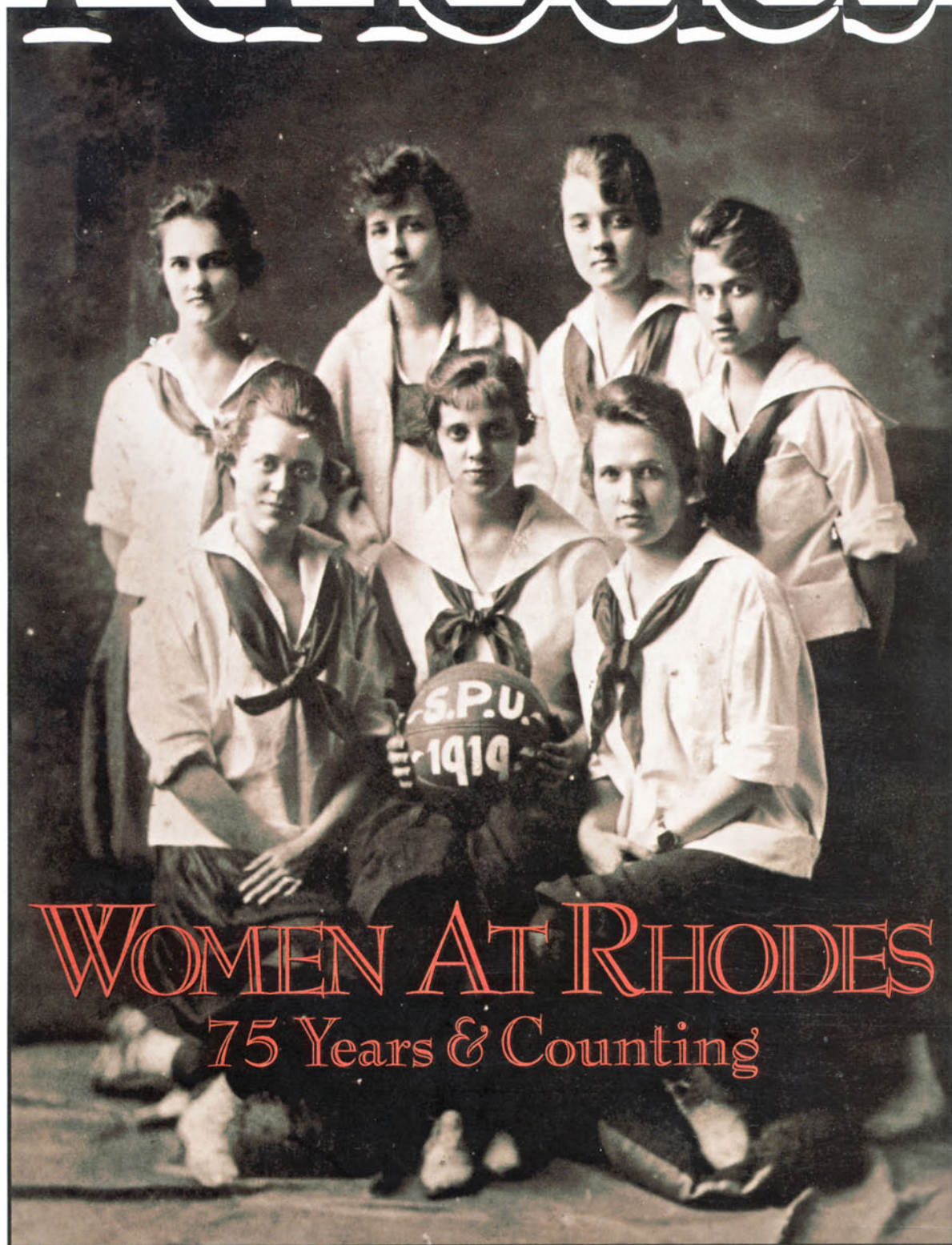


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75 Years & Counting

From The Editor

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Commitment

This issue of *Rhodes* takes a look at some current students who are making their mark on the history of the college. Also featured are some alumni who have made history at Rhodes and in the world beyond. Their achievements are the result of their unflinching commitment to the tasks they've found at hand.

The student profiles (page 26) reveal what Rhodes students are like these days. The stories of four students—ranging from the first through the senior year—tell of their commitment to the college and their thoughts and aspirations beyond the Gothic village.

The Honor Code is a familiar topic to Rhodes alumni, and the signing of the code by this year's incoming students (page 15) gave the ceremony itself a new dimension that calls for sincere commitment.

Students of long ago—and not so long ago—are featured, too.

Margaret Trahern Patch '21 was the first woman to graduate from Rhodes, and this year marks the 75th anniversary of that momentous occasion. One of the five women who first enrolled at the college in 1917, she was committed to graduating and earning her M.A. afterward. An account of the life and times of the woman who shattered the glass ceiling is on page 17.

