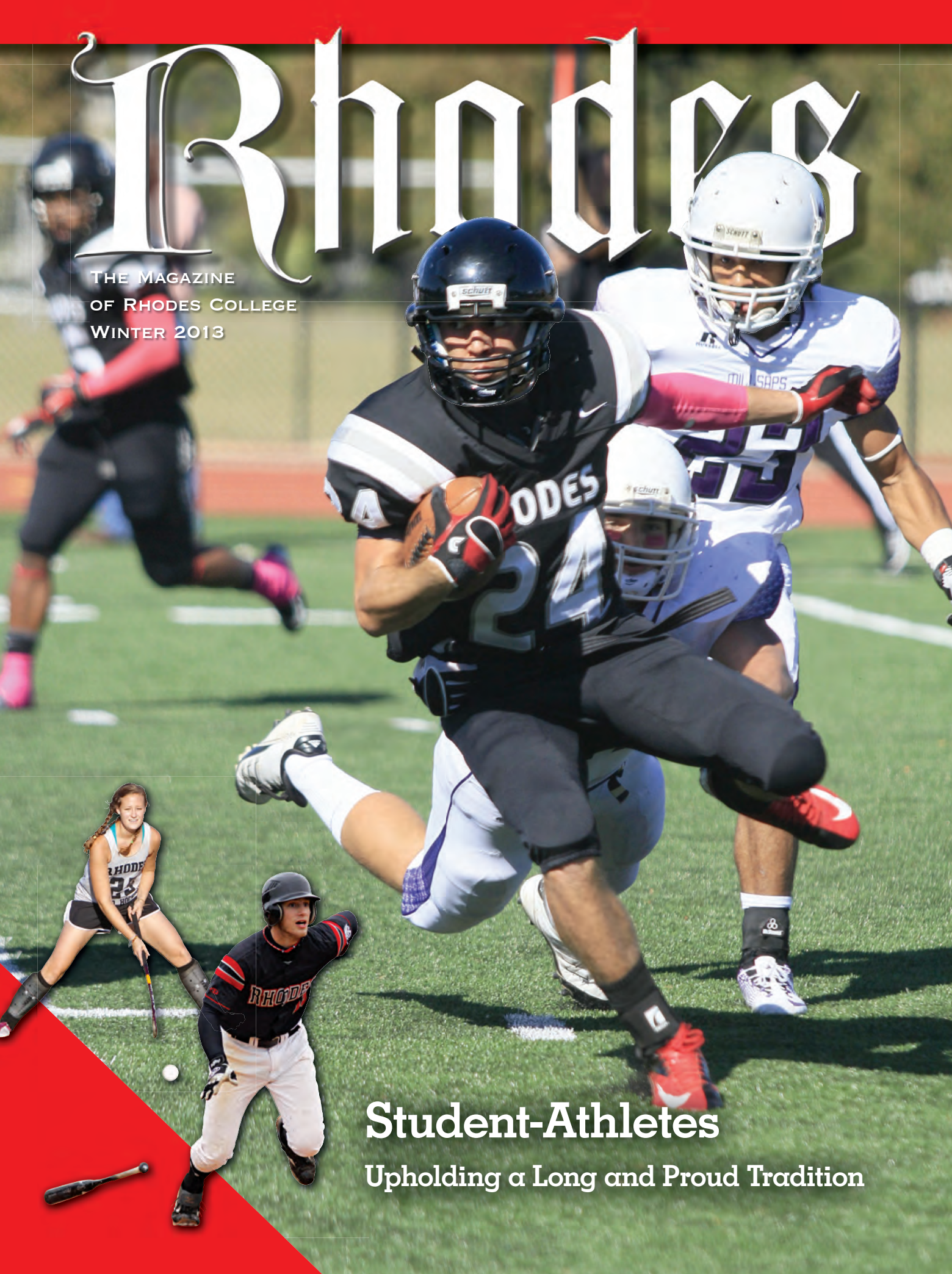


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- A video of the tree-planting ceremony honoring the memory of Professor Rosanna Cappellato
- Videos of current Rhodes parents and why they love the college



## Rhodes To Purchase Evergreen Presbyterian Church Property and Update Campus Master Plan

Rhodes College and Evergreen Presbyterian Church have enjoyed a strong and meaningful partnership since 1947, when the church purchased its current property from the college. Since that time, the Memphis community has benefited from our respective and collaborative outreach efforts.

Recently, Rhodes has been in discussions with Evergreen leadership about opportunities to strengthen this long-term partnership and about the future of the church campus. The college and the congregation envision more opportunities for working together to meet the most pressing needs of our community. The congregation has made the decision to plan for its future ministries in ways that do not require the operation of a large church campus.

Accordingly, Evergreen and Rhodes have agreed to enter into an arrangement providing for the college's acquisition of the property

and a two-year transition period of continued church operations. During the two-year transition, Evergreen will continue to operate its ministries and make plans for its transition from the property while Rhodes updates its campus master plan.

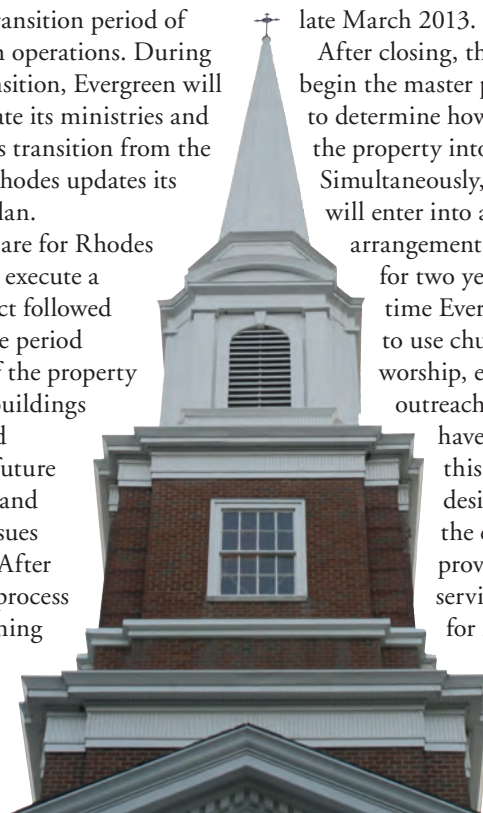
The next steps are for Rhodes and Evergreen to execute a real estate contract followed by a due diligence period where a survey of the property is prepared, the buildings are examined and questions about future land use, zoning and environmental issues are investigated. After completing that process and when everything is deemed satisfactory, Rhodes will likely close on the purchase in

late March 2013.

After closing, the college will begin the master planning process to determine how best to merge the property into its main campus. Simultaneously, the college will enter into a lease-back

arrangement with the church for two years, during which time Evergreen will continue to use church facilities for worship, education and outreach. Rhodes will

have the option during this period to use designated areas of the church and will provide additional service opportunities for its students as well as potential "swing space" for academic facility renovations.



## National Science Foundation Grant Awarded to Prof. Rachel Jabaily



Dr. Rachel Jabaily

LYNN CONLEE

Dr. Rachel Jabaily, assistant professor of biology, has been awarded a three-year National Science Foundation grant for her research on the evolutionary history of the Australian plant family Goodeniaceae. The grant includes funds for a postdoctoral fellow and support for undergraduate student fieldwork in Australia. Funding for the grant begins this May. The title of her work is "RUI: Phylogenetics and Floral Symmetry Development of

the Core Goodeniaceae," and the project is shared with collaborator Dr. Dianella Howarth at St. John's University-Queens.

An evolutionary biologist, Jabaily says the importance of her research is using DNA sequences to understand the evolutionary relationships between plants in Australia, a global hot spot of diversity, as well as studying the interaction of pollinators with the shape of flowers.

## Rhodes Fellows Document Stories of Elvis' Rise to Fame

By **Caroline Ponseti '15**

Although Elvis Presley left us 30 years ago, stories of his days in one Memphis neighborhood are being preserved thanks to the efforts of Rhodes students.

Recently, student fellows of Rhodes' Mike Curb Institute for Music and Crossroads to Freedom reunited some of Elvis' former neighbors to archive their memories of his rise to fame.

The reunion was held at 1034 Audubon Dr., Elvis' house in Memphis that he purchased in the 1950s. Music mogul Mike Curb bought the house in 2006, and it became a part of the Mike Curb Institute for Music he created at Rhodes.

The 1956-57 neighbors, many of whom had never seen the inside of the famous home, excitedly reconnected with one another, munching on Elvis' favorite fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches while reminiscing about the days when motorcycles and eager fans would line their street, hoping for a glimpse of the king of rock 'n' roll.

Crossroads and Curb fellows set up recording devices in two rooms of the home and conducted private interviews with the neighbors, who excitedly told of the times when Elvis rode down the street on horseback. One neighbor recalled answering her door to find Elvis holding her unconscious son after he was knocked out by a falling brick near the Elvis house.

The reunion of neighbors is a part

of the Curb Institute's larger goal to preserve the distinct musical traditions of the South along with Crossroads' ongoing efforts to connect the world with Memphis history through its public archive. Both programs have provided Rhodes students invaluable career preparation through opportunities unique to Memphis.

"By being at a liberal arts college like Rhodes, you can bring together very disconnected interests that you may have to create a more well-rounded history," says Grace Hicks '14, a religious studies major.

"I'm getting a lot of good experience, not just setting up the technical stuff but also interacting with people on a professional basis," adds Sophie Osella

'14, a philosophy major who aspires to make documentaries. "This program has taught me many of the skills that people in that field need."

At the time Elvis lived at the Audubon address, he was transitioning from a regionally interesting musician to an international star, according to Curb Institute director John Bass. "The stories of Elvis' Audubon Drive neighbors provide unique insight to this transition," he says. "It's a study of Memphis at the time."

Other Rhodes fellows who interviewed Elvis' neighbors during the reunion include: Anne Rhynes '13, Cuyler Hines '14, Gayle Hughes '13, Molly Whitehorn '15 and Michael Todd '13.



Rhodes students Cuyler Hines '14, Gayle Hughes '13 and Grace Hicks '14 interviewing Bayard Snowden, one of Elvis' former neighbors

## Brice Queener Named College's First Women's Lacrosse Coach

Brice Queener has been named Rhodes' first women's lacrosse coach. The varsity sport will begin in the 2013-14 academic/sports year.

Queener is a 2005 graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in government. At Georgetown, he was a four-year starter at midfield and is the only player in Georgetown men's lacrosse history to play in every game during his career. Also during

his career, the Hoyas were selected to participate in the NCAA tournament.

Most recently, Queener served as the women's lacrosse director at The Hill Academy in Toronto, where he helped establish and coach the first women's lacrosse teams in 2011 and 2012. In addition, he served as the men's lacrosse head prep coach and the varsity and postgrad assistant. Queener also taught English and social studies and served as residence director from 2009-12.

"We are very excited about Brice Queener joining the Rhodes community," said Rhodes director of athletics Mike Clary. "During his interview, he expressed a keen understanding of the mission at Rhodes as well as our student-athlete model. Coach Queener's knowledge and enthusiasm for lacrosse will be evident to our current and future women's lacrosse players."

## Martha Shepard '66 Retires as Editor of *Rhodes Magazine*

By Lucy Kellison '13

Those who were working in the Rhodes Communications Office on the wintry day in 1985 when Martha Hunter Shepard '66 came in to finish up her new-hire paperwork all share a memory in common—Martha's yellow boots. Loyd Templeton '56, who was head of communications when Shepard was hired, still recalls that day.

"It was raining cats and dogs out," says Templeton. "Martha was covered in rainwear and was wearing bright yellow, knee-high rain boots. I took to teasing her about her 'rubber duckie boots' until I got that elegant Grace Kelly stare of hers that told me enough was enough."

Although Shepard no longer wears those yellow boots some 28 years later, she has maintained the spunk and ambition she brought to the office. Throughout her tenure as editor of *Rhodes* magazine, Shepard has left an indelible mark on the publication, the office and the college. In February 2013, after over a quarter century of service to the college, Shepard retired from her position as editor, leaving behind a strong legacy.

"I don't think that the college could have asked for a personality more suited to the work Martha has done with *Rhodes* magazine," says John Rone '71, director of College Events and the Meeman Center at Rhodes. "Martha has always been able, in a very stylish and elegant way, to tell the Rhodes story. She has a wonderful ear for the right phrase, and anything that one could want in a good writer is found in Martha. We've been so blessed to have her as editor."

But for Shepard, Rhodes has meant much more than just a career. A 1966 graduate of the college, which was then called Southwestern, Shepard majored in art, and took a variety of courses in English. During her tenure as a student, she served as editor of the literary magazine on campus.

"At that time, everything was smaller in every sense—the student population, number of buildings, and of course,



Martha Shepard '66

tuition," says Shepard. "But I was able to take a variety of courses, and got such a wonderful education. I remember that people always used to talk about the warmth of the school and the friendliness of the people. It was true then, and it's true now."

Shepard also has strong family ties to Rhodes. Her sister, Susan Hunter Suggs, is a 1963 graduate, and Shepard met her husband, Randall Shepard '64, while the two were students at the college. Both her nephew, Welch Suggs '95, and her son, Hunter Shepard '97, are Rhodes graduates. And Shepard's father, the Rev. Alex W. Hunter, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southwestern in 1958.

"My dad was a Presbyterian minister, and while we lived in Memphis, he was good friends with members of the faculty and presidents Charles Diehl and Peyton Rhodes. When I was growing up in Memphis, I would spend time on campus with my dad, and my sister would always say, 'I want to go to school there.' And how could you resist? We both ended up here, and Rhodes really has been a family school for us."

After graduation, Shepard went to work as an assistant editor at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville for three years. From there, she did copywriting and marketing for Holiday Inns, which at the time was headquartered in Memphis. She was working as editor of the *Memphis Daily*

*News* when the brand-new position of magazine editor opened up at Rhodes.

"In college, I took so many English courses and had an interest in journalism that I always thought I would enter some form of publishing after graduation," says Shepard. "When the position became available at Rhodes, I thought, if I could do this wonderful job while serving my alma mater, I would be so happy. And I have been!"

Shepard assumed the role of editor of what was known in 1985 as the tabloid *Rhodes Today*. The first alumni magazine was published in the 1920s under the editorship of Dr. Robert MacQueen. It contained three main sections: Campus News, Alumni News and Class Notes. With a few added embellishments, as Shepard puts it, the magazine has kept the same basic format over its 90 years in existence, and it is now distributed three times a year to alumni, parents and other members of the Rhodes community around the world.

Shepard says she enjoyed publishing some special editions of the magazine, including the 1998 issue that celebrated the 150th anniversary of the college, President James H. Daughdrill's retirement and President Bill Troutt's arrival, both in 1999, and President Troutt's 10th year as president in 2009. For the dedication of the Barret Library in 2005, Shepard oversaw a magazine issue covering the new building that included gorgeous photography of the library taken by the building's architects.

Though Shepard has retired, she plans on staying connected to the college by attending on-campus concerts and lectures, and of course by keeping in touch with her colleagues and friends. In her spare time, Shepard says she looks forward to volunteering with adult literacy and possibly as a docent at a Memphis museum.

A longtime friend and colleague of Shepard, Rone says that a line spoken at his own Rhodes graduation

reminds him of Shepard and her lasting relationship with the school.

“Dr. William L. Bowden ’48, who was president of this college from 1969 to 1973, gave the address at my graduation in June 1971. A line from his speech has always stuck with me,

and it goes something like this: ‘Seniors, Southwestern does not belong to you, but you belong to Southwestern.’ To me, this really applies to Martha’s relationship with the college in that she will always be a part of Rhodes. What’s more, she will always be a part of the

historical record of the college. When people in the future go to the archives and want to read about Rhodes, thank goodness we will have the Martha Shepard era to share with them.”

## Remembering Professor Rosanna Cappellato

It was with great sadness that the college received news of the passing of Professor Rosanna Cappellato, Nov. 22, 2012, after a brief yet rapidly progressive illness.

Dr. Cappellato earned her bachelor of science degree in her native Italy in 1977, a doctorandus degree in biology from the University of Amsterdam in 1981 and a Ph.D. in biology from Emory University in 1991. She taught at Emory, Alfred University and Allegheny College before joining the Rhodes faculty in 2004.

At Rhodes, Dr. Cappellato established courses in Environmental Science and Conservation Biology. Each year she led students on a Maymester program in Namibia to study environmental issues in Southern Africa. Dr. Cappellato’s passion for the environment and environmentalism was reflected in a number of ways on campus and beyond. She provided

guidance throughout the development of the Environmental Studies and Sciences Program and was instrumental in the recent recertification of the Rhodes campus as a Level IV Arboretum. She also served on Rhodes’ Environmental Planning Committee and the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Memphis Zoo. She was involved in a number of environmental issues in the community, including the Shelby County Brownfield Council and conservation efforts in the old growth forest of Overton Park.

Students, faculty and staff gathered in late January to plant a tree in Dr. Cappellato’s honor. A scarlet oak tree, chosen because it is native to Tennessee and not already represented in the Arboretum, was planted in front of the Catherine Burrow Refectory, replacing a tree lost earlier in the year. A plaque in Dr. Cappellato’s honor will be placed at the base of the tree.

