was head of marketing at Technicolor Corp. in Los Angeles. When he left Technicolor, he served as consultant and head of fundraising for the Sisters of Charity California. When he retired, he moved back to Tuscumbia. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 31 of Tuscumbia and Our Lady of The Shoals Catholic Church. He leaves two nephews, a niece, four great-nieces, four great-nephews, nine great-great-nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

'52 John Stephens Cochran of Atlanta, Nov. 21, 2010. A professor of finance at Georgia State University from 1968 until his retirement in 1996, he was a chartered financial analyst, former director of the Lionel D. Edie Special Growth Fund and the author of *Personal Investment Portfolios: A Portfolio Management Guide for Individual Investors*. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Colonial Wars and Trinity Presbyterian Church, he leaves a brother and several

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nieces and nephews.

'52 Thomas Wayne Deupree Jr. of Metairie, LA, Oct. 23, 2010. Between high school and college, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving for two years. He moved to New Orleans in 1952 in connection with his employment by South Central Bell, from which he retired in 1972. He was then employed by the State of Louisiana Department of Revenue until he again retired in 1995. He leaves his wife, Carolyn Y. Deupree, a sister, Helen Holt, Brandon '51, and a brother, Robert H. Deupree '55.

'53 Edna Knighten Smit of Grand Rapids, MI, June 19, 2010. With the Army, she taught in Germany, Spain and Japan, where she met her husband, Harvey Smit. The two served in the Christian Reformed Church mission field for 18 years. She later taught, primarily as a reading consultant, in Forest Hills, MI, for almost 20 years, going on to earn a Ph.D. in education from Michigan State University. An avid traveler who visited 89 countries, she leaves three children and two grandchildren

'54 Carsie Clark Young Sr. of West Point, MS, Sept. 8, 2010. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was president of Clark Vending Co. Inc. and director and secretary of both C.C. Clark Inc. and Clark Distributing Co. Inc. He was an elder and lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the West Point Rotary Club where he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. A lifelong conservationist, he was a volunteer and supporter of Delta Water Fowl. The widower of Diane Worthington Young '57, he leaves a son, Carsie Clark Young Jr. '80, two daughters, a brother and

three grandchildren.

'56 Cecil Jackson "Jack" Poss of Shreveport, LA, Nov. 28, 2010. Retired from the U.S. Army, he taught English literature and poetry at Youree Drive Junior High and Southfield High School, where he also served as a golf coach. A deacon at First Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife, Delores "Dee" Poss, a daughter, two sons, three stepdaughters, seven grandchildren and a sister.

'61 Birt Ellsworth Waite of Knoxville, TN, Nov. 5, 2010. He was employed with Arnett, Draper, and Hagood. A Presbyterian, he leaves his wife of 38 years, Ann Waite, a daughter, a grandson and a brother, Norman Waite '64.

'63 Lloyd Johnson "John" Sarber Jr. of Okatie, SC, Dec. 4, 2010. After working for Exxon for nine years, he relocated the family to Roanoke, VA, to pursue a career in banking. He was deeply committed to his community, chairing Roanoke's annual United Way campaign in 1980. He later owned a franchise of Priority Management Systems. A member of The Parish Church at St. Helena's in Beaufort, he leaves his wife of 46 years, Anne Smith Sarber '64, two sons, four grandchildren and a sister.

'63 Judith Singer Wolverton of Memphis, Oct. 7, 2010. A retired associate scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, she began work in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at UT-Memphis and later worked in biochemical research with Dr. Harold Lyons at Rhodes. She was the author and co-author of many scientific papers.

'71 John Arthur Ford Jr. of Pullman, WA, Nov. 6, 2010. He leaves two brothers. A memorial service is planned for March 2011

in his family's hometown of Homer, LA.

'73 John Emmet Held of Harrisonburg, VA, Sept. 26, 2010. He was employed by the Social Security Administration, working in the Harrisonburg office for 20 years. He was a member and past president of the Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. He was often soloist with the Trinity Presbyterian Church choir, started and directed the children's choir, and sang for 20 years with the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society. He leaves his wife, the Rev. Ann Reed Held '73; two daughters, including Rebecca Held '03; his mother and a brother.

'75 Daniel Ferguson Carruthers III of Memphis, April 15, 2010. A musician, outdoorsman and SEC fan, he had worked at the Porter Leath Children's Home and in the restaurant industry. He leaves his mother, Mildred Black Carruthers; his soul mate, Lynn Svoboda; three brothers, including Paul Carruthers '76; and six nieces and nephews.

'77 John Callender Hugon of Fort Worth, TX, Nov. 17, 2010. Following graduation, he worked for MBank in Houston and Security Corp. and AMQUEST Bancorp in Duncan, OK. During the 1990s, he formed and managed The Parkview Corp. After earning his Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 2001, he opened an investment company later called Hugon Capital Management. He was a director of BancFirst Corporation and served on its Trust and Audit Committees. He was involved in several professional and civic organizations and was a member of the Rhodes

College Board of Trustees for 14 years, from 1995-2004 and again from 2005-10, for which he chaired and was a member of several committees, and was a past president of the Rhodes College International Alumni Association. In 1994 he established at Rhodes the John C. Hugon Scholarship, and in 2008 created the John C. Hugon International Study Fellowship. A member of First United Methodist Church, he leaves two sons, Justin Hugon '09 and Will Hugon.

'80 Patricia "Trish" Godbey Qualls-Hoag of Belleair, FL, Oct. 22, 2010. A health care and services industries professional, she leaves her husband, Edward, and a sister.

'04 Kara Nicole Bayless, Oct. 16, 2010. She was a Ph.D. student at Indiana University in Bloomington, where she had completed work for both a master of library science and master of arts in folklore and ethnomusicology. After earning her B.A. with honors in Russian Studies at Rhodes, she spent the next year living in Novgorod, Russia, where she taught English to middle- and high-school students. A research expedition to Russia in 2008 took her across the continent on the Trans-Siberian Railway. In Siberia, she collected texts and recordings of folk songs and documented embroidery patterns of traditional costumes, also collecting oral histories of the women singers of Batama. At Indiana, she received the Henry Glassie Teaching Award. She was a member of the Slavic and East European Folklore Association and the American Folklore Society. She leaves her parents, Dolan and Kathy Bayless; two brothers; and her grandparents.



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