Breaking records—not “glass”—is John Bryan '58, chairman of Sara Lee Corp. (page 7). A former Rhodes trustee, Bryan is an international businessman and philanthropist who, with his family, has given much to Rhodes over the years. Their commitment to the college is most visible in the Bryan Campus Life Center.

Rhodes' “torch has touched their hearts with flame,” as the Alma Mater says—the flame of commitment.

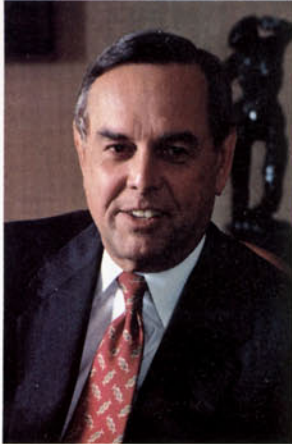
—Martha Hunter Shepard, Editor



Margaret Trahern Patch '21, Rhodes' first woman graduate

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Parents, new students and their faculty advisers meet at noon over box lunches. Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97



Sophomore Kate O'Leary of Joplin, Mo., gets a rinse after a muddy, hard-fought tug-of-war.

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97

New Beginnings

Entering students found an action-packed orientation waiting for them at Rhodes. Just some of the activities included: moving in, meeting other students and faculty advisers, attending small and large group sessions, signing the Honor Council pledge, adjusting to refectory food and finally, crashing at night.



Roommates Ben Ball '99 of Columbia, Tenn., (left) and Jeff Millings '99 of Charleston, S.C., help move new students into the residence halls.

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97



New faculty for the 1996-97 academic year and their departments are **FRONT ROW**, left to right: Faan Tone Liu, mathematics and computer science; Gigi Ray, chemistry; Anita Davis, psychology; Carey Walsh, religious studies; Patricia Calvert, psychology; Anne Bromley, English; Carol Stewart, art. **SECOND ROW**: Tod Marshall, English; Patrick Shade, philosophy; Marshall Boswell, English; John Kaltner, religious studies; Brent Hoffmeister, physics; Russell Wigginton, history; Will Coleman, religious studies; Robert Bartlett, political science. Not pictured: William Townsend, psychology.

Photo by Russell Hays



At day's end, Renée Montminy of Tewksbury, Mass., bids Mom goodbye before heading toward an evening riverboat ride on the mighty Mississippi.

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97

Campus News

Dean Mark McMahon To Return To Teaching

Rhodes Chancellor David Harlow announced earlier this fall that Mark McMahon, dean of academic affairs since 1994, has decided to return to the classroom.

"Dean McMahon has decided to take a well-earned period of leave this academic year and then resume teaching next fall as professor of economics," said

Chancellor Harlow. Associate Dean John Planchon agreed to assume the duties of acting dean of academic affairs effective Sept. 16, 1996, according to Harlow.

The chancellor said the college would wait until next spring to

decide about the selection and naming of a permanent dean.

Prior to becoming dean of academic affairs, McMahon served as associate



Mark McMahon



John Planchon

dean of academic affairs from August 1991 until spring 1993 when he was named acting dean of academic affairs. His appointment as dean of academic affairs came in March 1994.

McMahon is regarded as one of Rhodes' most gifted teachers. He was selected in 1982 as one of the college's first recipients of the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching. In 1972 McMahon arrived at Rhodes as assistant professor of economics. He became a full professor in 1983. During the late '70s and '80s he served 10 years as chair of the department of economics and business administration.

In his capacity as acting dean of academic affairs, Planchon will be responsible for supervising the work of all academic departments as well as the supporting offices including the registrar's office, library, computer center and Music Academy.

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Chuck Orvis Presented Diehl Society Award

Charles C. "Chuck" Orvis, associate professor and former chair of the department of economics and business administration department at Rhodes, received the Charles E. Diehl Society Award for Faculty Service at the college's Founders Convocation in early fall.

The award, which carries a \$3,000 honorarium, is endowed by an anonymous Rhodes trustee and recognizes exceptional service to the college. The convocation formally opened the 148th academic year of the college.

Orvis, who joined the Rhodes faculty as an assistant professor in 1973, is known for his interaction with and support of students during college and beyond as well as his service to the Rhodes community. He regularly advises 40 or more students each semester, twice the average number. He was a key member of the committee that recently overhauled Rhodes' entire registration process, and he has headed a multitude of other committees and projects at Rhodes.

Orvis serves as the campus ROTC coordinator. His career in the U.S. Army Reserve spanned more than 36 years, beginning with

transportation, Orvis has been a member of numerous professional organizations, including a charter member of the Mid-South

Association of Business Economists and the Southern Economic Association, has served as an expert witness in anti-trust and has consulted in economic value of life cases. He currently is a member of the National Association of Forensic Economists.