## Rosanna Cappellato

By Adam Alsamadisi ’12

On Thanksgiving Day, Rhodes College lost an extraordinary leader to whom the community owes tremendous gratitude. Dr. Rosanna Cappellato’s wonderful adoration of the natural environment and incredible dedication to the interdisciplinary understanding of the environment had a profound impact on so many members of the Rhodes, greater Memphis and international communities.

Dr. Cappellato, assistant professor of biology, often emphasized how important an asset the arboretum was to the college, and introduced so many people to the vibrant and diverse tree species on the campus.

Her marvelous spirit—as a source of sagacious wit, sincere encouragement and exceptional compassion—will be remembered fondly and terribly missed. Leaving behind a legacy with tremendous dignity, Dr. Cappellato should be celebrated with a resonating recognition of the many contributions she made to the environment and education throughout her lifetime.



Dr. Rosanna Cappellato and Adam Alsamadisi ’12



Some student-athletes, from left: goalie Dewey Stierer '16, Phoenix, MD, English; forward Theo Hartwell '13, Charleston, SC, economics/commerce and business; shortstop Lynden Pindling '13, Nassau, Bahamas, commerce and business; forward Mae Casey '13, New Orleans, English/film studies; golfer Mary Reed '14, Kansas City, MO, economics/commerce and business



# TO THE LIMIT OF MY

# Capacities

BY RICHARD J. ALLEY

In the 1920s, the college published a code for athletes. Heading the list:

“As an athlete I am determined to play the game to the limit of my capacities, giving each detail the greatest care and attention.”

It holds true today, as then, at play and in the classroom.

**A**t the far north end of the Rhodes College campus stands a citadel of sweat, an acropolis of aches and a fortress of fortitude. The Bryan Campus Life Center (BCLC) is where the athletic administration offices can be found, past fitness rooms and down long hallways adorned with trophies and plaques and photos of athletes who won them for the college.

The tradition doesn't stop with photos, though; it is also in the air, mixed within the mortar and stone and on polished woodwork. The William Neely Mallory Gymnasium, built in 1954 and dedicated to the 42 alumni who perished in World War II, is where the men's and women's basketball teams tip off, and the volleyball team rallies, atop the Lynx paw at mid-court. If nearby Paul Barret Jr. Library is the brain of the campus, then the BCLC is its muscle, flexed daily and stretched with dedication and passion by the student-athletes within. In its shadow, a bright light in its own right, is Crain Field, which was refurbished with state-of-the-art synthetic FieldTurf, a gift of Brenda and Lester Crain Jr. '51 in honor of his father, J. Lester Crain Sr. '29, at the start of the 2012 football season.

Adjacent to the football field are the Dunavant Tennis Complex and, beyond, the new field hockey field, also clad in FieldTurf, thanks to the generosity of field hockey parents and alumni; soccer pitch; track; softball field; and baseball diamond of the Fargason athletic fields. On any given game day, students, faculty, fans and family gather to cheer

on their Lynx as they instill a pride in students that reaches back 165 years and gives their entire college experience an extra layer, a depth and a balance to the rigorous academic expectations of classroom, laboratory and lecture hall.

## PLAYING FOR RHODES, A DIVISION III COLLEGE

In the 1920s and '30s, long before there were NCAA divisions, the football Lynx played a surprising range of teams. In 1936, they defeated Vanderbilt 12-0. Two hundred leading business and civic leaders gave team members a luncheon to congratulate them on the win and the national attention they were bringing to Memphis. In September 1937, they beat Arkansas State 67-0 in front of 4,000 fans at the Mid-South Fairgrounds stadium. In 1939, the Lynx played Ole Miss, and in 1940, the University of Tennessee.

“In the beginning, college football wasn't supposed to have 95-man rosters, 300-piece marching bands, \$10 million budgets and under-the-table inducements to get top players into school.”

So wrote George Lapidis, sports editor of the *Memphis Press-Scimitar*, in 1982. He would later become the Rhodes athletic director in 1984, and his words stand true now as then. Lapidis continued his musings on college sports: “... a few pockets of purity do remain. In today's structure, it's called Division III. That's the classification of colleges where the football philosophy is not win at any cost, where academic integrity would never be sacrificed for Saturday

afternoon victories ...”

Lapides wrote then specifically about football, but the same is true across the rosters for Division III athletics, described on the website of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the reigning body for all college sports. It says, in part, that Division III “... minimizes the conflicts between athletics and academics and keeps student-athletes on a path to graduation through shorter practice and playing seasons, the number of contests, no redshirting and regional competition that reduces time away from academic studies. Student-athletes are integrated on campus and treated like all other members of the general student body, keeping them focused on being a student first.”

To put it simply, Division III athletics, and the athletics program at Rhodes, are about balance. It’s the balance of a challenging academic career as well as sports career. It’s about understanding that there is a time for physical practice and one for mental practice.

“That was the attraction and, certainly looking back, that was actually the experience—there seemed a proper balance between education and athletics,” says Tom Mullady ’79, managing director of Global Compensation for FedEx. A Rhodes success story both on and off the field, Mullady would go on to be drafted by the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League in 1979, and was shortly thereafter traded to the New York Giants, where he played for six years.

Mullady is the exception to the rule, though. Most student-athletes in Division III don’t harbor dreams of one day suiting up for the NFL, shagging flies in Major League Baseball or lacing up for a national Olympics team. Instead, they dream about donning lab coats or leading a team in the board room. But they have a passion for sport and for

the physical, and that is what leads many of them to Division III in general, and Rhodes in particular.

Sports, for a high school student, can be all-consuming, and the thought of an abrupt end to working with teammates and pushing oneself to be better, faster, physically stronger can be a dispiriting one. For many who wish to play beyond their high school graduation and are looking for the equal mixture of academics and athletics, Rhodes draws them on many levels.

“The student-athletes we have would not be here if it weren’t for the quality of education and the value they’re getting for their tuition dollar academically,” says Mike Clary ’77, director of athletics for Rhodes.

“That’s true for any student who considers coming here. But when our coaches recruit, they have a great opportunity to enroll prospects, thanks to Rhodes’ academic reputation, its location in Memphis, the physical beauty of the college, the facilities, the people.”

Clary is proof of the passion for sport at Rhodes. The biology major was a three-year starter for the football team and played on the ’77 golf team that won the College Athletic Conference championship. At the age of 28, he was hired as head football coach. The all-time winningest coach in Rhodes history, he has served in a coaching capacity for men’s track, swimming and, currently, women’s golf.

Though the Division III rules stipulate that no athletic scholarships shall be offered, recruitment became much more proactive in the 1980s. Before then, students often showed up and, almost as an afterthought, considered

## VARSITY TEAMS

### Men

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field

### Women

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Lacrosse (2013-14)



JUSTIN FOX BURNS

Lester Crain Jr. '51 and Lynx football coach Dan Gritti at the dedication of Crain Field on September 8, 2012



JUSTIN FOX BURKS

Lynx field hockey team during the ribbon cutting for the new field last fall

trying out for a sport. “In the late ’70s and early ’80s, nationally, that changed to where liberal arts colleges became very intentional about going out and seeking students to play golf, play lacrosse, play football,” Clary says.

Mike Cody ’58 didn’t just walk onto the campus on North Parkway. He ran. East High School in Memphis, where Cody ran track, didn’t have facilities for the sport; his team, instead, ran through an adjacent field, and his coach would often drive him to the then-Southwestern campus to run on its cinder track. He was good enough at the time, he said, to compete with the college students, and the Southwestern coach asked if he’d be interested in attending school and running track. With no money, and looking to join the Army right out of high school, Cody was eligible, through grades and extracurricular activities at the high school level, for a leadership scholarship. “It was a life-changing event,” he says. “Rhodes literally changed my life in terms of public service and a broader education in liberal arts.”

Even after graduation, there is a striving for excellence within these Rhodes athletes. Mullady gained his MBA from Rutgers University during the off-seasons with the Giants. Cody went on to law school at the University of Virginia and continues to practice with the firm of Burch, Porter & Johnson, where he has had a distinguished career filled with awards, accolades and service. He has amassed thousands of miles on tracks and sidewalks in the Midtown area. A 4-mile race held at Rhodes every February to raise money for the athletic program is named in his honor.

Mullady played in the College Athletic Conference (CAC), formed in 1962. In 1991 it became the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC). Today, Rhodes is part of the eight-member Southern Athletic Association (SAA), a Division III college athletic conference that started play in 2012–13.

## COACHING AT RHODES

The amenities of Rhodes, the balanced workloads, the communal feel of a classroom and locker room, apply to the coaching staff as well. There are currently 10 women’s sports and 10 men’s sports, with 16 head coaches. “Ninety percent of our coaches really self-select institutions like Rhodes because they want to be in this type of environment where they’re working with athletes who have very high goals in every aspect of their lives, but certainly very high academic goals,” Clary says.

Current Rhodes head football coach Dan Gritti had a lucrative position as an attorney with a Manhattan law firm. After the horrors of 9/11, though, much of that existence ceased to be meaningful. He got in touch with then-Indiana University coach Gerry DiNardo, for whom he was a student assistant in his Vanderbilt student days, and a new career was born. Gritti went on to coach at Middlebury College and the University of Chicago before coming to Rhodes in 2011. “It’s important to do what you love,” he said in a Memphis newspaper story at the time. “And it’s important to do what you love as well as you can.”



Midfielder Will Estes '13, Winter Park, FL, economics and business, and defender Charlie Yarn '13, Athens, GA, anthropology/sociology

In 1991, Robert Shankman '80, who currently serves as vice president for Division III Cross Country for the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Association, gave up his position as a vice president and commercial lending officer at Memphis' National Bank of Commerce (now SunTrust) to coach at Rhodes. Since 1991, Rhodes track and cross country teams have won 31 conference championships, including 10 titles in men's cross country, seven in women's cross country, six in men's track and eight in women's track. Shankman's peers voted him SCAC Coach of the Year 17 times in cross country and 13 times in track. The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association also honored Shankman with Regional Coach of the Year awards in '02, '09 and '10 for women's cross country; in '03 and '10 for women's outdoor track; and in '07 for men's cross country.

Mike DeGeorge grew up in Division III athletics as the son of football coach Ed DeGeorge of Beloit College in Wisconsin. He saw the passion of his father and the players and learned of that magic word "balance" along the way. As the men's head basketball coach for Rhodes since 2009, DeGeorge has led the Lynx to their best conference record in 20 years, 18-9 in 2011-12. (Rhodes men's basketball teams were SCAC champions in 1979-81 and 1992-93.) DeGeorge's time as coach in the NCAA has been scattered among Cornell College in Iowa, Eureka College in Illinois and Lawrence University in Wisconsin. He's drawn to schools like these, "the last pure level of college sport" as he calls it. "We're the model of what college athletics should be about in terms of character building, and even the concept of just being physically active and being a part

of something bigger than yourself."

## WHAT TITLE IX HAS BROUGHT TO RHODES

The balance has been given a wider meaning in the past 40 years since the passage of Title IX, the 1972 law requiring equality for genders at all levels of school sports. Rhodes expanded its offering in women's

sports under director of athletics Ed White and became the first Memphis-area college to offer varsity women's soccer in 1983. It's an achievement that, these days, might go unnoticed by women on the pitch such as Mae Casey '13, a left forward for the Lynx. Casey is from New Orleans and could have played Division I soccer, she says, but "I wanted the experience of having a social life and being more involved academically and socially and playing sports, so Rhodes just seemed like the best choice for me." The women's soccer team finished the 2012 season 15-4-1, and ranked nationally.

"I've seen improvements throughout my time playing and coaching that I think our current student-athletes take for granted a little bit, and so it's interesting to see their perspective on things," says Jane Wells '03, head field hockey coach. "There are certainly still issues with gender equity in sports, but I think Rhodes is doing a good job providing quality student experiences for our female student-athletes as well as our male student-athletes, and striking that balance well." The field hockey team finished this season with its fourth consecutive conference title.

Lacrosse is popular in many Northern and Eastern high schools, and Rhodes plans to add a women's team in the 2013-14 academic year, increasing the geographic diversity of the student body, and bringing the total number of women's sports to 11, thus surpassing the offerings in men's sports.

Lapides wrote in 1982: "They don't play in Division III to make money ... or even to break even. They don't play to get on TV or into the headlines. In Division III, they play because it's fun."

The ingredients for a well-rounded college experience

## CLUB SPORTS

- Badminton
- Cheerleading
- Crew
- Dance Team
- Fencing
- Ice Hockey
- Rhodes Outdoor Organization
- Ultimate Frisbee

include a supportive classroom dynamic, friends and social gatherings, off-campus fellowships and internships and, for many, sports. Athletics at the Division III level is not meant to charge life on campus, but to recharge it, to add another tone of color to the palette of academics and career planning.

Marie Brandewiede Schofer '04 came from St. Louis to run track and cross country for Rhodes, qualifying for the NCAA national championships as an individual and as part of a team in both sports. She earned All American honors on three occasions.

Both Mullady and Schofer met their future spouses, as well as lifelong friends and confidants, while at Rhodes. Now working in the admissions office at Cornell College in Iowa, Schofer still runs and maintains contact with past teammates, which is “something really special,” she says. Schofer is also close with coach Robert Shankman, a lasting influence and mentor both on and off the track. “We relied on each other and supported each other,” she says of her teammates, “but when I needed to buy new tires for my car, I went to Coach Shankman and he recommended a place and a guy to go see, to make sure I didn’t get a bad deal. He really looked out for his athletes that way, on a personal level, too.”

For Mary Reed '14, her time on the links for the Lynx golf team has been an experience she wouldn’t trade for anything. The bridge major in economics/commerce and business knows what it is to be pushed to the limits with studying, exams and projects, and the time spent

with teammates on the greens of local golf courses. All have provided hours of camaraderie and memories. “I can’t imagine being at Rhodes and not playing a sport, to be honest, having that extra layer of challenge and something else to do has made my experience all the more important and fun. It’s nice having a lot of other student-athletes on campus because everybody gets it.”

## ON BEING A RHODES STUDENT-ATHLETE

Of 1,872 full-time students for the 2012-13 academic year, 573—31 percent—are student-athletes, numbers that rival even the largest Division I schools. What’s more, 60 percent of Rhodes’ student-athletes receive academic financial aid. Sixty-three percent participate in extracurricular campus activities other than sports.

The well-rounded college experience is something sought after by incoming students and their parents, faculty and coaches, and all the way to the top. “Seeing our athletes compete and succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and later in life is a great source of pride for us,” says Rhodes President Bill Troutt.

Says Welch Suggs '95, track and field and cross country runner: “What you learn as an athlete are lessons that you cannot get anywhere else. You can make the same argument about the classroom as well, but when you’re an athlete, you have to learn first and foremost how to manage your time, not just to get your homework done, but to put in the time you need in the weight room or training room, as the case may be.”

Suggs chose Rhodes over other schools because he wanted the experience of a Division III school. He wanted to run, but “did not want it to be my life in college.” What he wanted was to be a sports reporter. He would later attend the University of Missouri graduate program in journalism and write about the business side of sports for the *Kansas City Star*, *Street & Smith’s SportsBusiness Journal* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. He is now an associate professor at the Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia.

The Memphis *Commercial Appeal* sports columnist Geoff Calkins, whether covering the summer Olympics in London or the Memphis Grizzlies closer to home, spends his days and nights caught up in the euphoria of winning sports teams. Just as George Lapidès 30 years prior, he also knows the ins and outs of Division I athletics programs and has, at times, become “disgusted” by the scandals and out-of-all-proportion chase for money.



Guard Sarah Womack '13, Germantown, TN, political economy

“The great thing about Rhodes,” he says, “is that when you look to see what lies beneath, you’re only more impressed when you realize the leading tackler is going to medical school. Well, that is exactly what it was supposed to be, the mind-body ideal, which is a farce at the Division I level, but is still a reality at a place like Rhodes.”

## RHODES PARENTS, THANKFULLY, WILL BE PARENTS

This purity of sport and love of the game at Rhodes is still undiluted and is a characteristic instilled by little league and high school coaches as well as parents, the ones who introduce us to sports with a first pair of running sneakers or by playing catch in the backyard. As important as the student-athletes, their coaches, the coaching staffs, professors and groundskeepers are at Rhodes, there would be nothing without the parents. These are the people who hustle their kids outdoors, pay for uniforms and lessons, drive them to away games during little league, cheer them on, wipe their tears and probably hide some of their own. A Rhodes parent is a proud parent, a fan and the 12th player in the bleachers.

On football game days, sandwiched between the tennis courts and Crain Field is a group with its own sandwiches and grills, wearing the red and black and



Infielder Makenzie Martin '15, Normal, IL

boasting about the prowess of their sons on the field, their accomplishments in the classroom and the college in general. Led this year by Michael and Dana Wilson, whose son, Dane '14, is a political science major and running back, the team off the field

supports the team on with tailgating, networking and relationship building. It is potluck with a purpose as the veterans take the parents of first-years under their wings to show them the ropes and make them feel welcome. “It’s always fun because as parents during that transition where your kid is becoming an adult ... you always want to support them and the more we can do with that as far as activity and being there, the better,” says Michael Wilson, who works for FedEx and has missed only one game—whether home or away—in his son’s tenure on the team.

The coaching staff relies on Wilson to send out emails to team parents and help keep them in the loop. It’s nice, too, says Wilson, when head coach Dan Gritti and his staff come out before games to see how everyone is doing and after the games to cheer with them or explain the challenges when things don’t go the way they’d hoped. The post-game revelry is a time as well for the parents to connect with the players who then join them for a meal provided by the tailgaters.

College athletics is a commitment entered into by the administration, faculty, the student-athlete, their parents and the fans. Dane Wilson’s parents are as eager to see him carry the ball into the end zone as Mary Reed’s parents are to watch her birdie a hole. “They are huge supporters and come to all of my tournaments, as many as they can,” Reed says. “They’re probably the biggest proponents of me going to Rhodes and having the full experience of playing the sport.”

Marie Brandeweide Schofer recalls her final competition as a Rhodes runner in the nationals and of breaking down and sobbing on the van ride home. “One of the reasons I was crying was that my parents sat on cold bleachers in a dozen states, traveling around to watch me at different meets, and that was something that I really treasured.”

## INTRAMURALS

Flag Football  
Wiffleball  
3x3 Basketball  
5x5 Basketball  
7x7 Soccer  
Volleyball

## THE FUTURE OF RHODES ATHLETICS

Rhodes does not draw the crowds one might see at SEC games. That's a given and one that is understood by players and coaches alike. But that does not mean there is any less commitment to the programs by the administration. There is money budgeted for salaries and recruiting, and there is money budgeted for facilities. Philanthropy plays a big part in this commitment, as evidenced by the Crain and Bryan families and the new baseball and field hockey facilities. Rhodes could not do without the generous support of alumni and parents.

"We're always thinking about what the future holds and always looking for improvements, and obviously those plans and improvements come as we raise the money to make those happen," says Jim Duncan, director of athletic giving. Currently there is a push for funds to permanently light all the fields. With Crain Field pulling double duty for football and lacrosse, and other sports' practice times and game scheduling at the mercy of daylight and classroom priorities, lights would allow a flexibility that would benefit students, coaches and fans.

As a means to an end, the Lynx Club, the fundraising arm for athletics only, was established last year as a way "to bring all of our athletic fundraising components under one umbrella," Duncan says. "Parents of current and former athletes and alums who were athletes now have an avenue to make annual contributions ... and they can designate it to the sport of their choice."

In the past, coaches have been



On the road, Theo Hartwell '13, economics and business, goes up against Oglethorpe


more involved in fundraising for their specific sport, and the Lynx Club hopes to free up their time to focus on players, building relationships and recruiting. It is expected that any increase in fundraising and subsequent improvements to facilities and amenities will, in turn, boost recruitment efforts. Duncan characterizes it as “an ever-evolving circle” as the athletic program works to better itself through more efficient fundraising.

“It’s very important that we make a commitment to all of our programs, and I think we’ve been about that,” President Troutt adds.

While much of the campus population will always, naturally, be more student than athlete, there is no denying the urge to run, jump, pass and score. Intramural and club sports play a big part in life on campus. Organized games of flag football, whiffleball, basketball, soccer and volleyball can be had for all skill levels. From the windows of Buckman Hall, the casual observer might watch a pickup game of Ultimate Frisbee in an arena bordered by oaks, dogwoods and crape myrtles.

The need for physicality is inherent, just as is the

want to feel pride of ownership in a school and sports team. Rhodes students have the best of both worlds with first-rate academics and a sports program that is accessible and exciting. Even as they look back to the college’s beginnings in the 19th century and marvel at such tradition, students and alumni should feel energized for the 21st century and a playing field of balanced scholars and athletes eager for the future.

For more information on Rhodes athletics, including current and past rosters, schedules, program overview and Hall of Fame inductees, please visit [rhodeslynx.com](http://rhodeslynx.com). 

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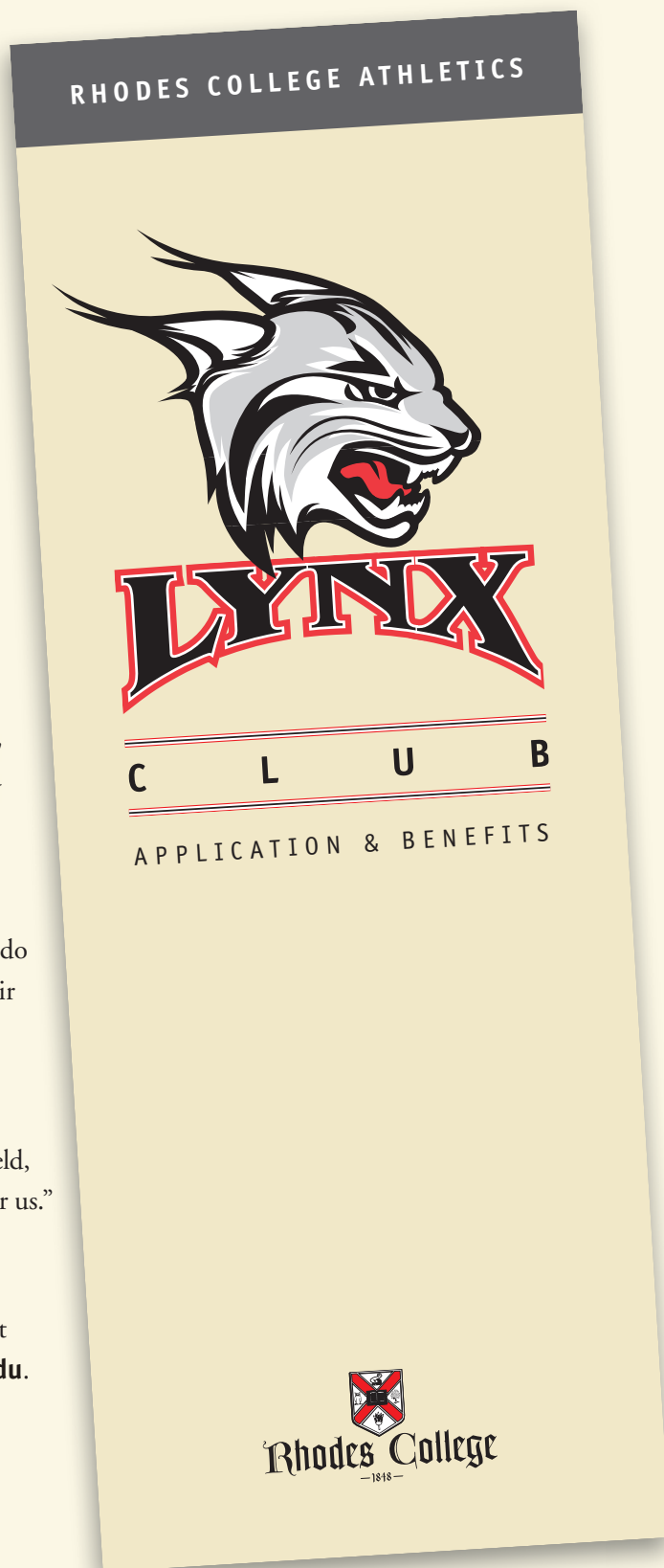
“We’ve found that bringing all the athletics fundraising under one umbrella frees up the coaches to do what they do best—coach. It allows them to spend more time with their players, developing relationships with each one.”

– **Jim Duncan, Director of Athletic Giving**

“Seeing our athletes compete and succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and later in life is a great source of pride for us.”

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# THE

# Right Fit

BY MARTHA HUNTER SHEPARD '66

**W**hen Rhodes parents say they love the college, believe it. They mean that, after a long search for the best college for their student, they've found the right "fit"—everything they were looking for—at Rhodes. The academics, personal relationships with faculty and newfound friends, extracurricular activities, the sheer beauty of the place, not to mention life outside the gates in the city of Memphis, are undeniable factors in their decision-making.

As more than one parent will tell you, this "fit" makes it easy to love and become involved in the life of the college. Make no mistake—these aren't "helicopter parents"; rather, they're valued advisers, communicators and recruiters who believe in the college and its vision, and will take Rhodes' message to the ends of the earth.

## FINDING RHODES

For many families, finding the right college for their student is like researching a dissertation. The topic is a given, but out of more than 2,000 four-year colleges and universities in the U.S., where do they begin?

Most start with the basics. They seek the advice of alumni relatives and friends. They attend college fairs

and schedule campus visits. Ultimately, many read the book *Colleges That Change Lives*. Written in 1996 by former *New York Times* education editor Loren Pope and most recently revised in 2012, it profiles 40 top liberal arts colleges, including Rhodes, that the author deemed superior to Ivy League institutions.

"The phrase 'Ivy League education' is an oxymoron when compared to the benefactions to mind and soul the colleges in this book bestow," Pope wrote. "Not only are they better, but they want you, and you will love them for making a new and better you. Your satisfaction will be lifelong."

Intrigued by their findings, many prospective Rhodes students and their families take the next step—a campus visit. At Rhodes, this is often the deal maker, and for more than a few, a chance meeting with President Bill Troutt during the tour is the icing on the cake.

Says Maria Farahani who visited from Austin, TX, with her daughter Leila '13, then a high school senior, "As we waited for our taxi to leave, a friendly and smiling gentleman who was unloading boxes from his car approached us. After some great conversation we were surprised to find out that we had been talking to the president, Dr. Troutt himself, who had gone the extra mile for us."



President Troutt extends a warm welcome to campus visitors during a recent Open Rhodes ice cream social

When New Orleanians Sarah and George Young and their daughter, Charlotte, now a Rhodes senior, made a campus visit, they were in the dining hall when “an attractive man in a bow tie approached us and welcomed us warmly to Rhodes,” Sarah recalls. “It turned out that the man in the bow tie having lunch in the midst of hundreds of Rhodes students was the president of the college, Bill Troutt.”

## GETTING INVOLVED

Bill Troutt’s presence and words of welcome are not lost on any campus visitor. He remembers everyone he meets, which certainly eases the way for families interested in becoming involved in the Rhodes community.

Rhodes Chapters—groups of alumni and parents around the country—are eager to welcome new parents into the fold. Chapter members recruit students, participate in fundraising and host career networking events along with yield parties for prospective students who have applied to Rhodes, as well as summer send-offs for new Lynx.

J. Carey Thompson, vice president for enrollment and communications and dean of admission, says that parents of current students “are indispensable to our efforts. They know the college, they know

families in their area, and know what kind of students we’re looking for. We’re very appreciative of their help.”

The Parent Council is another group involved in the life of the college. Laine Royer ’07, assistant director of annual giving, oversees the council.

“The Parent Council this year includes 72 households,” says Royer. In addition to fundraising and recruiting, council members establish internships for current students, take part in career networking and hire alumni when they can. Equally valuable services include providing feedback and voicing the concerns and opinions of parents to the college.

Royer knows whereof she speaks. Her parents, Mike and Shelley Royer of Houston, are past members of the Parent Council.

“While my brother, Brooks ’10, and I both went to Rhodes, my parents served on the Parent Council for seven years,” says Laine. “To this day, they attend many of the recruitment, yield and summer send-off events. My dad, along with other parents in Houston, helped put together a career networking event. Both of them have been Houston Chapter volunteers, and were named Volunteers of the Year at Homecoming 2010.” **R**



James Park, Devon Shiland '15 and Patricia Shiland

## **PATRICIA SHILAND, JAMES PARK AND DEVON SHILAND '15 ~ NEW YORK, NY**

“Devon and our family first learned about Rhodes at her boarding school’s college information session,” says Patricia Shiland. “There was a panel discussion and a panel member suggested that every family should buy the book *Colleges That Change Lives* by Loren Pope. We were probably one of the few families that actually went to buy the book. We read about Rhodes and it really spoke to us.

“Devon knew from the start that she didn’t want to attend a liberal arts college in the Northeast. She didn’t just want an extension of her boarding school experience. She was looking for strong academics, access to professors (not teaching assistants) and a Greek component, all on a beautiful college campus.

And lest I forget ... nearby should be an interesting city (since she is a native New Yorker)! Quite a tall order! Rhodes fit the bill perfectly. The minute she stepped onto campus, she knew she liked it. From that very first day, and throughout the selection process, Devon was always warmly welcomed. As parents, our questions were answered promptly and with warmth.

“We became involved with Rhodes when we experienced her first year. Rhodes is a fabulous college with so much to offer its students. We’ve always believed in the importance of supporting our children’s schools. But with Rhodes, it’s easy. We love the school and see how much Devon has grown just in this short time.”

## **SARAH, GEORGE AND CHARLOTTE YOUNG '13 ~ NEW ORLEANS, LA**

“Rhodes enjoys a strong academic reputation in New Orleans and that is what first drew us and our daughter, Charlotte, to want to take a closer look,” says Sarah Young. “Charlotte’s cousin, Mathilde Semmes '10, who was in her third year at Rhodes, also encouraged Charlotte. Mathilde was enjoying the academically challenging curriculum, travel abroad,

singing with the choir and sorority life. Since then, Charlotte and Mathilde’s brothers, Joe '13 and Rob '14, have also enrolled at Rhodes. They have made it very easy for their grandparents to visit their college-aged grandchildren at school!

“Our impression from the start was of a place where doing things the best way possible seemed to



The Youngs—Charlotte '13, George, Bess and Sarah

matter a great deal. It is a beautiful campus, and it is immediately apparent that a great deal of thought has gone into its planning and expansion.

“Our appreciation for Bill Troutt’s ‘hands on’ leadership increased even more when he personally called Charlotte to encourage her during the admission process. We are continually impressed with his leadership, grace and good humor.

“We got involved early in Charlotte’s time at Rhodes by accepting an invitation to join the Parent

Council. We meet on campus twice a year and assist in fundraising and recruitment activities. It has been a pleasure to help in these areas so critical to the success of the college. Everyone is so positive about Rhodes that it makes our volunteer efforts easy.

“We were active in the school both our daughters attended in New Orleans, from room parenting to serving on the board. Being involved with Rhodes has made our experience with the college richer than we could have imagined.”

### MARIA, MANNY AND LEILA FARAHANI '13 - AUSTIN, TX

Maria Farahani says her daughter, Leila, first learned of Rhodes through *Colleges That Change Lives*. “Soon after reading it, she received an invitation to apply to the college, and she did. She knew a national liberal arts school would be the best choice for her. We decided to visit colleges once she had narrowed down her choices to three schools. Before our visit, we told Leila to be aware of the ‘signs’ she would experience as she visited them.

“We arrived at Rhodes on a beautiful spring morning when the campus was dressed in magnificent blooms; everyone we encountered—

students, faculty and staff—were extremely friendly and helpful; everyone seemed happy and engaged. The admission counselor she visited with had great insight. It was all a very positive experience. Outside campus, in the Memphis area, we felt we were being treated with deference as people heard we were there to visit Rhodes, as if we were part of a special group.

“Leila loves Rhodes—the small classes, the wonderful friends she has made—it has been a very positive experience. She has changed her major a few times and always felt there were faculty ready to support her in any direction. She has gone from



The Farahanis—Maria, Leila '13, Daniel and Manny

art, to psychology, to pre-med to art history. She has been involved in Lecture Board, Activities Board and her sorority. While on a family medical trip to Nicaragua last summer, she discovered the magic of using ultrasound to detect vein blockage in patients with varicose veins and became fascinated with this type of outpatient care. I can see her leaning in that direction for grad school.

“Rhodes has been a character-building experience for our daughter. She has met unique individuals both among her peers and her professors. We have felt the love and support of the Rhodes community and are forever grateful.

“We have always been very involved in the schools

our children have attended. Our first opportunity to ally ourselves with Rhodes was the Parent Council, which we joined almost as soon as our daughter entered Rhodes. That allowed us more of an insider’s view and many opportunities to serve the community. We have particularly enjoyed hosting prospective students and their parents and summer send-off parties in our home. We love sharing all the good experiences we have had at Rhodes with soon-to-be-students and parents.

“Through our involvement, Rhodes honored us by inviting me to join the Board of Trustees, which has been an unforgettable experience. Rhodes is a one-of-a-kind place.”

## **NANCY, MIKE, MEGHAN '07 AND LAURA HOFTO '10 ~ MOBILE, AL**

Nancy Hofto says she “had a terrific college experience at the University of Alabama, but my two daughters’ years at Rhodes topped it. Although I had wonderful friends and a great education, opportunities to look beyond the self are greater at a college like Rhodes.

“While I never knew of anyone who studied abroad, Meghan had a wonderful experience at

the University of Stirling in Scotland. She took a British literature course that focused on works from the early 1800s, and she traveled throughout Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Laura took advantage of the opportunity to study abroad, too. During her junior year, she studied in Prague for a semester and traveled extensively, learning the Czech language and culture.



The Hoftos—Robert, Mike, Laura '10, Nancy and Meghan '07 at Laura's commencement

“Both my daughters were actively involved in service opportunities. They tutored and served as mentors in neighborhood schools, volunteered at the Regional Medical Center, and one year, Meghan coordinated the Tex-Mex trip. I see a tremendous benefit in these activities. Not only do they teach compassion, they help the volunteers come to understand their own strengths and weaknesses.

“I have been truly amazed by the relationships between my daughters and the Rhodes faculty. In my day, we went to class and took our notes, but my girls' experience went far beyond that.