Orvis received his Ph.D. in economics in 1975 from the University of Minnesota, where he served as assistant director of the Center for Economic Education, and as a

research fellow.



Dunbar Abston (left), Prof. Orvis and President James H. Daughdrill

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97

his enlistment in 1954 to his retirement as a colonel in May 1991. The last five years of his military career, he served as Plans and Programs officer at the Pentagon and as the area coordinator for the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

When he was departmental chair at Rhodes, Orvis held the post of the Federal Express Professor of Economics.

An expert in evaluating the national, state and municipal impacts of federally funded programs and policies, particularly in the area of public housing and

A Good Buy

Once again Rhodes was named by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine as one of the Best Values among America's leading liberal arts colleges.

For the title *U.S. News* considers only the top 80 of the nation's 160 finest national liberal arts colleges. Then it lists in rank order the 40 institutions with the highest quality-to-price ratio. Rhodes was tied for 23rd place with Williams College.

Trustee Edward Jappe Dies

College trustee Edward Jappe of Memphis, president of Marianna Sales Co., died July 28, 1996.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, and educated in Europe, he had served on the college's Business Advisory

Council and as a solicitor in the Greater Memphis Campaign.

Jappe had been chairman of the board of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center and Lausanne Collegiate School as well as president of the Memphis

Board of Trade and the Memphis Speech and Hearing Center.

He leaves his wife, Iris "Bunny" J. Beck Jappe; three daughters, Anne J. Bjorklund '60, Alyce J. Burr '64 and Ruth J. Dando '68 and six grandchildren.

Schriber's ORB Web Page Circles The Globe

By Susan McLain Sullivan

Carolyn Schriber, associate professor of history, is getting worldwide notice for her World Wide Web Page. Her ORB web site was chosen as "Site of the Day" last spring by *Academe Today*, an on-line service provided to subscribers of the *Chronicle for Higher Education*.

Schriber serves as editor of ORB—On-Line Reference Book for Medieval Studies—the brainchild of a group of medieval scholars from around the country who decided last year to establish an online textbook source for medieval studies on the World Wide Web.



Carolyn Schriber

And there are treasures to be found: an encyclopedia of original essays; teaching resources including a sourcebook and syllabi; a library connection with links to full texts on other servers; and a reference shelf full of bibliographies, graphics and software.

"We started putting it together last January," said Schriber, who explained that the site itself is run off the University of Kansas computers. She said some 65 people, including representatives from five different countries, contribute to the site.

"What we have in mind is a series of essays that will allow professors to construct their own

medieval course," Schriber explained. But, apparently, many people other than professors are using ORB. Soon after being named Site of the Day, the web-site had more than 500 hits.

ORB's library initially provided links to more than 700 works, including Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, several Arthurian legends and 29 of Aristotle's metaphysical commentaries. But the day after ORB was named Site of the Day, Schriber received a call from a collector who offered 9,000 manuscripts and documents on medieval and Renaissance liturgy. The data base was accepted and has boosted ORB's offerings to more than 9,700 works. The ORB address is:

<http://orb.rhodes.edu/>

Tennessee Williams Festival Enjoys Successful Run

Rhodes' first annual Tennessee Williams Theater Festival spanned three weeks in July, drawing rave reviews and theatergoers from near and far.

The festival included a full-length play, two one-acts, an opera in concert and a salute to Williams' first play which was staged in Memphis 61 years ago.

Edwin Howard '50 (left) receives Rhodes' first annual Tennessee Williams Award presented by Tony Lee Garner '65, Rhodes theater and music department chair and the festival's executive director, on the set of *Night of the Iguana*. Howard, a veteran newspaperman, first proposed such a festival for Memphis 31 years ago. Howard now lives in Washington, D.C., though he continues to write for the locally-based Memphis Business Journal.

Photo by Steve Jones



Three Hannahs. Betty Ruffin (center), Rhodes professor emerita of theater and media arts, congratulates Christina Wellford Scott '73 (right) for her performance as Hannah Jelkes in *Night of the Iguana*. Memphis television producer and actress Susie Howe (left) and Ruffin have also portrayed Hannah in past productions at other Memphis theaters.

Photo by Steve Jones

Moss Series Presents Artist Janine Antoni

New York artist Janine Antoni, known for her biting parodies of feminine icons and her incisive and highly personal techniques of achieving them, spoke about her work as the season's first lecturer of the Lillian and Morrie Moss Endowment for the Visual Arts series.

Antoni, who was born in the Bahamas and studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, says she is influenced by feminist artists of the 1970s.

She drew critical acclaim at the 1993 Whitney Biennial with her work *Gnaw*. The installation, which *Art News* said mimicked compulsive female behavior, featured two 600-pound cubes—one of chocolate, the other, lard—which the artist had partially chewed. Antoni had reshaped the chewed chocolate portion into heart-shaped candy trays. She

used the lard leftovers as the base for 300 tubes of red lipstick.

Antoni arranged the hearts and lipstick in a glittering boutique



Detail of Antoni's *Lick and Lather*, soap and chocolate, 1993

display, while the giant lumps of chocolate and melting lard were displayed on marble pedestals. Some critics viewed the work as a representation of bulimia—a metaphor for a neurotic, insatiable consumer society.

Antoni's gustatory technique

carried over to *Lick and Lather*, her work at the 1993 Venice Biennale, in which she cast 7 classical self-portrait busts in chocolate, and 7 in soap. She licked the chocolate ones and lathered the busts of soap until she had obliterated the features on all.

She has also painted entire gallery floors with her hair in her *Loving Care* work at galleries in London and Barcelona, and blinked her heavily-mascaraed eyelashes on paper in *Butterfly Kisses* for a show last spring at Hartford's Wadsworth Atheneum.

By using her body rather than traditional paintbrushes and sculptor's tools Antoni creates "hidden performances" in her work. A Swedish critic said that "Antoni seems both materially and spiritually present in the room. And yet she doesn't. Who she really is, is not revealed."

Rhodes' Meeman Center On Line And On Time

Rhodes' Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning is now on-line at: <http://www.meeman.rhodes.edu/>

What's more, the center for the first time offered fall courses for learners of all ages, from fourth-graders on up.

The Rhodes Writing Academy held a Creative Writing for Adults class through the Meeman Center. For younger writers grades 4 through 11, four writing workshops were offered, including a workshop held at Lausanne Collegiate School, a local private high school.

Two new courses for adults served as a bridge between literature and drama, and literature and music:

"In Between Acts: A Taste of Memphis Theater" highlighted

selected productions at local theaters. It was led by a group of directors who discussed their individual approaches to staging the plays at several Memphis venues, including Rhodes' McCoy Theatre.

"Music as Language: How Sacred Music Speaks from the Renaissance to the 20th Century" took a close look at two great works from seemingly diverse periods that were performed in the Rhodes Choral Music Series this fall—Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. John Passion* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Hodie*.

The always-popular "Lore of Literature" course took a new theme with "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue," mixing

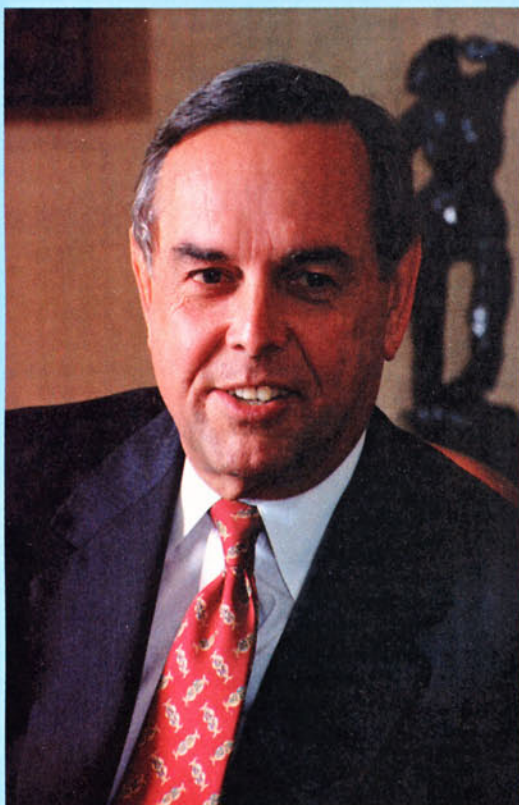
genres of prose, fiction, epic poetry, drama and film with classic works and their modern adaptations.

"Understanding Opera: A Preview of Opera Memphis' Fall Season" focused on Verdi's *La Traviata* and Massenet's *Werther*.

"Our whole purpose is to provide intellectually stimulating courses that meet the criteria of lifelong learning," said Stephanie Turnbull, Meeman Center's administrator of educational programs who helped develop the new music and theater series. "If the new courses prove to be successful, we probably will offer them in the spring in conjunction with other productions."

For complete information, call the Meeman Center at (901) 726-3965.