“Both Meghan and Laura participated in research and published papers with chemistry professor Mauricio Cafiero. He arranged a summer research opportunity for Laura at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, where she had a fabulous and unique opportunity. He was a wonderful mentor to both of them.

“The strong Rhodes education the girls received prepared them well for acceptance to, and academic success in, professional schools. Meghan, who received her M.D. from the University of Tennessee at

Memphis, is now a resident in pediatrics at a hospital in Cincinnati, and Laura is in her third year of dental school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

“It was not easy for me to let go and allow my girls to make their own mistakes and decisions. Like every other parent, part of me believes they will need the benefit of my wisdom and experience when they are 85! Still, I do not disagree with a single decision they have made, and I know of occasions when they worked through difficult situations on their own with the help of the staff at Rhodes. So we helicopter parents will just have to learn to back off, to give them space and support.

“One thing that made that easier for Mike and me was getting involved in the Rhodes community. We have served on the Parent Council and the Mobile Chapter, and we always looked forward to the summer send-offs. Through these activities we have gotten to know the Rhodes alumni in this area who are genuinely nice people, whose character and integrity shine through. Plus, they are fun to be around. Every time I am with them I think, ‘I'm glad my daughters attended Rhodes!’”

# A TRADITION OF

# Excellence

BY NICHOLAS BRYDON '12

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Rhodes has a longstanding tradition of educating bright and socially responsible students who work together under the college motto, “Truth, Loyalty, Service.” Several times in Rhodes’ distinguished history, the most prestigious honor societies in the United States have established chapters on the campus that nurture and encourage this culture of excellence. Rhodes hosts chapters of Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board, three of the most prestigious national honorary fraternities, as well as a complement of societies specific to individual fields of study.

## OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Omicron Delta Kappa was originally founded by three students at Washington and Lee University Dec. 3, 1914. John Rone '71, director of college events and director of Rhodes’ Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning, explains, “Those students sought to recognize campus leaders—students and faculty—of exceptional quality and representing all phases of college life, and promote activism on campus and in the community. At Rhodes, nominees must excel and demonstrate leadership in at least one of five areas: scholarship; athletics; community service, religious

activities or campus government; journalism and media; or creative and performing arts.”

The Phi Circle of ODK was established at Rhodes May 25, 1927, becoming the college’s first honor society. “Phi” is the 21st letter of the Greek alphabet, and Rhodes was the 21st college to be “tapped” into the society’s fold. There are currently 310 active chapters across the country.

Membership requirements in some ways are more liberal than those of other societies, allowing nominations of students, graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni. Members select only the most highly qualified individuals, limiting nominations to just three percent of the student body in a class year.

Last year the Phi Circle inducted 53 new students, plus English professor Rebecca Finlayson and Russian professor Alexandra Kostina, and local activist Ms. Onie Johns, on the basis of their outstanding records of leadership and service to their communities, Rone says. Johns founded Caritas Village, a thriving community service center near the college, where many members of the Kinney service organization, ODK, Mortar Board and the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, volunteer.

Omicron Delta Kappa also sponsors the Rhodes Salvation Army Angel Tree every year before the





Promoting ODK's 2012 Angel Tree were (left to right) seniors Adiha Khan, vice president; Robbie Cook, elections chair; Nick Jensen, president; and Jasmine Gilstrap, secretary

holidays. Students, faculty and staff contribute to the popular gift drive for underserved children and senior citizens in the Memphis area.

“Membership in ODK is as much an obligation and responsibility in leadership as it is a mark of the highest distinction and honor,” Rone continues, citing that the society promotes an active role in the community, though that role is largely up to each member to decide. Invitation to the Phi Circle is regarded as the highest extracurricular honor a Rhodes student can attain. The society historically accepted only males into its ranks until the passage of Title IX in the 1970s, a federal law that forbade gender discrimination in federally funded higher education organizations, including honorary fraternities. In the same tradition, Mortar Board began as an organization accepting only females. To maintain a sense of tradition, ODK selects one Sophomore Man of the Year, and Mortar Board selects one Sophomore Woman of the Year.

## PHI BETA KAPPA

Rhodes’ culture of excellence and service through the liberal arts was recognized with the highest possible distinction in a meeting the evening of Dec. 5, 1949. On that night, Dr. Goodrich White of

Emory University installed on the Rhodes campus Phi Beta Kappa’s Gamma Chapter of Tennessee. Founded in 1776, PBK is the nation’s oldest academic honor society. The charter was accepted by Dr. R.P. Strickler, professor of Greek and a member of PBK. Today, Dr. John H. Churchill ’71 serves as secretary (CEO) of the national society in Washington, DC.

Since Phi Beta Kappa celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts, all local chapters require that prospective members demonstrate both depth and breadth in their liberal education. Election to Phi Beta Kappa entails an evaluative process carried out every spring, initiated by the chapter’s membership committee and then confirmed by a vote of the full chapter, whose resident members include current as well as retired faculty and staff. Students do not apply to Phi Beta Kappa, nor can they be nominated.

Professor of Greek and Roman studies Susan Satterfield, secretary-treasurer of the Rhodes PBK chapter, further specifies the guidelines for eligibility: “Every year our Rhodes chapter is permitted to invite up to two percent of the junior class and up to 10 percent of the senior class to become members. Similarly rigorous standards

regarding academic achievement and integrity of character are maintained across each of the society's 283 chapters, meaning that far fewer than one percent of all college students in the country are eligible for consideration." English professor Scott Newstok, current chapter president, adds: "Since only seven percent of American colleges and universities have the honor of sheltering a chapter, the presence of Phi Beta Kappa on campus reflects well upon our college's unfaltering commitment to a liberal arts curriculum."

In addition to recognizing outstanding students, Rhodes' Phi Beta Kappa has been hosting visiting speakers nearly every year since 1956. It's an impressive roster that has included notable writers, diplomats, scholars and Nobel laureates. This April 11, the chapter will bring to campus Dr. Randall Fuller to discuss his award-winning book *From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature*, as part of a series of events commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

Instrumental in securing the chapter's 1949 charter was Dr. Peyton Nalle Rhodes, professor of physics and later president of the college. In honor of Dr. Rhodes, Gamma of Tennessee presents each year the Phi Beta Kappa Prize, the college's highest academic honor. It is awarded to the graduating senior who "best exemplifies an exceptional combination of scholarship, creativity, achievement and a commitment to the liberal arts," Professor Satterfield explains. The first recipient of the Rhodes Prize, Brian Thompson '80, gave a compelling address to 2012 inductees about the enduring

value of the liberal arts education he received at Rhodes, and how it has served him well across multiple career paths.

Rhodes Phi Beta Kappa alumni are always encouraged to attend the induction ceremony during commencement, as well as an annual PBK reception during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend.



Dr. Susan Satterfield, professor of Greek and Roman Studies and secretary-treasurer of Rhodes' Phi Beta Kappa chapter, and Samantha Smith '14, Phi Beta Kappa writing intern, who writes articles about the Gamma chapter for the national PBK website

## MORTAR BOARD

The first Mortar Board chapter, was established at Cornell University in 1892, became a national society in 1918. It was the nation's first all-female honor society, recognizing the "three tenets of scholarship, leadership and service," according to Regina Simmons, director of new student programs and adviser to the Rhodes chapter of Mortar Board. Rhodes' own Torch chapter of Mortar Board was established in 1964 and is currently one of only 226 chapters nationally.

"Similar to ODK, Mortar Board is not affiliated with any particular major," Simmons explains. New members are inducted at the end of the junior year by the senior membership based on qualification of the three equally weighted tenets. Last year, Mortar Board received about 100 qualified applications and accepted around 25 new members, about five percent of the junior class. In addition, Simmons was presented with the Advisor of the Year award by the Mortar Board national office.


While the three tenets have not changed over time, the interpretation of them has broadened somewhat. Says Simmons: "In the past, we looked at 'service' as community service, as we have in the Bonner and Kinney organizations. In recent years, we began to acknowledge student athletes as well. They provide a huge service—it takes a lot of time to practice, to go out and play and represent Rhodes in a powerful way, and there isn't any compensation for that. We also welcome students who participate in other groups like the Rhodes Singers and the jazz band, who do not always get recognition."

Of course, Mortar Board looks at the traditional meaning of service as well. One of the organization's major interests is promoting literacy. It is a philanthropic partner of First Book, a national book donation organization that serves primarily underprivileged families. It also has held tutoring sessions at the nearby Caritas Village community center and hosted book clubs at a local women's prison.

In addition, Mortar Board also promotes service in the form of campus citizenship. Rin Abernathy '13 recalls: "Recently, we hosted a breakfast for the Rhodes housekeeping and physical plant staffs, because we feel they do a lot for the campus but may not always get recognized for that."



Regina Simmons, director of new student programs and Mortar Board adviser, with Rin Abernathy '13 and Mortar Board president Colleen Parrish '13

Colleen Parrish '13, current president of Mortar Board, has been working on an initiative to increase awareness of the society and its values. The project, codenamed "Cupcake Celebrations!" works by requesting nominations for outstanding faculty, staff and students who exemplify scholarship, leadership, service or outstanding character and campus citizenship. Nominees receive a cupcake, a token of thanks for their service to the campus community. 

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## RHODES COLLEGE

**DELTA PHI OMEGA**  
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SPANISH



**AMERICAN CHEMICAL  
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# From the Alumni Relations Office

### Dear Friend,

I hope you will enjoy viewing the Class Notes photos in this and the previous issue of *Rhodes* magazine. These photos provide a glimpse into the diverse activities in which our Rhodes community members engage in Memphis and around the country. From community service projects to career networking socials to family-friendly social events, our alumni desire to stay connected with the Rhodes community.

The photos also highlight the diversity of age, profession, geography and race that exist in our alumni community. Together, these alumni have something special in common—Rhodes was a formative, life-changing experience. Put a group of alumni together—from the class of 1936 to the class of 2012—and generational lines blur as our common bonds emerge sharply into focus. The unique experiences we share (the student-led Honor Code; passion for service; challenging academic environment; glorious campus; personal relationships with



Tracy Vezina Patterson '84

faculty; living, learning and playing in Memphis) explain why so many of us continue to give so much of our time, talent and treasure to our alma mater.

These common bonds and experiences also bring us comfort when we lose a member of our community. Last April 18, Dr. Brian Sudderth '77 passed away unexpectedly. Brian embodied the vision of Rhodes College. He possessed a lifelong passion for learning. He was a beloved and compassionate physician who volunteered for the Christian Community Care Clinic in Benton, AR, near Little Rock. He was an avid runner. He wrote haiku. At Homecoming, Brian's wife, Lynn '78, his friends, classmates and fraternity brothers gathered in Fisher Garden to celebrate his life on the Saturday that would have been his 35th reunion. There were tears, hugs, laughter and much shared gratitude that Brian Sudderth had been a part of their lives. The grief of those gathered was lessened, perhaps, by the wonderful memories

they shared of a time when they were all developing into the people they are today—their time spent at Rhodes.

Every day I am reminded of what an incredible experience Rhodes College was and is for me—as a student, an alumna and a member of the staff. My position affords me the opportunity to interact daily with our wonderful community of alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff. Rhodes is the extraordinary college it is today because of every one of us. And we are all better for having been a part of it.

I end with a message recently sent to me by Harrylyn Graves Sallis '57: "I'm grateful and proud to be a Southwestern at Memphis/Rhodes alumna, in whom my college lives."

So am I.

Warmest regards,  
Tracy

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# All in the FAMILY



The **Germantown-Collierville Club** of the Memphis Chapter opened the 2012 Germantown Charity Horse Show June 5 with a cocktail reception in the VIP tent. Guests donned their finest chapeaux to compete in the Best Hat Contest, won by Kerri Campbell '02, president of the Memphis Chapter. Hosts for the evening included, front row from left to right, Joel '85 and Padma Lyons, Bryan '84 and Leslie McCormick Darr '87, Robert McLean '65, Thomas Chu '80, Lisa Gilchrist Mischke '81, Andy Greer '07; back row from left to right, Mike Palazzolo '86, Andy Pouncey '73, Phil Mischke '79 and Joseph Crone '09. Host Christy Weir Krueger '85 is not pictured.

Rhodes alumni have supported the show since its inception in 1947. The show's first directors included Dan West '42, father-in-law of Peter Casparian '71, and Claude McCormick '33, grandfather of Leslie, above, and Ben McCormick '92.



## Save the Date!

The fourth **Annual Alumni Easter Egg Hunt** will take place Sunday, March 24, 2013, from 2-3:30 p.m. The parade begins at 2 in front of the refectory and winds around Phillips Lane. Prizes will be given for the best decorated wagon, stroller, bicycle, etc., and for the most festive bonnet or hat. **The egg hunt will begin promptly at 2:20 p.m.** There will be two locations—toddlers will search in Fisher Garden, and older children, up to age 9, will search on the North Parkway lawn. Following the egg hunt will be cookie decorating and face painting. Bring your own basket and camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

Please RSVP by March 21 at [alumni.rhodes.edu/egghunt](http://alumni.rhodes.edu/egghunt) or call 901-843-3507. Be sure to include the names and birth dates of your children who will be attending. For more information, call 901-843-3845.

Left, the Rhodes Easter Bunny pauses during last year's festivities to visit with Addison Moore, daughter of Rhodes special projects manager Nikki Moore, and Isabella Tamburrino, daughter of Amanda Grebe Tamburrino '98.



Proudly displaying their colors, Caroline Philhower '12 (left) and Kelly Parry '12 (right) traveled to London after graduating from Rhodes last May. The **London Olympics** were in full swing, and the two watched events on every screen they passed, from the official showing of the opening ceremonies in Victoria Park to the tents in the Africa Cultural Hospitality House to the televisions in the pub of their hostel! Other 2012 classmates in town for the festivities included Max Hardy, Elizabeth Henschen, Elise Suna and Nikko Lagueruela.

Kelly and Caroline are currently working as English teachers in primary schools in Istanbul, where they will stay through the end of the Turkish academic year in late June. They enjoy playing host and sharing their growing knowledge of Turkish history, customs and food to visitors and travelers passing through.



At the Levitt Shell, from left to right: Mary Williams Griffin '04, Whitney Faust '10, Lindsay Chapman '04 and Amy Moore '08.

The **Memphis Chapter** of Rhodes and the Mike Curb Institute for Music sponsored a special event Sept. 29, 2012, at the historic Levitt Shell in Overton Park, the first place Elvis played to a live audience. Members of the Rhodes community enjoyed a concert featuring internationally renowned jazz trumpeter Bill Mobley '76. Opening for Bill was the very talented student jazz band under the direction of Dr. John Bass, program director of the Mike Curb Institute. President Bill Troutt added his alto saxophone to the students' interpretation of "Tuxedo Junction."



Top, Bill Mobley '76 and, bottom center, President Bill Troutt, perform with the Rhodes Jazz Band.



Members of the Rhodes community in the **New York City** area responded enthusiastically to a call for volunteers to assist Hurricane Sandy victims whose lives were devastated by the storm. Marcie Allen Van Mol '96, president of MAC Presents, has been leading efforts to deliver funds, food, water and other supplies to residents of Rockaway Beach, Queens, NY, specifically to the residents of Beach 119th Street. On Nov. 17, 2012, Rhodes alumni, parents and friends delivered hot meals, water and supplies to the grateful residents. Pictured from left to right are Richard Pham '99, Eva Hightaian, Maddie Callis '09, John Boswell '67, Rob Kneip '08, Marcie Allen Van Mol '96 and Derek Van Mol.



Despite sweltering temperatures, members of the **Nashville Chapter** and their guests gathered July 25 at Herschel Greer Stadium for a picnic and an evening of baseball as the Memphis Redbirds took on the Nashville Sounds.

Pictured from left to right are Victoria Adcock '11, Scarlett Caldwell Miles '98, Laura Sellers '08, Michael Polovich '11, Michael Turco '08 and Kate Adcock '07.

# From Rhodes to Reality Reaches across the Nation

**From Rhodes to Reality (FRTR)**, the first nationwide, all-chapter event to welcome new alumni and parents to the Rhodes community in chapter cities and to commemorate the first day of classes at Rhodes, took place Aug. 22, 2012. Simultaneous events were held from New York City to San Francisco and from Chicago to New Orleans.



The Brass Door in the heart of downtown Memphis was the place to be for the **Memphis Chapter** FRTR reception. More than 70 alumni, parents and students enjoyed Irish pub fare and fine company. Pictured from left to right are Rohan Sood '10, Mac Bruce '11, Joey Madere '10 and Victor Evans '08.

The gatherings provided wonderful networking opportunities for our recent graduates as well as avenues for alumni and parents to become involved as chapter volunteers.



The **New York City Chapter** event was hosted by Marcie Allen Van Mol '96 at the Soho House, a private club in Manhattan. Pictured from left to right are Rob Kneip '08, Marcie Allen Van Mol '96, Logan Jones '08 and Megan McDonald '10.



The **Austin Chapter** event, hosted by chapter leaders Nicole Albers '99, Stacy Sidle '04, Lauren Davis '01 and Mary Ellen Hamel '95, took place at J. Black's. An enthusiastic group of parents and alumni turned out, with a lot of young alumni who have recently moved to the area. They were excited to see so many familiar faces in Austin! Pictured from left to right are Katherine Owens '10, Jessica Sprenkel '10, Stephanie Mingos '11, Madeline Jeansonne '12 and Allie Capes '12.