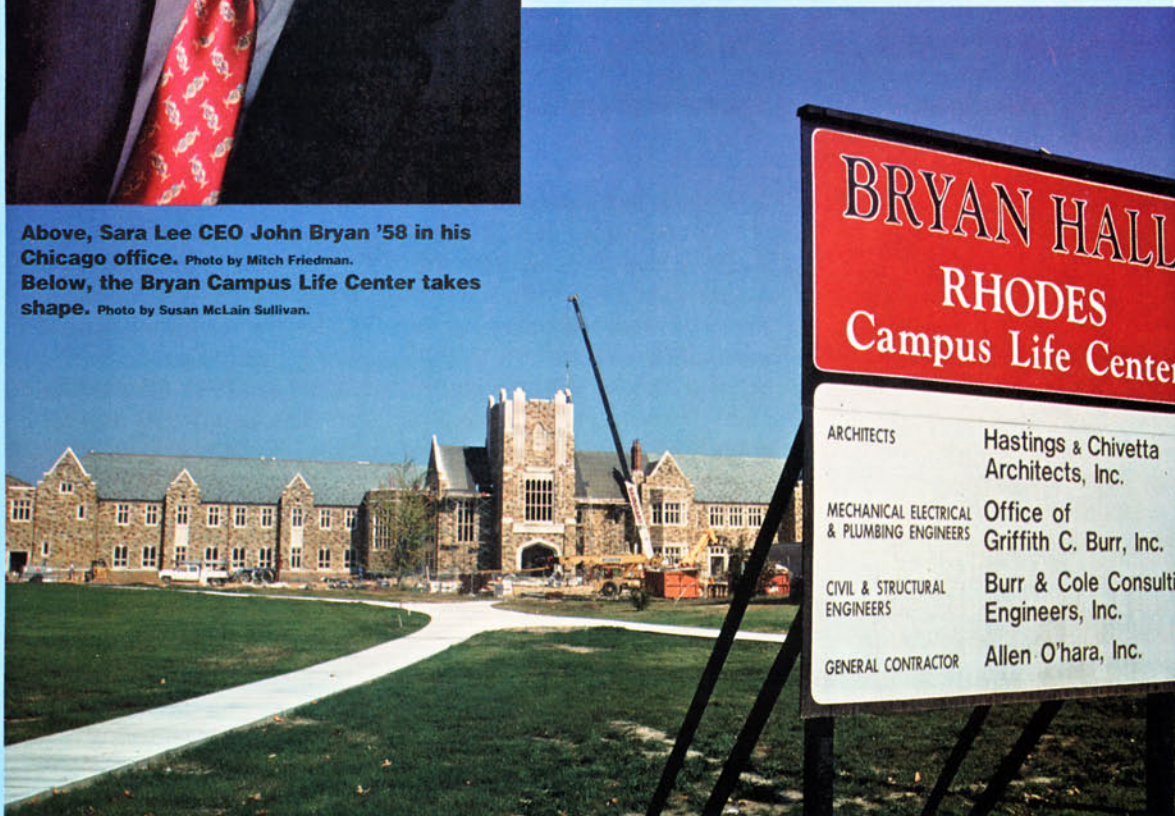
From Hot Dogs to Hosiery To a Hub for Campus Life



The Bryan Success Story Leaves Its Mark at Rhodes

BY HELEN WATKINS NORMAN

Above, Sara Lee CEO John Bryan '58 in his Chicago office. Photo by Mitch Friedman.
Below, the Bryan Campus Life Center takes shape. Photo by Susan McLain Sullivan.



When it comes to the important events of his life, John H. Bryan '58 has nearly perfect recall.

He remembers the day his freshman year at Rhodes when he first cast eyes on his future wife Neville Frierson '58. He can cite the date he showed up in Chicago for his new job as chief operations officer for Consolidated Foods, the predecessor of Sara Lee Corporation. It was April Fool's Day 1974, and Bryan was but 37 years old. He can likewise pinpoint the 24-hour period—Abraham Lincoln's birthday 1975—when he became the corporation's CEO.

It's no surprise, therefore, that Bryan can recount, with amazing detail, the moment he decided to attend Rhodes. He was seated in the rear of a bus in France, sight-seeing with his parents. It was the summer of 1954, a few short months before he was to enter college.

Bryan, a native of West Point, Miss., two hours south of Memphis, was still debating whether to attend Ole Miss or Mississippi State that coming fall. In the mid-'50s matriculation at one or the other was almost a rite of passage for college-bound Mississippians. What's more, the Sigma Chi fraternity boys at Ole Miss had their eye on Bryan as a future pledge.

But the brothers of Sigma Chi, who had been surreptitiously courting Bryan for membership, were no match for John's mother. Catherine Wilkerson Bryan wanted her eldest son to attend Rhodes.

"Mother had been cajoling me for I don't know how long to go to Rhodes," says Bryan, who is now chairman, as well as CEO, of Sara Lee, the company he has transformed from an unfocused conglomerate to a highly profitable consumer products empire.

"We were sitting in the back of this bus," Bryan remembered. "I

Then...

Neville and John Bryan strike a pose for the April Fool Court their junior year at Rhodes.



reached over, shook hands with mother and said, 'Okay, I'll go (to Rhodes). But only for six months. One year at most'."

Four years later, in 1958, on a rainy afternoon in Fisher Garden, John and his fiancée Neville received their diplomas from Rhodes.

Despite the passage of nearly four decades, the Bryans, who married the August after graduating, have remained close to Rhodes. John's sister, the late "Kitty" Bryan Dill '64, attended Rhodes, and his niece Catherine Harrell '82 is a graduate. Two of John and Neville's four children—John III '83 and Margaret '85—are also graduates as is Margaret's husband, Lee French '84.

Neville re-joined Rhodes' board of trustees this fall. Both she and John are former Rhodes board members. And John holds an honorary doctorate from the college.

Furthermore, in January

Rhodes dedicates the Bryan Campus Life Center. The lead gift for that facility—a center for athletics, recreation and extracurricular life—came from the Bryan family. The facility, which incorporates the renovated Mallory and Hyde gymnasias as well as two newly constructed buildings, is the largest ever built at Rhodes.

"This is a college that's been very meaningful to our family," said John Bryan in 1993 when Rhodes announced the Bryan gift and the plans to build the long-awaited center. "Our association with Rhodes is deeply rooted."

For Neville, the relationship with Rhodes grew out of a visit by Rhodes economics professor Ralph Hon to the Friersons' Jonesboro, Ark. home. "My mother wanted me to go to Arkansas State College. But Dr. Hon (who was also from Jonesboro) came and talked to my parents," she says. Whether it was Dr. Hon's power of persuasion or the fact that the college



was close enough to Jonesboro to suit Neville's mom, she enrolled the following fall.

For John, the Rhodes connection pre-dates his enrollment. In 1927 the Mississippi River flooded its banks, breaking a levee near the Mississippi delta home of John's mother Catherine Wilkerson. The Wilkerson family sought sanctuary in Memphis, moving in with a cousin, Katherine Ireys Diehl. Mrs. Diehl and her husband Charles lived at Rhodes (then called Southwestern) where he was president. For two months the Wilkersons were the Diehls' houseguests in Neely Hall, a portion of the college refectory. It was long enough for Catherine Wilkerson to fall in love with the small college.

These days no floods confront John and Neville Bryan, only a tidal wave of business, civic and personal commitments.

From the sleek, art-filled

Now...

The Bryans attend a party for the premier of the Degas exhibit at Chicago's Art Institute. Photo by Mitch Friedman.

Chicago headquarters of Sara Lee—offices that he helped design—Bryan runs a diversified global consumer brands company with \$18.6 billion in sales, operations in more than 40 countries and products that are household names.

About half of the company's sales and profits come from food items like Hillshire Farms, Ball Park and Jimmy Dean meat products, or Sara Lee and Wolferman's baked goods. The other half come from a wide-ranging group of personal products, body care and household goods like L'eggs, Donna Karan and Hanes hosiery; Playtex and Bali undergarments and that miracle of technology known as the Wonderbra; Coach bags; Kiwi shoe polish; and Champion and Hanes knit products.

A third of the time, Bryan is on the road, visiting Sara Lee's many U.S. and foreign operations. He averages a trip a month to Europe,

New York and Washington and less frequent but regular excursions to Asia and Central America. This past summer found him in Atlanta where Sara Lee was a key Olympic Games sponsor.

His current focus, he says, is on moving Sara Lee into less developed parts of the world and building market positions globally in brands the company has nurtured.

"For the last 15 years my goal has been to build the business as a means of creating additional value for our shareholders," says Bryan.

Though he speaks of his goals and accomplishments with surprising reserve, there's nothing restrained about Bryan's track record over the past 20 years. The business press and those in the know credit him with turning the corporation around when he took over in the mid-'70s. He sold off unprofitable operations, reorganized the board by bringing in



Clockwise from top left: Sharing conversation and a handshake with President Clinton, summer 1996; with Margaret Thatcher in 1991; with George and Barbara Bush; with South African leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 1986.



more outside directors, tightened fiscal operations and proceeded full throttle at expanding Sara Lee into a network of quality consumer brands.

The result? Total return to shareholders over the last 20 years has averaged 23% a year. In the 1980s Sara Lee had the highest annual growth rate (31.7%) among *Fortune* magazine's list of the 100 largest U.S. industrial companies. In the recently ended fiscal year 1996, the company posted a 22% return on equity.

What's more, Bryan has shaped Sara Lee into a model of corporate philanthropy. Not only does the corporation give back to the community 2 to 3% of its earnings (two or three times the standard), it also insists that its employees be involved in community life.

Bryan's climb up the corporate ladder actually began the day he was born, 60 years ago in West Point, Miss. It was the day his father, John Sr., and uncle launched Bryan Foods by producing the company's first hot dog. The brothers opened their meat-processing factory next door to John's home. The plant would serve as a "playground" when he was a youngster and a training ground for the business world when he was a teen, Bryan explains.