The **North California Chapter** held its FRTR reception at the Old Ship Saloon in San Francisco. Formerly The Arkansas, a three-masted ship that ran aground on Alcatraz Island in 1849, the saloon once operated as a sailors' tavern and shanghaiing den. Members of the Rhodes community managed to avoid any unintended voyages that night and instead spent the evening making new acquaintances and renewing old friendships. Pictured from left to right are Dave Phillips '02, Rachel Proby Wright '02, Allana Helland '02 and Matt Helland '02.

**Save the date for  
Homecoming/Reunion Weekend  
October 25-26, 2013!**



## Class Notes

**Rhodes College  
Alumni Association  
President  
Charlie Kinslow '72  
Little Rock, AR**

### 1938

**Lewie Donelson**, founder of the Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz law firm, was one of four Rhodes alumni on the panel at the 25th Rhodes Institute on the Profession of Law, Volume III held Oct. 19, 2012, in Hardie Auditorium. The theme was "Legal Lynx: The Evolution of the Practice of Law."

### 1950

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**Bob Montgomery** has a new book out, *The Real New Age and the Opposition: Biblical Eschatology for Today*.

### 1953

**60th Reunion**  
Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

### 1958

**55th Reunion**  
Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
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**Mike Cody**, of the Burch, Porter & Johnson law firm, was one of four Rhodes alumni on the panel at the 25th Rhodes Institute on the Profession of Law, Volume III held Oct. 19, 2012, in

Hardie Auditorium. The theme was "Legal Lynx: The Evolution of the Practice of Law."

**John Quinn**, a lawyer in Washington, DC, recently finished service as chair of a hearing committee for the DC Court of Appeals Board on Professional Responsibility. His final report on the effects of aging on judicial mental capacity took more than two years to write. John is also a yoga enthusiast and has achieved a "sustained five-minute plank," a yoga position intended to strengthen and test one's core strength.

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a marvelous cruise were **Dickie** and **Joan Jones** from San Diego. They set off in early October for a 19-day cruise of the northern Mediterranean. They visited Naples, the Isle of Capri, Rome, Venice, Cannes, Barcelona and Madeira Island. Toward the end of the trip the ship turned south on its return to avoid Hurricane Sandy, and they had smooth sailing all the way.

We have some folks who updated us that they are indeed alive and kicking.

**Betty Russell** says that not much is going on in Piggott, AR, at the moment. **Robert Neil Templeton** writes from Virginia Beach that he and wife Karen did go to the 2012 Rhodes Homecoming but "did not see any '58ers." Next October our class will gather for our 55th reunion, and let's hope there will be lots of '58ers there!

**Tom Reed**, professor emeritus of justice studies at Eastern Kentucky University, teaches part time with colleague Judge Bankole Thompson. Tom is in the early stages of writing a book on criminal justice ethics,



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## Class Notes

combining many approaches, beginning with philosophy and religion. He says that the organizing framework builds on work by Thomas Kuhn.

Checking in from either Italy or Chevy Chase, MD, are **Lewis** and Giorgina **Murray**, this time with anecdotes about grandchildren. Youngest, Liam, prefers building boats and planes out of cardboard boxes to the rigors of school. Eldest, Giulia, now 16, will go to college next year and enjoys tennis, often winning tournaments.

**Martha Sigler Guthrie** writes from Metairie, LA, about her recent Eastern European trip along the Danube. Boarding a ship in Budapest, they visited Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, ending at the Black Sea. Having finished redoing her upstairs, she is back to painting realistic still lifes and teaching. She has two invitational shows that she's working on. Her part of south Louisiana was hard hit by Hurricane Isaac, but since she is on same electric grid as a nearby hospital, her power was restored after 15 hours. Her sympathy goes out to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Writing from Denver, **Bob Booth** says, "Having now lived in Denver for eight months, I have a much better understanding of its unique aspects. As a retired banker who always worried about the 'little things' when determining risk, I can truly say that Denver is in a league of its own in all things great and small. My son, **Richard '82**, also a graduate of Vanderbilt Law, has lived in Denver for more than 10 years. He has been a big help in my getting acclimated." It sounds like Bob lives in a convenient location, with Chessman Park and the Botanic Gardens nearby, and

he walks to his church half a block away.

Once again I've gotten to enjoy a pleasant, though all-too-brief lunch visit with **Buddy** and **Mary Latta Whiteaker** from Pine Bluff, AR. They were in Richmond, VA, to stay with a son's children while parents were away. Always good to catch up with their goings-on.

Do pass along any news of classmates you come across.

## 1959

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As I compile these items, the presidential election is a few days away. I am grateful for friends who have not let politics infringe on friendship!

**Tim Sloan** sent in a wonderful tribute to his wife, **Thirza Mobley Sloan**, of her guest organ recital at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Covington, TN. Thirza has served as organist and choirmaster there for 50 years. Kudos to Thirza!

And a note of appreciation to **Paul Ivey** for taking the time to recount some of his activities. Paul retired from the Lawrence County School System about 10 years ago and since that time has served as VP and as president of God's Storehouse Inc., an organization involved with feeding and housing and other needed assistance to about 800 families a month. The agency works with more than 50 churches and numerous businesses and other agencies and maintains four thrift stores in three different counties. I thank Paul for his work and for this report.

Watercolorist **Bates Peacock Toone** and friend

had a successful show, the "Bates and Barbara Paint Bright and Beautiful." Bates paints absolutely beautiful, brightly colored florals and wildflowers. I refer interested folks to her Facebook page for samples. She reminded me of the show she had about five years ago with her photographer son, his photos and her paintings of similar subjects.

**Bill Weber** has retired! Bill reports that after 45 years of practicing medicine, he retired in January and is looking forward to checking travel and other activities off his bucket list.

**Richard and Pam Park** wrote to me from Viterbo, Italy, reporting a fantastic trip, although commenting on the ever-growing disparity there between the rich and the poor.

I write this column as I leave in a few days to spend November in Montreat, NC, stopping in Hot Springs, AR, to visit Southwestern roommate **Elsie Hay Cook**. Elsie lives in Houston and enjoys spending long weekends and other time in Hot Springs.

## 1960

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The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum honored songwriter and producer **Allen Reynolds** in Nashville, Oct. 6, 2012. He was the subject of the museum's Poets and Prophets: Legendary Songwriters salute. Allen has helped shape country music and produced hits for Dickey Lee, Crystal Gayle, Garth Brooks, Emmylou Harris, Kathy Mattea and Don Williams, just to name

a few. The recipient of numerous awards, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Rann Vaulx** stays busy with two historic sites in East Tennessee's Sullivan County. In 2004, he acquired and restored Yancey's Tavern, which dates from the late 1700s, and he is curator of the county-owned Deery Inn, which had its origin in the early 1800s.

## 1961

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**Jerry Duncan** reports on "some of the Lynx of Yesteryear," who meet for a football players' reunion every October. "Recently, the group has met at the college, and other years at **Grady Tollison's** house on the Square in Oxford. 'Czar of Organization and Registration' is none other than **Mike Rowland '62**, recently retired from Memphis City Schools as a principal and former coach. He can devote those valuable hours through the year to the organization of this august group. Those attending have included **Frank Weathersby '62**, **Pat Burke '62**, **Lou Johnson**, the late **Billy Landers**, **Bill Reed**, **Grady Tollison**, **Glenn Hays '62**, **Bill Harwood '63**, **Challace McMillin '64**, **Robert Echols '62**, to name a few. The college has been most accommodating of this renegade group."

## 1962

**Mike Truscott** and **Keith Arman** were inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2012. Mike was cited for his accomplishments in tennis and as one of the first

soccer-style placekickers in football at the collegiate or professional levels in the U.S., and Keith, for basketball, cross country and track.

## 1963

### 50th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
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**George '61** and **Betsy Breyspraak Awsumb**

recently enjoyed meeting their newest grandchild, Emerson Awsumb Liu, daughter of Kristin and Jared Liu. "We are bicoastal grandparents, having two grandsons in Agoura Hills, CA, and two granddaughters and a grandson in Wallingford, CT."

**John McMillan** serves as Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries. He was elected to the post in 2010.

Ed and **Mary Anne Doke Apple** own Apple Grove, an Alzheimer's and dementia residence facility in Memphis.

## 1964

Reporter: Mary Lou Quinn  
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With the arrival of this winter issue and 2013 well under way, most of us have successfully entered our seventh decade. To celebrate this momentous occasion, my high school class of '60 (Memphis Central) planned a 70th Birthday Bash that happily coincided with Rhodes Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 19-20. What a crazy, fun weekend! It was awesome to be on campus dressed in its fall splendor, to experience the newly renovated refectory ...

clearly "top of the line," and to sense the vibrant spirit of students, faculty and alumni! **Challace** joined the "Lynx of Yesteryear" in a mini-reunion of former football players including **Mike Rowland '62**, **Bill Harwood**, **Tommy Clinton**, **Glenn Hays '62**, **Frank Weathersby '62**, **Robert Echols '62**, **Grady Tollison '62**, **Pat Burke '62** and **Jerry Duncan '61**. They had a grand time feasting on fine food and wild tales and were even made honorary captains of the football team for the Homecoming game with Millsaps! **Mary Lou Carwile Finley** and her husband **Jimmy '62** were back to celebrate his 50th reunion at Rhodes ... always fun to catch up with them! While on campus, I had visits with **Ann Adams**; **Carolyn (Bunky) Haigler '62**—discovered her husband, Lynn Ikenberry, grew up in Harrisonburg, where Challace and I have lived since '71; **Ann Fumbanks '62**, from Jackson, TN, who knows Challace's first cousin, Mary Jane McWhirter, whose son **Walker** is a junior at Rhodes and plays on the football team ... such a small world; **Diane McCullough Clark '62**; **Juanita Shettlesworth '62**, recently retired from Tennessee Tech in Cookeville; **Denton '59** and **Mary Allie McColgan McLellan '61**; **Charles** and **Martha Gooch Hogrefe '62**; **George Awsumb '61**. Caught a glimpse of **Martha Hunter Shepard '66** and her husband, **Randall**, and got to exchange hugs. Off campus, I had a wonderful visit with **Ladye Margaret Bailey Arnold '44**, who had just celebrated her 90th birthday in late September, and with her daughter, **Peggy Early Williamson '68**, whose husband, **Jim '68**, has just published his second novel,

*The Ravine*. You might want to check it out! En route to Memphis we stopped in Nashville to see our daughter, Lisa, and her family, and while there, **Katherine Diehl '68** was our guest for dinner. Katherine and I grew up playing together on Snowden Avenue, so this was a happy reunion.

Before leaving for Memphis, we learned that our good friend **Joe Dycus '65** had lost his three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. While mourning his death, we were grateful to be able to celebrate his life at the beautiful memorial service held on Saturday afternoon at Trinity United Methodist Church. Saw **Charlie '63** and **Janie Stone McCrary '65** at that service and were glad to exchange hugs with the two of them.

**Eleanor Geiger** reports that **Liz Currie Williams** made a grand tour of the East Coast visiting friends and family, and we had a delightful but too-short a visit with her. A fun part of her stay with us was a beautiful fall ride to the Chesapeake Bay and eating fresh crab cakes overlooking the sailboats docked along the bay. The next day we ate some unforgettable shrimp at Bone Fish Restaurant ... we definitely ate our way through the weekend! **Liz** also got to visit with **Nancy Wasell Work** in Bethesda and **Rebecca Moore Tomlinson** in Middleburg before she drove down to see family in NC.

From **Jim Bullock**, we recently received the book *The Last Segregated Hour* written by Stephen R. Haynes, professor of religious studies at Rhodes. It tells the story of kneel-ins across the Old South in the 1950s and '60s. It focuses on what happened in 1963 and '64 in Memphis, and how students at Southwestern

(Rhodes) became involved in the desegregation of churches there. "The story is told very well, and **Ervin** and I appreciate being a part of it," says Jim. "It is available from amazon.com. This fall I have been working on mentoring and Food-4-kids in the St. Augustine area. Ervin has been working on interfaith gatherings. We had a gathering at the Jewish Synagogue right before Thanksgiving. We really are enjoying living in St. Augustine on the beach."

**Dale Ledbetter** and **Connie Becker** have co-authored the book *How Wall Street Rips You Off and what you can do to defend yourself*. A recent release says: "This book is not an attempt to sell a product or any investment idea or concept. It is offered as a shield for often defenseless investors." The book is available from Dale's website, dlsecuritieslaw.com, Barnes & Noble and amazon.com.

**Marilyn Easterling Turnley** wrote that she has another healthy grandson, Langston Turnley, born in March 2012, a second knee replacement in May, and that her little prison ministry continues to be blessed.

**Claude Bailey** retired eight years ago from Tennessee Farmers Insurance Co. "Married 46 years. Blessed with two children and four grandchildren (16, 14, 7 and 3). Have lived in Henderson, TN, since 1982. My daughter is a third grade teacher at East Chester Elementary School in Henderson, and my son teaches biology, anatomy and physiology at Jackson State Community College in Jackson, TN. Both have master's degrees, and my daughter-in-law is working on her Ph.D. in creative writing. Time has really flown by."

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From **Anne Maclin Mehrling** we hear, "In August, John and I were in Memphis with our two grandsons for a day. John's uncle lives close to Rhodes, and in fact, he goes through the campus on his morning walk. We wanted our grandchildren to see the lovely grounds, so we drove through as early returning students were arriving. The campus was stunningly beautiful. We found it a bit difficult to pick out the buildings we knew so well among all the new ones. Uncle Howard watched the building of the new library day by day and went inside to see it when it was finished. He assured us it is marvelous."

### 1965

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**Harvey Caughey** and wife Sheila are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with a cruise in Southeast Asia and are excited about going to Myanmar as part of the trip. They are enjoying life in Austin, TX, and retirement is not in the picture.

**Jim Collier** has been retired almost five years. He and his wife Janelle live in Wooster, OH, where he served his last pastorate. They travel a lot visiting their two children and three grandchildren in Texas and Vermont. A small camper trailer enables them to roam around the country visiting many national parks and conservancy areas.

### 1966

Reporter: Sammy Primm Marshall  
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The Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson's Downtown Cultural District have a new addition to the collection of outdoor art installations. "Souvenir of Mississippi," by Seattle artist and photographer and Mississippi native **Randy Hayes**, spans two elevated walkways and marks the main entryways to The Art Garden. The work is composed of a series of enlarged black-and-white photographs, represented as a giant accordion book, that tell a variety of stories of Mississippi. Randy is also working on a mural for the Jackson Evers International Airport lobby.

**Bill and Kay Allen** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with their three children and their families, including five grandchildren, at Breckenridge, CO, this past September.

**Joanna Higdon** writes: "On Homecoming weekend Dennis and I attended the Friday night alumni reception in the new Catherine Burrow Refectory where we saw **Sammy Ann Marshall** and **Bob Wild** of our class. The refectory is unbelievably beautiful and functional, serving everything you could want. We crashed the party at **Canon Thomas Hall's '67** house the next night and had a great time seeing friends from the class of 1967."

**Bill Cobb** reports that they have a new granddaughter, Cecilia Rose Cobb, born Nov. 5, 2012, making a total of seven grandchildren who all live in Little Rock.

**Rick Thomas** writes that his recent book, *Health Services Planning* (Springer 2005), is currently being translated into Arabic by the Institute of Public Administration in Saudi Arabia.

When **Judy Ries Dale** and Dee were traveling through Nashville recently, they spent a delightful evening with Johnny and **Julie Best Erwin**. Judy and Julie have been friends since kindergarten and enjoyed reminiscing with childhood pictures. Judy and Dee were back in Memphis in October and met for lunch with **Lynn Morrow Ward, Dixie Johnson, Joanna Higdon** and **Sammy Ann Marshall**.

**Joyce Wilding** is working with Sam Guarnaccia, a composer and classical guitarist who is writing a story oratorio that will premiere this year. You can learn more about the Yale Journey of the Universe team and resources at [journeyoftheuniverse.org](http://journeyoftheuniverse.org). In October, Joyce became Third Order Franciscan (TSSF) chaplain for Tennessee. This year, she will serve as Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) leader for the entire TSSF order.

**Ginny Drash Gannaway's** son, Wayne, a staff writer and senior producer for CNN.com, has a book that will be available May 7. *On These Courts* is the story of Memphis native and NBA player Penny Hardaway, whose career came to an end due to injuries. Hardaway, though, continues to coach in, and generously give back to, his hometown.

### 1967

**Sam Highsmith**  
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**Wayne Shelton** was recognized for service to his county by his local bar association at the Founders Day award dinner.

**Jody Walker**, who served as the Tennessee liaison with the National Defense University in Washington, DC, met with military

officers from 50 countries on their field trip to Ripley, TN, in November 2012. They are in the U.S. for a year at the NDU, and they stayed with local families to gain insight into the American way of life. They visited a local school to see our education process, learned about our justice system by participating in a mock trial, and they toured other local institutions.

**Gail Jennings** recently went to Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, to see the polar bears. She reports a bitter cold where ears could freeze in five minutes if not protected. "Polar bear cubs are so beautiful and play around like puppies." But her helicopter pilot was toting "one big gun!" Gail does not recommend a dog sled as a comfortable mode of transportation.