"My parents didn't like me sitting around all summer when the plant was right next door," says Bryan. So they put him to work. By the time he entered Rhodes, he had tackled just about every job in the plant.

Even so, Bryan didn't waste much college time contemplating his future with Bryan Foods. He was too involved in campus life for that.

"The leadership Johnny has parlayed into running a *Fortune*

50 company was pretty evident even back then," says Mike Lupfer '59, a longtime friend and fellow student who is now a psychology professor at University of Memphis.

Lupfer remembers Bryan sitting in his college dorm room, devising winning strategies for student elections. Bryan served as president of Kappa Alpha fraternity, Robb Hall and the senior class. He was also a member of



Speaking engagements are frequent for Bryan, shown here behind the podium at an event of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Bryan has served as chairman of the council's board of directors.

the student council and an inductee of Omicron Delta Kappa, the honorary leadership fraternity.

"Johnny would say, 'we need to get this job done.' Then he would get on the phone and get things organized," says Lupfer, a fellow member of KA fraternity and later a groomsman in Bryan's wedding.

Neville Bryan was likewise plugged into extracurricular life at Rhodes. A music major and talented pianist, she was president of Chi Omega sorority, secretary-treasurer of her sophomore and senior classes, a

member of the dorm board and the honor council, and queen of the April Fool Court.

Getting some important leadership assignments while he was at Rhodes was an important part of his education, Bryan believes. "If I had gone to a large school, I likely would have been lost in the crowd, or gone home on the weekends," Bryan muses. Being at Rhodes, he says, gave him the chance to tackle serious leadership positions. "That had to have given me some confidence, and some experience with managing people."

After graduating from Rhodes with a degree in economics, John went off to graduate school in business at the University of Virginia. His career there was short-lived, however.

John's father didn't understand why he was going to graduate business school when there was already a perfectly good job waiting for him at Bryan Foods, says his son. "He was eager for me to come back and commence work." At age 22 Bryan moved back to West Point and into his father's office at Bryan Foods. The next year his father named him chief executive.

Bryan continued to run the family meat packaging business until 1968 when the family decided to sell the business to Consolidated Foods for \$16 million. Bryan remained in West Point as a divisional president. In 1973 Bryan was offered but declined the post of chief financial officer of Consolidated Foods. A year later he was offered—and this time accepted—the job of chief of operations at Consolidated Foods' corporate headquarters in Chicago.

When he's not traveling, Bryan wakes at 5 a.m. and by 6 a.m. is out the door of the beautifully restored



1926 home he shares with Neville near the town of Lake Forest, an hour north of Chicago. Because he has a driver to transport him back and forth from the city, he's able to work en route.

"If I'm in town, I'll be here (at the office) by seven o'clock," he says. "I have a secretary who comes in at 6:30 and the office opens at 8:30, so I can get a good bit of work done before others arrive." He has breakfast at his desk: orange juice, coffee and a bagel—Sara Lee, of course. (Eating is a fairly perfunctory activity for Bryan despite being in the food business. He once confessed to a friend that he eats simply for fuel.)

Around 7:30 a.m. the first round of meetings begins. "The day is usually one meeting after another. Scheduling is a big job," Bryan admits. "I have four secretaries and various assistants. So I can get a lot done."

Top, this corridor in the the Bryan Campus Life Center will house the James Haygood Athletic Hall of Fame. Photo by Steve Jones.

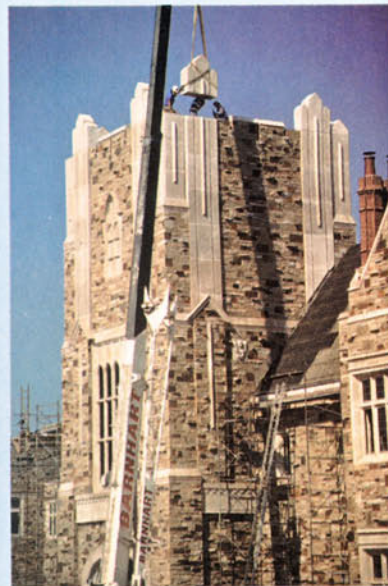
Right, workers position stone finials atop the tower of the Bryan Center. Photo by Susan McLain Sullivan.

It helps that he has a facility for numbers and is meticulously organized. In an office that houses original pieces by Matisse and Picasso, Bryan points to his uncluttered desk: "This is as disorganized as it gets.

"I've got my yellow pad and I know what I'm supposed to do today and what I'm supposed to do tomorrow," he says. "I don't go home and worry about any of it."

Truth is, his schedule doesn't always permit his return home.

Case in point: on a Thursday afternoon in late September Bryan finished his last of back-to-back meetings around 5:15 p.m.—not especially late, unless one is expected at a black-tie function



at 5:30. With 15 minutes to change into formal attire, a surprisingly composed Neville and John Bryan arrived on schedule at the Art Institute of Chicago. The occasion was a party for those who had Degas pieces on

loan for the Institute's *Degas: Beyond Impressionism* exhibit opening in several days.