**Bill Buchanan** is our newest retiree! He and **Noni '68** are having a great time traveling "in country" (Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina) with fun activities and good visits with friends. Thanksgiving '12 was Noni's and Bill's first Thanksgiving with all the Buchanan clan at Cashiers, NC.

**Don Hollingsworth** and his wife, Leslie, traveled in England and Scotland in September. Also on the jaunt were **Cyril Hollingsworth '64**, his wife, Betsy, and **Rick '73** and **Susan Smith '72**. Highlights included a stay at Hastings at a cottage once used as a lighthouse, a week in London and four days in Edinburgh, including a day trip to St. Andrews for Cyril and Don.

Beth and **Sam Highsmith** enjoyed a cruise/land adventure through Norwegian fjords followed by five days in southern England. Sam found his left-of-the-road driving skills

have seriously deteriorated since '98! Their next trip was a December '12-January '13 cruise along South America and Antarctica.

**Our reunion:** At our 45th reunion, the class of '67 received the Silver Lynx Award for the greatest participation in alumni giving from a class between the years of 1963-2001.

Fifty-three percent of our class made a gift to Rhodes.

**Willie Edington** accepted the award for us. He was the only man there with a blazer to wear on stage. Twenty-seven registered and participated in the events. Some observations: Burrow Refectory is not the one we knew. New, remodeled, spacious, comfy, high-tech. The benches and tables are still there, but the "notes" carved into the wood are gone.

Several of us went to The Rendezvous for dinner Friday eve. A good time to catch up.

The Saturday eve gathering at **Canon** and Clay **Hall's** home was super. We had some intruders, invited by **Jim Durham**. We welcomed them with open arms, and they were able to fit in quite well. The food that Canon prepared was superlative, and the liquid refreshment was available in abundance.

Sunday morn we gathered in the alumni building for a brunch for our class only. Those there enjoyed the food and the conversation. There were many moments of guffaws as past times were remembered, and antics repeated. There was also solemnity as we remembered classmates no longer with us.

We missed those of you who were not there. To get a "flavor," go to the Facebook page **Mimi Mehrle** put together for us. Log in and look for Rhodes Reunion

Class of '67. Thanks to Jim Durham and others who have put up pictures.

Plans are under way for #50. **K.E. Boyd** and **Jim Whittington** are honorary chairs for now. Keep in touch with this and other upcoming events through Class Notes.

## 1968

### 45th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

Reporters: Bob Morris  
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Drue Thom White  
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Memphis attorney **Dottie Johnson Ponders**, founding partner of Ponders Coleman, has been named to the board of the National Council on Family Violence.

**Jon Robertson**, of Memphis' Semmes-Murphey Neurological Clinic and an assistant professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, was one of four UTHSC alumni to receive the 2012 College of Medicine Outstanding Alumni Award in October 2012. "These alumni not only serve as role models for colleagues and students, but also have distinguished themselves, and the UT Health Science Center in all areas of our mission: education, research, patient care and community service," said Dr. David Stern, executive dean of the UTHSC College of Medicine.

The **1968-69 Basketball Team**, which compiled a 22-3 record and captured the conference title, was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2012. Led by Coach Don Duckworth, the team included: **Ken Brooks '71**,

**Eddie Hart '70, Jim Moss '71, Ron McAfee '71, Jim Meeks '70, Jim Gannon '70, Tom Shoffner '71, Eric Cardwell '72, Bill Richardson '72, Gary Goodman '72, Carlyle Johnson '72, George Taylor '71, Steve Schmidt '72, Kevin Rando '71, Tommy Palmer '72** and **Reed Click '71**.

Last May, **Suzanne Troth Donaldson** started her own business, Voyage Partners Financial Strategies LLC. "Glad to be on my own, and things are going very well. Spent a week in Memphis in October 2012 with my husband and grandson (8). We saw it all, and the grandson had a wonderful time."

Jim and **Charlotte Parmelee Merrill** celebrated their 43rd anniversary in October 2012, "though just barely. We didn't remember it was our anniversary till the actual day. Jim retired last March (I've been retired for a couple of years). He volunteers weekly with Harvesters, Kansas City's clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of food and related household products. Through Harvesters he learned of the Society of Saint Andrew food rescue and distribution ministry, and we both started working with them. We are blessed to have all our family in Kansas City—don't know how we lucked out, but it is pretty wonderful. Our two kids each have two children—Elizabeth has two little boys (2 and 6) and Matthew has two girls (10 and 12). I quilt, read, walk, volunteer with a homeless organization, sing in the choir (26 years) and travel as much as I can. I hope to attend our 45th reunion."

**John Harrell** plans to retire from Troy University at the end of the academic year. "My wife and I plan to

do a lot of traveling, as she will retire next September. A lot of my retirement time will be taken up with work for the Central Alabama Laubach Literacy Council. I'm president of the board of directors, and our mission is to provide basic literacy skills to adults in need. Much of my time will be spent in training tutors who will then work one-on-one with adults. We also provide literacy training to area prisons. My two daughters are both in grad school. I'm also engaged in some writing projects related to my hobbies (baseball bat collecting, and reading early Victorian female novelists), and I'll be teaching some online classes for Troy."

**Steve Cole** reports: "In November, Beverly and I, Bea and **Bill Hubbard** and **David Lehmann** met at the beautiful home of **Jim** and **Beth McKenzie Stewart '69** in Richmond, VA. These get-togethers have become an annual affair for this group of college friends. Beth, Jim, and their new family addition, Casey, a gorgeous Havanese puppy, entertained the group beyond expectation. (Casey, of course, received a great deal of love and attention.) The Stewarts planned the perfect weekend by providing delicious food, ample beverages and an informative historic tour of Richmond and the surrounding area; however, the highlight of the weekend was the continuation of unique bonds and loving camaraderie formed at Rhodes many years ago. Next fall, the group is considering a trip to the Natchez, MS, area."

## 1972

**Todd Robbins** was inducted into the Rhodes

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Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. He was recognized for excellence in football and track.

### 1973

#### 40th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
Reporter: Margaret Lawson Headrick  
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Pianists **David Francis** and **David Weiser** have a new CD titled "One Wild Ride." The *Los Angeles Times* review said of the two, who perform on Steinway grand pianos, "Consistently absorbing whether in lyrical repose or pulsive fury."

**Herman Morris**, city attorney for Memphis, was one of four Rhodes alumni on the panel at the 25th Rhodes Institute on the Profession of Law, Volume III held Oct. 19, 2012, in Hardie Auditorium. The theme was "Legal Lynx: The Evolution of the Practice of Law."

**Eddie and Eileen Hanrahan Queener** have been married for 38 years. Eileen is director of the Hawkins County (TN) Library System with libraries in Church Hill, Rogersville and Surgoinsville. "Enjoyed two weeks touring Ireland with my son John. We climbed Skellig Michael and enjoyed every minute we were in Ireland. Can't wait to go again!"

**Tony Richardson** is "still doing commercial advertising photography, graphic design, copywriting and business consulting here and overseas, primarily for large corporations. I am having my current website overhauled completely, but the designers are not up to par yet. I have very specific requirements. Hopefully, within 2-3

months it will be up (LARichardsonphotography.com). Am still doing a lot of fundraising for charities. Hope to raise about \$60,000 for a WWII museum in Texas by donating four special photographs signed by me and both former Presidents Bush. In good health. (Just ran 100 yards in 10.5 seconds. I've slowed down .7 of a second since high school. It was inevitable.) I don't plan to retire. I'm having too much fun working. May move to Texas to teach on a college level if I have time to do my other work as well. Have received some offers. I have the utmost respect for dedicated teachers/professors such as Rhodes offers! Must get back to work—deadline."

From **Vicki Kanawalsky Gore**: "Getting reconnected with my home and garden and volunteering with the elderly in assisted living and memory care. Enjoying my boomerang daughter who is substitute teaching and finishing her master's degree in psychology."

### 1975

This spring, **Vincent Astor** will be submitting an article to the Theatre Historical Society journal *Marquee* on "Memphis at the Movies—1900-1929." He will continue this research with his book, *Images of America—Memphis Movie Theatres*, from Arcadia Publishing, due out this fall. This book covers the earliest storefront theatres to the opening of the Paradiso early in this century.

### 1976

Internationally renowned jazz trumpeter **Bill Mobley** and the Bill Mobley Big Band performed at the Levitt

Shell in Overton Park at Rhodes Night at the Shell, Sept. 29, 2012.

### 1978

#### 35th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

The **1978 Women's Track and Field Team**, the first-ever women's track and field team, and the **1979 Track and Field Team**, which captured the college's first-ever College Athletic Conference title, were inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2012.

Led by Hall of Fame Coach **Freeman Marr '48**, team members included: **Catherine Goetz '81, Cynthia Said Mullady '79, Andrea Gilliom Anderson '82, Carol McCown '79, Molly McLemore Rheney '80, Meredith "Murphy" Watson Nix '79, Clair Ringger '81, Flo Sights Sares '79, Margaret Bane Schatzman '79, Lisa Gilchrist Mischke '81, Dedie Kelso '80, Honey Bond Rowe '81, Jane Terry '78, Carole Bailey Stoneking '80, Gayle Courtney Moore '81, Jan Fountain McRae '81, Mary Kelton Bridges '81, Bryn Wood Bagwell '81, Mary Kay Loss Carlson '81, Liz Hart '82, Marshel Reed '82, manager.**

**Chuck Day** writes: "Bought Manning Brothers and am now president and bathroom cleaner, at least on Friday after 5."

### 1980

Memphian **Merrill Wise**, a neurologist and sleep medicine specialist with Mid-South Pulmonary Specialists and Methodist Healthcare Sleep Disorders Center, has been selected president-elect of the American Sleep Medicine Foundation.

### 1981

**Lucia Ouellette Colbert** of Cordova, TN, won the XTERRA World Championship, the world's premier off-road triathlon, in her age division in late October 2012 in Hawaii. She's been at it since the '90s and is a past six-time XTERRA Southeast Regional Champion. Lucia, a structural integration practitioner, was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000, and was named Female Athlete of the Millennium by the *Commercial Appeal*.

### 1982

**Sidonie Sansom**, who has served as director of Homeland Security for the Port of San Francisco since 2005, was named Rhodes' Distinguished Alumna during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. Sidonie served as an active duty Coast Guard officer for 20 years, assigned to the Polar Operations Division, and as a helicopter pilot throughout the U.S., flying a variety of missions including search and rescue, law enforcement and pollution response.

### 1983

#### 30th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
Reporter: Margot Emery  
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Arlington, TN, artist/furniture maker **Brian Russell** and his work were featured in the Oct. 7, 2012, edition of the *Commercial Appeal*.

**Drew "Andy" Dunk** is a trial lawyer in San Diego. "Most of my practice involves representing plaintiffs against insurance companies when they don't pay claims. In October, I received the

Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's second highest award for a verdict we won involving an insurance company. We offered to settle for \$100,000, but the company refused. After our jury verdict in federal court, the company now has to pay more than 10 times that amount. My two children, Alex (19) and Ian (15), are both doing great. Alex is making straight A's as a biochemistry major at California State University, Long Beach. Ian attends Scripps Ranch High School, where he is very active in the Air Force JROTC program. I am using what I learned in my 24 years as an intelligence officer in the Naval Reserve to teach these students about computer security and threats. It's great to see them learning about such things so early in their lives."

**Mike Moyers** was elected judge of the Chancery Court for Knox County, TN, after serving 1½ terms as the county's law director. He is currently the presiding judge for the 6th Judicial District. His son, Drew, is about to graduate from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a degree in history, and his daughter, Sarah, is a junior at Knoxville Catholic High School.

**Richard Bird** lives in Nashville with his partner, William, and is director of finance for the Tennessee region of Synovus Financial Corp. "When I'm not working, volunteering at my church or for the Tennessee Conservation Voters, fixing up my old house, watching my nephews play sports or traveling, I'm sleeping. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of fellow classmates at our 30th reunion next fall."

## 1984

Reporter: Linda Odom  
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**Scott '83** and **Ruth Metcalfe Rye** hosted a reception for Gulf Coast prospective students, alumni and parents at their home in Mobile on Nov. 7. Their son, **Colin**, is a member of the Rhodes class of 2016. "It's been a hectic year," according to Scott. "We had two graduations to contend with. Our daughter, Vicky, graduated from college, and Colin from high school. We had no sooner gotten Colin off to Rhodes than we had to turn around and plan our daughter's wedding. I'm happy to say that everything went off without a hitch."

## 1987

Reporter: Mimi Swords Fondren  
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A note from your Class Reporter: It was wonderful to see so many of you at our big 25th reunion in October! If you were not there, please know you were missed and that we'd love to see you at our 30th. What a shindig we had! Seriously, I laughed so hard I hurt my neck. Now, that is a good time!

**Nancy DiPaolo**, who was in on our reunion festivities, reports that we had over 50 classmates and more than 80 total guests who chatted the night away to the music of the Miner 49ers. A very nice turnout, indeed!

**Brian Mott** was there and he has this news to share: "On Aug. 1, I married Jimmy Mack in Southampton, NY. We are both so grateful to all our family and friends who celebrated our joyous day with us. **Doug Trapp '85** was there to cheer us on! After the wedding, we took the trip of a lifetime to the

Galapagos Islands. Ten days cruising on a yacht among the islands, snorkeling, hiking and camping. Since then, we've weathered Superstorm Sandy and the subsequent nor'easter. It's been quite a year!" Brian is also working hard for his students. If you recall, he is a special education teacher in NYC, and he seems to always be looking for ways to enrich his students' educational experience. A few months ago, **Diane Clark '62** was in NYC, and Brian and a few other alumni got together with her for dinner and reminiscing. One of those attending was **Laca Tines '93**. Later, Brian was lamenting the lack of music education in his school. He reached out to Diane via Facebook to ask if she knew of any early childhood music curricula that a nonmusician like himself could implement. She replied that she didn't, but that he should contact Laca, since she works with kids and music all the time. So he did! The end result is that he decided to write a grant proposal to get a musician to his classroom. The grant has been funded (through donorschoose.org), and the musician is none other than Laca Tines. She visited Brian's classroom every Wednesday in February. Awesome work and creative networking, Brian!

It was also wonderful to see **Katherine Bres Ware**, who has shared some news about **Charlotte Cooper Gaskins**, who recently ran her first half marathon in Charlotte, NC. She registered for Thunder Road as part of the nationwide "Team Fox" fundraising effort benefiting Parkinson's disease research. She wore Katherine's mom's name on her bib, as well as **Marianne Blackwell's** and

four others, including her dad's. Charlotte's dad was diagnosed a few years ago and is still doing pretty well! Way to go, Charlotte!

**Greg Carey** has some exciting news. He is in his 14th year teaching New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and his new book just came out: *The Gospel According to Luke: All Flesh Shall See God's Salvation* (Sheffield Phoenix Press).

**Susan Hook Patterson** would like to share a little note with the class. "I had such a wonderful time at our Reunion weekend, particularly since our daughter, **Elizabeth '13**, got to meet many of my classmates. We are getting used to empty nesterhood now that our son is off to Wake Forest. It's a little quiet around the house, but we're adjusting to having more time for ourselves!"

Some exciting news from **Karen Cagle York**: "I made the big leap earlier this year, leaving the corporate world behind and making my passion into my profession! I started my own business as a professional organizer (organize-me.biz). Those who know me well know I'm organized to a fault. Now it's great to do something I love, get paid for it, and have my clients thank me for making their lives better by de-cluttering, de-stressing, organizing and learning how better to manage their time and belongings! I'm adding new clients every day, staying busy and loving it!"

## 1988

### 25th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

Reporter: Brooke Glover Emery

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From **Valerie Gray Jordan**: "I'm a small animal

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veterinarian and mom taxi/fan club for two great kids. I love to travel, especially to Haiti to share Jesus and provide aid. I also enjoy reading and cheering for my kids.”

### 1990

Reporter: Rod White  
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**Marvin Spears** was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2012 for excellence in football and track.

### 1991

Memphis dentist and musician **John Whittemore** was featured in the Oct. 2, 2012, edition of the *Commercial Appeal*. A member of the band Neighborhood Texture Jam in his student days, he continues to perform and “remains one of the Bluff City’s most respected, versatile and in-demand guitarists—as well as one of its top dentists,” the article said. Later in October, he led his dental practice’s fourth annual effort for the Give Back the Smile Foundation, helping rebuild the damaged smiles of victims of domestic abuse.

**Brad Haynes** has joined The Table Group in Memphis as principal consultant. The organization provides consulting and speaking services, as well as a host of products and tools to leaders who want to improve teamwork, clarity and morale within their companies. Brad was formerly with the Christian Psychological Center.

### 1993

#### 20th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

**Drew Robison** moved to Franklin, TN, from Annapolis, MD, in summer 2011. He is now varsity head football coach and athletic director and dean of students at Franklin Christian Academy.

**Blake Walker** has “changed careers and become a writer. I am now working on getting my first two manuscripts published.”

**Amber McRee Turner’s** book *Sway*, for ages 9 and up, has been published by Disney Hyperion Books.

**Chris McCoy** won an Audience Award for his documentary “Antenna” that premiered at the Indie Memphis Film Festival in early November 2012. It also won a special Hometown Jury Prize for Local Significance. The film is about the history of the Antenna Club, Memphis’ first punk rock club, and the musical explosion it inspired.

### 1994

Reporter: Judy Brown  
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**Brian Vandegrift** was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2012 for excellence in football and baseball.

### 1996

Reporter: Jennifer Larson  
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Following Hurricane Sandy, **Marcie Allen**, president of MAC Presents in New York, led efforts to deliver funds, food, water and other supplies to residents on Beach 119th

Street, Rockaway Beach, NY. Many people have donated Home Depot gift certificates and money. On Facebook, she has posted photos of the Rockaway community and asks those who want to “adopt a family” to contact her at marcie@macpresents.com. **Rob Kneip ’08** and **Maddie Callis ’10**, copresidents of Rhodes’ New York City Chapter, also are working on efforts to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy. On a Saturday in November, they organized a volunteer day for Rhodes alums to provide hot lunches to 50 residents.

### 1997

**Julie Bhattacharya Peak** has been named resident attorney for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group Inc. She handles complex litigation on behalf of Liberty Mutual’s insureds and customers of its affiliated groups throughout Tennessee, and manages Liberty Mutual’s field legal operations in the state from her Nashville office, The Law Offices of Julie Bhattacharya Peak (employees of Liberty Mutual Group Inc.).

### 1998

#### 15th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
Reporter: Amanda Grebe  
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tamburrino@rhodes.edu

**Kate Maffei McGuinness** was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2012 for excellence in volleyball and basketball.

**Melissa Hasslen Selim** sends “a little belated” announcement: “On Nov. 14, 2011, we welcomed our third son, Khalil. His big

brothers, Tarek and Aden, were thrilled to welcome him to their band of Musketeers. We keep busy with our three boys and can’t believe our baby is already 1!”

Proud parents Greg and **Courtney Elliott Itson** welcomed Andrew Elliott, Nov. 18, 2012, joining big brother James (4).

### 1999

Reporter: Leigh Powell  
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**Peter ’00** and **Laura Odom Matthews** welcomed Oliver Watson and Wyatt Campbell into the world Oct. 14, 2012. Big brothers Pierce (5) and Henry (3) are so proud!

**Matt and Katharine Farmer Breaux** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Anne Melancon, Aug. 20, 2012. “Matt, big brother Stumpy and I are in love with our ‘Jersey Girl!’” Katharine writes. “We moved to Glen Ridge, NJ, in May 2011 for Matt’s work.” Matt is with Industrial Income Trust, IIT, investing in industrial real estate. For the past two years Katharine has enjoyed being a sales manager for Udis Gluten Free Foods, based in Denver, and now is pleased to accept the position of full-time mom!

“I married Jeremy Harwood April 17, 2010, and moved to southern New Mexico, where he is a pediatrician in the Air Force,” writes **Joy Johnson Harwood**. The couple welcomed their son, Hunter, March 13, 2012.

**Jackie Ross Shepard** and her husband welcomed their son, Logan Ross, March 23, 2012. Jackie says big sister Lauren is very proud and a great helper.

**Ben Houston** lives in northeastern England, where he teaches U.S. history at



Newcastle University. Ben just published his first book, *The Nashville Way: Racial Etiquette and the Struggle for Social Justice in a Southern City*, a community study of the civil rights movement in Nashville. He and his wife, Michelle, celebrated their third wedding anniversary in November 2012 with a long weekend in Paris.

**Mary Reid Colter Tevis** and her husband, Greg, recently welcomed their second son, Andrew Reid, Oct. 5, 2012. Big brother Pierce (2) is enjoying his new role in the family of four.

**Ashley Browning Pfister** continues to teach third grade in Austin, TX.

## 2001

Reporter: Elisabeth Meyers Yoder  
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In September 2012, after seven years of working with the nonprofit National Captioning Institute in Dallas, **Eve Strain** is now assisting with her parents' business, H&R Block in Scottsville, KY. She and her boyfriend, Aaron Wilson, celebrated nine years together in December 2012; they are the owners of two beagle dogs named Spock and Bones, and a cat named Sulu.

**Stuart Lamkin** recently accepted the call to serve as pastor of Hickory Rock Baptist Church in Louisburg, NC, where he lives with his wife and two young sons.

**Ruchir Patel** moved to Scottsdale, AZ, in summer 2011 after completion of his fellowship in sleep disorders medicine. After being employed by a group practice for less than a year, he decided to resign and open his own comprehensive sleep medicine center in Scottsdale, which opened in

January 2013. Yes, Ruchir realized quickly he was not destined to be an employee.

After completing a national study of statelessness in Nepal for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, **Amanda Flaim** returned to Ithaca, NY, for a final drive to finish her dissertation at Cornell. She and her husband, Daniel Ahlquist, were thrilled to welcome their baby boy, Simon Guthrie Ahlquist, into the world Oct. 1, 2012!

**Emily Bays Nayar** and her husband, Renish, have been happily settled in Edmond, OK, where Emily works as a physician assistant for Mercy Healthcare.

Marc and **Taylor Grether Jacobs** are so very excited to have welcomed a son, Charles (Charlie) Fox, Oct. 21, 2012. "Everyone is doing great! Perhaps most proud is Lillie the dog who parades around the neighborhood next to the stroller."

**Christie Brewer** and **Jeremy Boyd** welcomed another daughter, Maisie, in October 2012. Their older daughter, Larkin, is 3. The Boyds moved to Cincinnati 3½ years ago for Jeremy's emergency medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati Hospital. Jeremy is currently serving as chief resident in his final year of residency. Christie had been teaching upper elementary/middle school for six years before moving to Ohio. Most recently she has worked part time for a small sustainable agriculture nonprofit and written nonfiction young adult biographies.

**Chrissy Mobley** and **Patton Dycus '97** married in San Francisco Oct. 4, 2012. They reside in Atlanta.

## 2002

Reporter: Shannon Cian  
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**Brian Barbeito** is among *Memphis Business Journal's* "Top 40 Under 40" honorees for 2012. Brian is CEO of Mid-South Imaging & Therapeutics P.A., an independent radiology service company headquartered in Memphis.

## 2003

### 10th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26  
Reporter: Lindsay Levine  
Rouse

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**Pamela Casey**, district attorney of Blount County, AL, was one of four Rhodes alumni on the panel at the 25th Rhodes Institute on the Profession of Law, Volume III held Oct. 19, 2012, in Hardie Auditorium. The theme was "Legal Lynx: The Evolution of the Practice of Law."

**Grace Williams** is "the founding school leader of KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary, a public charter school in North Memphis. We currently have 110 kindergartners and will add a grade each school year to serve students in kindergarten-fourth grade at our full capacity."

**Lisa Nix** lives in New Orleans, where she works as a HR account manager for Shell Oil Co.

**Tamara Martin** writes: "I have been a high school Spanish teacher in my hometown, Murfreesboro, TN, since graduating from Rhodes. Also, I have received my master of arts in teaching, in foreign languages and literatures, as well as my education specialist in supervision and administration degrees from Middle Tennessee State University in 2012."

**Aaron Broadwell** is practicing rheumatology in Shreveport, LA, and welcomes anyone who is interested in shadowing to come visit!

**Ben Chastain** writes, "I recently left my job as a corporate defense attorney to open the Atlanta office of a law firm that specializes in representing plaintiffs in claims against insurance companies and in tort matters. The firm is Middagh and Lane, and one of the firm's founders is **Chip Lane '98**. We have offices in Miami, Houston and Atlanta."

**Shawn McCarthy** recently completed her master of applied linguistics with the University of New England (Armidale, Australia) and is awaiting conferral in April 2013 after four years of part-time study while working full time. She lives in Seoul, South Korea, having taught four years in the College of General Education at Sungshin Women's University and the last two years as the head foreign teacher. She plans to teach at Sungshin a fifth year and continue living in Seoul, the city that truly never sleeps (seriously, move over, NYC!), for the foreseeable future.

**Constance Baugh Certion** and her husband, Patrick, welcomed a daughter, Farrah Joy, Oct. 19, 2012. Big brother Noah is adjusting quite well to his new sibling.

**Robert '04** and **Sarah Tuttle Edgcombe** are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Nina Brooks, Aug. 20, 2012. "We're all doing well here in New Orleans. Nina already has a Rhodes onesie, and she looks forward to meeting everyone at Homecoming 2013!"

**Kate Christup Blecher** and her husband are now working and living in Dresden, Germany, and had

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a baby boy, Luca Matthew, Aug. 24, 2012.

Capt. **Marjorie Hall Molloy** (USAF) and her husband, Maj. Derek Molloy (USAF), welcomed their second child, May Leslie, Oct. 9, 2012.

**Lauren Sefton**, who is celebrating 10 years in the Rhodes Admission Office, traveled to India this fall to meet with students and counselors interested in learning more about Rhodes. "I spent time in Mumbai, Bangalore and Delhi. I'm also the proud steward of our own Little Free Library ([littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org)), a book exchange that **Eric '02** built by hand. Neighbors and community members can take a book, leave a book anytime in Harbortown."

**Kyle Hatley** is an actor, director, playwright, producer and associate artistic director of Kansas City Repertory Theatre in Kansas City, MO. At the Rep, Kyle has directed numerous plays and musicals. "The Death of Cupid," his original musical, which had its world premiere at Rhodes' McCoy Theatre, will have its first professional premiere in summer 2013 at The Living Room Theatre.

**Amanda Taylor** is transitioning into a new role at Georgetown University as director of medical center programs in the School of Continuing Studies. Amanda, who has worked at Georgetown for three years, resides in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of DC.

**Jon and Lauren Glas Zarandona** celebrated the birth of their second son, Silas Alexander, in summer 2012. They are teachers in Columbus, MS.

**Kelley Savage Morel** and her husband, Tommy, welcomed Thomas Savage into their family Sept. 29,

2012. Kelley is an ob/gyn in private practice in Asheville, NC.

Brian and **Lauren Deen Whitson** married Oct. 20, 2012, at the Deen Ranch in Sunset, TX. The wedding party included **Rachel Luck Africk, Kate Dietzen Beaulieu, Lindsay Bond Griffin, Lydia Murray Holland** and **Elizabeth Cooper Spears**. Other Rhodes alumni who attended the wedding include **Simone** and **Carl Yoder, Andy English, Lindsay** and **Steven Rouse** and **George Spears '02**.

Joe and **Anne Hughes White** welcomed daughter Charlotte Mason into the world Dec. 6, 2012.

## 2004

Reporter: Kyle Russ  
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**Alex Wiley** has been promoted to audit senior manager in the Memphis office of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

## 2005

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Molly Fitzpatrick  
[mhfizt11@hotmail.com](mailto:mhfizt11@hotmail.com)

**Joanna Young**, vice president at JPMorgan Chase Commercial Banking in Dallas, has been granted a 2012 Marshall Memorial Fellowship by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The fellowship comprises a 24-day program during which emerging leaders from the U.S. and Europe visit five cities, exploring one another's politics, business, innovation and culture through experiential learning.

**Morgan McCrary** and

Will Brooks married Sept. 15, 2012. They met acting opposite each other in a production of Tennessee Williams' "Not About Nightingales," a play in which Morgan also performed during her time at Rhodes. Morgan and Will sincerely hope their lives do not live up to the standards set by Mr. Williams or his characters.

**Katie Jameson** recently visited Rhodes to give an invited lecture for the Biology Department titled, "Pulling the plug on cancer signaling: Scaffold-Kinase Interaction Blockade." More details are available in this quarter's *Biofeedback* (biology newsletter), and the manuscript detailing the work is in revision at *Nature Medicine*.

**Eliza Hanson** started her master's in social work at the University of Texas, Austin. She is interning in an elementary school and plans to explore hospital-based social work, as well.

**Lori Meadows** and Greg Hinnant married Sept. 15, 2012, in Navarre, OH. Fellow Rhodes alums in the wedding included **Stephanie Noriea Murphy** and **Jera Bradshaw Ragan**. Also in attendance were **Caitlin Miller, Molly Fitzpatrick, Pratik Patel, Andrew Carrington '06** and **Erin Langston '06**.

It's been a while since we heard from **Mary Claire Griffin**, but not for a lack of notable developments... for starters, she recently earned her master's and achieved board certification as a behavior analyst. To boot, after taking the plunge and buying her first house in Starkville, MS, Mary Claire launched her own company, fittingly coined MCG Behavioral Counseling, where she consults with school systems

and government agencies in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Keeping with the theme, great to (finally) hear from **Stephanie Albury** again. She graduated with a master's in counseling from Southwestern College in New Mexico in April 2012 and is now practicing as a licensed mental health counselor in Santa Fe. Stephanie is doing contract work at two agencies. Her practice consists of family therapy. Half of her clients are monolingual Spanish-speaking families.

**Caroline Downing Yeilding** recently accepted a new position as a wealth adviser with Iberia Bank in Birmingham, AL.

And last but not least, several folks have celebrated the arrival of future Lynx Cats.

**Jessica Stewart Faris** and her husband, Matt, welcomed a son, Hunter Vincent, Aug. 26, 2012.

**Kelly Forehand McTear** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a son, Declan Joseph, Aug. 19, 2012.

## 2006

Reporter: Caroline King Willson  
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**Elizabeth Brandon** is still working as a site editor for Groupon in Chicago, "a position that has changed a lot since I started but one that I still enjoy. It challenges me to be an efficient communicator, working with a number of departments (sales, development, customer service and editorial, to name a few) to make sure we present accurate, transparent deals to our audience. Also, I've been trying to freelance a bit more and just finished an article for the Alzheimer's

Association of Illinois.”

In June 2012, **Benton Ross** moved his practice from Wichita Falls, TX, to Longview. He has joined the Monsour Law Firm, where he represents injured persons in oil field injury cases, 18-wheeler cases, serious car wreck cases, explosion cases and catastrophic injury cases. He also assists with the firm’s pharmaceutical docket. In the past year, Benton has tried two civil cases before a jury. Both juries found the defendant liable for his clients’ injuries.

**Valerie Hartmann** finished her master’s degree in marine science at the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2011, and was hired January 2012 as a full-time federal employee, working as an oceanographer for the Naval Oceanographic Office at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. She recently worked overseas in the Pacific on a U.S.

Navy ship for two months, returning to the states in November. She says, “I am really excited about my new job, it’s a real adventure out here! I just can’t give too many details about my work, but know that we are seeing LOTS of water and learning lots of new and exciting things about oceanographic exploration while protecting our country’s interests!”

**Katie Yoder Hollis** and her husband, Major, welcomed a son, Maxwell “Max” Emmett, Aug. 22, 2012.

**Erin Chlum** is still with the Coast Guard and completed her assignment on board the *USCGC Willow* in July. The highlight of her tour was a trip to the Arctic, which took them farther north than any Coast Guard cutter had ever traveled and included three stops in Greenland. After *Willow*, Erin was accepted to the Coast Guard graduate school

program, and is currently attending Florida State University. She is working toward her master’s degree in instructional systems and will go to one of the Coast Guard’s training centers when she is finished. She has a year to complete school and is thoroughly enjoying it as a civilian!

**Jake Cremer** moderated a panel discussion at the American Planning Association’s annual meeting on “What Planners Need To Know about Agricultural Law and Policy.”

**Anna Barclay Sibley** recently started her own scarf line, called A. BARCLAY. For every scarf purchased, A. BARCLAY buys an item of need from a Tanzanian for a Tanzanian, supplying multiple orphanages in the country with day-to-day necessities, while stimulating local markets (abarclaydesigns.com).

James Richard Frost Jr. was born Oct. 17, 2012.

**Richard ’04** is thrilled to have a Jr. Both baby James and mom, **Alice Turner Frost**, are doing well.

**Caroline Fabacher** is living and working in Washington, DC, serving as a program coordinator for a health care association credentialing program.

**Michael Spilman** graduated in 2011 with a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular genetics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is currently a postdoctoral associate at Florida State University.

**Patrick** and **Katie Rhamey** moved to Lexington, VA, in August 2012 with their son, Trey, who will be two this June. Patrick has taken a position as an assistant professor at the Virginia Military Institute in the Department of International Studies, having completed

his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Arizona last May.

## 2008

### *Fifth Reunion*

Homecoming: Oct. 25-26

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**Edward Lane** is station manager, show host and play-by-play broadcaster at Southside Sports Media in Martinsville, VA.

**Laura Sellers** has begun a Ph.D. program in political science at Vanderbilt.

**Lori Culberson** is planning to graduate this summer with a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Arizona.

After being accepted to the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California,

**Caleb Standafer** deferred medical school for a year to serve as senior manager, solution management, for the emerging market pharma segment of Allscripts, an electronic health record software company. Caleb and Chantal Kredentser married in May 2012 in Altadena, CA.

**Lindsay Johnson** has begun graduate school at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky.

**Rob Kneip ’08** and **Maddie Callis ’10**, copresidents of Rhodes’ New York City Chapter, are working on efforts to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy. On a Saturday in November, they organized a volunteer day for Rhodes alums to provide hot lunches to 50 residents.

**Ryan Dagen** is working for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corp. as a postgraduate year-one resident in general dentistry

at a trauma center in the Bronx. “I’m enjoying every minute living in Manhattan, but I see a return to the South in the future,” he writes.

**Jennifer Stanley** and Ben Gladstone married Sept. 8, 2012, in Little Rock. Their wedding party included **Elizabeth Campbell, Emily Jackson, Courtney Lippoff, Ann Watson, Katie Mirseyedi Wiles, Kait Fleck ’09** and **Rob Wiles**. Jennifer and Ben live in Memphis.

**Kaitie Yeoman Igoe** finished her dietetic internship at St. Louis University in May 2012 and is now employed as a dietitian at Food Outreach in St. Louis. Kaitie is working primarily with cancer patients, providing food and nutrition services.

Tom and **Brynn Dickie Bowyer** welcomed daughter Piper Joy Sept. 10, 2012. “Everything is going well with us here in Livingston,” Brynn writes. “Tom took a promotion and is now the boys camp director at Camp Cho-Yeh. I’m at home with the baby, and we’ll see about the spring!”

**Colleen Armstrong** and Jonathan Portnoy married Nov. 3, 2012, in Fort Worth, TX. **Kendra McCulloch** and **Madoline Markham** were bridesmaids, and **Alison Lohse ’07** and **Heather Ross** were members of the house party. **Chris Ernst ’07, Nicole Goette** and **Natasha Jain** were also in attendance. Colleen and Jonathan live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and both work for Sabre Holdings.

**Donna Smith** accepted a position as an academic adviser for the Fulbright College at the University of Arkansas in August 2012. “I primarily advise art, drama, philosophy and music majors—basically all the cool liberal arts kids that I’m

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used to,” she writes.

**Zack Stovall** is still living on his now somewhat-submerged but immobile noodling (bare-hand catfishing) vessel, *Heartbreaks and Hand Grenades*. Zack was forced to suspend his noodling ventures for a month after being put in the custody of the Missouri Highway Patrol’s harbor division for booby trapping coves with razornets and fireropes to thwart his rival, the *S.S. Cary Elwes*. In the meantime, Zack has been sending in audition tapes to “Project Runway,” learning how to “build fires that float on water, and fermenting fish bones into a potable wine cooler.”

Rebecca and **Andrew Whaley** welcomed Simon Randle May 25, 2012. In addition, Andrew was selected to author three essays on the birth narrative in the Gospel of Luke for the upcoming *Feasting on the Gospels* series from Westminster/John Knox Press.

**John Hoggard** reports that he and his brother went surfing in Costa Rica for

a month in June 2012. He started dental school at East Carolina University in August.

## 2009

**Abby Wynne** and Evan Lenneberg recently married in Portland, OR. Members of the wedding party included: **Stephanie Seay '07, Lucy Coolidge, Caitlin Sherman '07, Mary-Catherine Burgoyne '07, Katie Wise '08, Alycia Hayne, Lexie Routh '10, Maura Mohler '10, Megan McDonald '10 and Alexander Mohler '07**. Many Rhodes graduates were in attendance. The couple resides in Portland.

**Mallory Raffensberger** has been promoted to audit senior in the Nashville office of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

## 2010

Reporter: Emily Jenkins  
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**Kalli Glenn Harrell** graduated with a master of arts in teaching from Christian Brothers University.

**Audrey Zoeller** recently finished two years of service with the Peace Corps.

On Nov. 10, 2012, **Sarah Henkel** and **Nick Volgas '11** married in Little Rock, AR. **Sarah Osmer '09, Sarah Knowles '12, Virginia Fall, Jackie Ward, Alex Iberg, Chris Dorsett '11 and Cameron Goodman '11** were members of the wedding party.

**Doug Gordon** passed the CPA exam.

**Pam Palmer** is a member of the William & Mary Appellate and Supreme Court Clinic.

**Christina Iskander** is working for Teach For America’s national office in Manhattan and was recently promoted to the Human Assets Team.

**Joy-Katherine Martin** has been teaching English in Japan since graduation.

**Natalija Kokoreva** is in dental school.

**Travis Raser** is working as a software engineer at Argo Data Resource.

**Tierney Jackson** earned a master’s in management information systems from the University of Memphis

and now works as a systems analyst in data services at Rhodes.

**Joel Iwaskiewicz** is teaching English at Nashua High School South, his alma mater, where he will be directing the school musical, “Singin’ in the Rain,” this spring.

**Coleen Jones** recently returned from a 13-month Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship of Goodwill in Granada, Spain. The Memphis Rotary Club gave her the opportunity to volunteer at elementary schools, complete a master’s of economics and business organization and visit various Rotary Clubs and schools.

**Rachel Harpool** and **Alex Woods '09** married Nov. 10, 2012. Rhodes alumni **Suzi Van Sickle '09, Halley Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Mallory Primm, Kathryn South, Carl Schow, Damon Dowd '09, Austin Grigsby '09 and Kenny Haggerty '09** served as attendants. **Kate Mara '09** and **Lindsey Gill '09** served as guestbook attendants.

## In Memoriam

**'36 Ethel Taylor Maxwell** of Memphis, Jan. 3, 2013. A musical singing star and voice professor, she received vocal education in New York City, where she was finalist runner-up in the Metropolitan Opera auditions and was in Oscar Hammerstein’s first Broadway show. She continued to perform in Memphis with the Memphis Open Air Theatre from 1938-50. She was soloist with the NBC orchestra, and sold war bonds with Abbot and Costello. She taught voice for 35 years at Memphis State University and for

10 years was instructor of music at Lausanne School for Girls. She also was soloist at Calvary Episcopal Church and choir director at St. Elisabeth’s Episcopal Church. On the Rhodes campus, Room 104, a practice room in the Hassell Hall music building, is named in her honor. She served as president of the Beethoven and Renaissance music clubs and was a member of the Camarata club. She also served as a volunteer at LeBonheur Children’s Hospital. She leaves two daughters, Ethel Maxwell Scrivener '66 and

Margaret Alice Maxwell '69; a granddaughter; and a sister, Celeste Conn '42.

**'38 Norman David Shapiro** of Memphis, Sept. 14, 2012. A World War II and Korean War veteran, he was a pioneer in anesthesiology, practicing for more than 30 years at Baptist Memorial Hospital in downtown Memphis and serving as anesthesiologist during 34,916 surgeries. For the last two decades he continued his personal education at Rhodes’ Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning and his religious studies at Temple Israel, where

he was a member for over 50 years, as well as a volunteer and mentor to many. The widower of Rhoda H. Shapiro, he leaves a daughter, two sons, including David Shapiro '80, five grandchildren and his companion, Gloria Gang.

**'39 Letitia Montgomery Haygood** of Memphis, Sept. 19, 2012. She enjoyed playing golf, tennis and bridge with family and friends and working to help Le Bonheur and Les Passees. A member of Second Presbyterian Church, she was the widow of James R. Haygood Jr. '36. She leaves a

daughter, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a sister, a brother and a niece, Claudia Kennedy '69.

**'41 Evelyn Belcher Pearson**, a longtime resident of Austin, TX, Sept. 3, 2012. Her husband, Ralph, entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, served as a judge advocate in the Air Force and eventually retired as a full colonel in Austin in 1971. They lived in Austin from 1968-2010, when they moved to California to be near their daughter. They loved their life in the military, where they made many friends and traveled the world. She volunteered in her children's schools and on base, helping other military families. They loved to play bridge and dance well into their 80s. A longtime member of Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin, she leaves her husband of 69 years, Ralph Pearson, a daughter, a son, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a sister.

**'44 Jack Howard Taylor** of Memphis Oct. 26, 2012. Professor emeritus of physics at Rhodes, during World War II he served at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. After the war he received his Ph.D. in physics from The Johns Hopkins University and returned to the Naval Research Laboratory, where he developed the optical system of the Sidewinder missile. At the invitation of his mentor and lifelong friend, Dr. Peyton Rhodes, he returned to Memphis in 1956 to join the faculty at Southwestern at Memphis (Rhodes College), where he taught until he retired in 1992. He was the recipient of the Dean's Award for Research and Creativity at Rhodes and the American Physical Society's Pegram Award

for outstanding teacher. He was an enthusiastic teacher and supporter of his students, many of whom have also had distinguished careers in physics. Locally, he was a strong proponent of science education, and his lecture room at Rhodes was a frequent destination for field trips by science clubs, astronomy clubs and Scouts. He leaves his wife of 68 years, Sara Sparr Taylor '46; three sons, including William Sparr Taylor '71 and John Charles Taylor '74; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

**'47 Dayton Phillips Sorsby** of Homewood, AL, Oct. 29, 2012. A Life Scout and lifelong Presbyterian, he had been an active member of Buntyn Presbyterian Church in Memphis and, since 1957, South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He served as Sunday school teacher, deacon and elder and was a faithful member of the Men's Prayer Breakfast. He leaves his wife of more than 55 years, Mary Virginia Sorsby, a daughter, a son, a grandson, two sisters and a brother.

**'48 Jo Alice Page Johnson**, a longtime resident of El Dorado, AR, in Greenwood, MS, Oct. 16, 2012. Her late husband of 62 years, Julius Adams Johnson '48, was district manager for the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. They lived in Pine Bluff, AR, where she was a homemaker, and Greenwood and El Dorado, where she taught elementary school. They returned to Greenwood in 2009. They were active in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in El Dorado and the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Greenwood. She leaves two daughters, a son, three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three

great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

**'50 George Atwood Bugbee Jr.** of Roanoke, VA, Nov. 2, 2012. He served in the Army during the Korean War and joined the Scripps Howard newspaper chain as a reporter, later transferring to Houston where he became business editor of the old *Houston Press*. He held positions with several public relations firms and was a regional vice president of Hill & Knowlton at the time he retired. He leaves his wife, Joan Barthelme Bugbee, a daughter, two sons, two grandchildren and a brother, Gerald Bugbee '51.

**'50 Richard B. Dixon** of Little Rock, AR, Oct. 29, 2012. A retired educator, he served in the Navy from 1944-46 and began his teaching career at Little Rock Junior College (now the University of Arkansas at Little Rock), where he continued to teach in the History Department for 23 years. After retiring, he received the UALR Alumni Association Faculty Emeritus in Education designation, recognizing excellence in education. In 1995 he received the Rhodes College Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was active in and became a permanent member of the Pulaski County Historical Society, serving as president for two years. He received the J.B. Shellcutt Award for Outstanding Contribution to Preservation of Pulaski County Heritage and the P. Westbrook Award for Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation.

**'54 Elizabeth Armistead Price Johnson** of Jackson, MS, Oct. 3, 2012. An artist, she belonged to several watercolor societies and was a founding member, and first secretary, of the Mississippi Watercolor Society. She

was a member of the Junior League of Jackson, Matrons' Luncheon Club, Elsinore Garden Club, Mississippi Museum of Art and First Families of Virginia. Active in First Presbyterian Church, where she and her husband sang in the choir for many years, she leaves her husband, Dr. H. Richard Johnson Jr., two sons, five grandchildren, a great-grandson and a sister.

**'54 Douglas Spiller Marsh** of Cordova, TN, Nov. 16, 2012. A retired minister who had served at Graceland Christian Church in Memphis, he taught elementary school in Texas and Michigan, and at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, MI. He was for several years a reference librarian at the Memphis Public Library and Information Center and later worked for the First Regional Library of Mississippi as head of the Sardis Public Library and at the Batesville Library. He also served as an interpreter for students and optometrists from the Southern College of Optometry in Haiti, Guatemala and Costa Rica. He leaves a daughter, a granddaughter and a sister.

**'56 Katherine Johanna Iverson Crossno** of Southaven, MS, Dec. 29, 2012. A member of the Raleigh Eastern Star 478, she was the widow of Robert Crossno Sr. She leaves two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a brother.

**'56 Venita "Nita" Saunders Cater** of Flower Mound, TX, Nov. 7, 2012. A retired manager of engineering planning for Ameritech, she also created and managed a co-op nursery school, sold real estate, led adult chaperones for a high school band tour of Europe and served as president of a

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P.E.O. Sisterhood chapter and clerk of the session for congregations in Michigan and Florida. She leaves her husband, Lawrence Howard Cater '56, two daughters, a son and three grandchildren.

**'57 Clara Ann Marmann Episcopo** of Annandale, VA, Sept. 2, 2012. After graduation, she moved to Washington, DC, to work for the Census Bureau. While staying home to raise her family, she was also involved in her community, volunteering for many years for the Red Cross. An integral part of her Bible study group, she was a talented seamstress and taught piano, which she enjoyed playing even after losing her sight. She leaves her husband of 51 years, Alfonso Episcopo, a daughter, a son and two grandchildren.

**'57 James T. Holmes** of Annadale, Staten Island, NY, Oct. 24, 2012. A retired psychiatrist who practiced in Manhattan, he retired in 1990. A member of Grace Christian Church, Huguenot, he leaves his wife of 30 years, Rosemarie Gaeta, two daughters, a son, a sister and a brother.

**'60 Peter Roberts Hale** of Beaufort, NC, Nov. 12, 2012. A retired Presbyterian minister, he served churches in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. He also served as a volunteer firefighter in Virginia and Maryland and, in retirement, was a member of Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary, Morehead City Boating Club and Fort Macon Civil War Round Table. He also volunteered at both The History Place of Morehead City and the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Beaufort. He leaves his wife of almost 44 years, Ann Tomlinson Hale, a daughter, three grandchildren and four brothers.

**'60 Sandra "Sandy" Marwood Dwyer McGlade** of Dalton, GA, Sept. 12, 2012. She worked as a mental health counselor and was the main volunteer for the Dalton AIDS support group for 11 years. She also volunteered with other charitable organizations. A member of Church on the Hill, she leaves her husband, Larry McGlade, four daughters, a son, a stepdaughter, a stepson, nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, a great-granddaughter and a brother.

**'60 William "Bill" Andrew McWeeny** of Little Rock, AR, Oct. 10, 2012. A retired Presbyterian minister, he served churches in Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama. He was active in interim ministry and in the work of the Presbyteries of North Alabama and Arkansas. He leaves his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Sieplein McWeeny '61, two daughters, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

**'61 Billy Wayne Landers** of Memphis, Oct. 3, 2012. He helped lead the Lynx to the 1961 NCAA Championship in baseball and, years later, was inducted into the Rhodes Athletics Hall of Fame. Following graduation, his professional baseball career was cut short due to an arm injury. He worked for the Memphis Board of Education for many years, which included jobs at the central office, principal at Knight Road Elementary and Colonial Elementary, and teaching positions in Dallas and at Wooddale High School. He pursued a doctorate in education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he also coached the freshman Vols and assisted Coach Bill Wright with the varsity Volunteers. A member

of Underwood United Methodist Church and more recently, Colonial Park United Methodist Church, he leaves his wife, Roberta Landers, four sons, seven grandchildren and a brother.

**'62 John Arrington "Jack" Lackmann** of Lexington, VA, Sept. 26, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957-58. He leaves a brother.

**'62 Joyce Thompson Runyon** of Nashville, TN, July 12, 2012. She leaves her husband of 51 years, Bill Runyon, a daughter, three sons, 13 grandchildren and two brothers.

**'65 Joe Andrew Dycus** of Memphis, Oct. 15, 2012. A retired attorney, he spent his early years in private practice and with the Federal Public Defender's Office. For 28 years, he was with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, retiring as chief of the Civil Division in 2006. He was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he especially enjoyed leading small group studies, and served over the years as a leader in many different capacities, including lay leader and chairperson of the Administrative Board. An Eagle Scout, he spent many years working as an adult Scouter with Boy Scout Troop 13, serving in various positions of leadership, including that of scoutmaster. He leaves his wife of 40 years, Irene Dycus; two sons, including John Patton Dycus '97; and a sister.

**'67 Dana Delugach Rowlands** of Ballwin, MO, Nov. 14, 2012. She leaves her husband, Robert W. Rowlands; a daughter, Bethany "Beth" Chafin Harden '93; a son; four grandchildren; four stepchildren; and stepgrandchildren.

**'69 Roy Kulp Jr.** of Memphis, Nov. 6, 2012. A radiologist, he was a partner with Memphis Radiological Professional Corp. from 1979 until his retirement in 2005. He mentored many residents during their training, several of whom later became his partners. He served as radiology medical director at Methodist Hospital South and helped build the radiology department at Methodist Germantown, where he was the first radiology medical director. A longtime member of Independent Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife of 39 years, Kathryn Hollingsworth Kulp, four sons and five grandchildren.

**'77 Deborah "Debbie" Williamson Witt** of Midland, NC, Oct. 24, 2012. She was a real estate attorney in Columbia, SC, for many years. When her family moved to the Charlotte area, she taught fourth grade at Canon School in Concord, NC. She leaves her husband of 28 years, Ralph F. Witt, a daughter, three sons, a granddaughter and two sisters.

**'91 Jason Allen Parrish** of Memphis, Dec. 31, 2012. He taught second and third grades at LaRose Elementary School and worked as a teacher/trainer at the Memphis City Schools Teaching and Learning Academy as well as technology coordinator for Crump Elementary School. He most recently worked as a professional development coordinator for instructional technology for Memphis City Schools. He leaves his wife of 19 years, Joyce Yeager '91, his mother, a sister, his grandmother Mildred Tramel, an aunt, five nieces and two nephews.

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