The exhibit, which made its debut at London's National Gallery, borrowed two Degas paintings from Sara Lee's impressive collection of sculpture and paintings. Bryan is credited with establishing Sara Lee's corporate art collection with the decision to purchase art from the founder of Consolidated Foods, Nathan Cummings. Today the collection includes pieces by the likes of Pissarro, Monet, Braque and Renoir.

The Art Institute is at the top of what Bryan calls his "extracurricular assignments." He's vice chairman of the board and a longtime supporter.

But there are many other organizations, in Chicago and elsewhere, that have benefitted from Bryan's leadership.

He was responsible for raising \$100 million for the Chicago Symphony and the Lyric Opera, a feat which prompted the city to name a portion of a downtown street in Bryan's honor. Bryan says he likes raising money for deserving causes. "I think it's a high calling. I'm called on to do it a lot."

He's also helped advance women's causes, in part through his recent past chairmanship of Catalyst, a national organization that works to effect change for women in the workplace. Catalyst, with funding from Sara Lee, was the first organization to begin keeping track of the num-

ber of women on major corporate boards and distributing that information nationally. "We like to say, what gets measured gets done," says Bryan, underscoring that Sara Lee has two women on its board and its executive management group includes a female CFO and general counsel.

Additionally, Bryan serves on the boards of Amoco, General Motors and the Grocery Manufacturers of America as well as a number of national business councils and roundtables. He's a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and a member of the board of the White House Endowment Fund. And he's on the Trustees' Council of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

He also co-chaired Chicago's bid to host both the Democratic and Republican Presidential Conventions during the summer of 1996.

his and Neville's support of school de-segregation, they were among the few white families living in West Point, Miss., in the late '60s to keep their children in the public schools.

Despite their civic and cultural activism, however, the Bryans do carve out time for a personal life. And that life is very much centered around their home.

In 1984 the Bryans acquired Crab Tree Farm, 150 acres of prime property on Lake Michigan which they now share with ten sheep, 20 head of cattle, scores of chickens and occasional geese. Formerly a dairy farm, the property includes the farm's original five concrete and steel buildings and a pair of silos which were constructed in the early 1900s.

David Adler, a prominent Chicago architect in the 1920s and '30s, designed the farm's indoor tennis court as well

as the main house, a rambling New England style home of hand-split shingles, roughcast stone and exquisite architectural detail.

It took a year of restoration work before the Bryans could move into the home. Once complete it became a showcase for the Bryans' collection of 17th and early 18th century English

furniture and artifacts.

In addition to running the household and entertaining a continuous stream of guests, Neville devotes her leisure time to gardening, her grandchildren



Monet's "Jean Monet on a Mechanical Horse" (1872) serves as the backdrop for this photograph of the Bryans at Sara Lee headquarters in Chicago. The company has an important collection of art including pieces by Pissarro, Picasso, Degas, Matisse, Renoir and Braque.

Photo by Mitch Friedman.

The Bryans have supported and worked for a variety of public causes over the years. Civil rights was among the first big issues for which Bryan lobbied publicly. A testament to



At a family get-together at their farm are Neville and John Bryan (near the center) with their children and grandchildren: (from left) daughter Margaret Bryan French '85, who is pregnant with Anna Lee and holding her son Charles Martin; Margaret's husband, Lee French '84; the Bryans' oldest son John Bryan III '83 next to their youngest son Charles Bryan; the Bryans' grandsons William French (in front of Neville) and Samuel French (in front of John); the Bryans' third child, daughter Elizabeth Bryan Seebeck, who is holding her son Lyle and standing with her husband John Seebeck. Photo by Mitch Friedman.

(of which there are six, four of them in town) and frequent games of tennis.

She has a large cutting garden on the farm which she personally tends and an adjacent greenhouse where she can give her plants a head-start on the area's short growing season. She's also found the secret for raising more summer vegetables than family or friends can possibly eat—even hard-to-find Southern favorites like limas and okra.

John, a self-described "museum freak," finds his creative outlet in collecting American Arts and Crafts and restoring the turn-of-the-century buildings that dot the pastoral grounds. His *pièce de résistance* is a craft village which includes a pottery, sawmill and woodworking and metalworking shops.

He's one of the country's major collectors of furniture by Gustav Stickley, a Syracuse, N.Y.,

furniture maker and a founding father of the Arts and Crafts movement. Stickley furniture—which he describes as "rectilinear, simple, restrained...and not what you call pretty and sweet"—fills assorted buildings on the farm.

The Ellis House is a building on the farm that Bryan designed and had built after discovering, in an old architectural magazine, house plans by an Arts and Crafts designer named Harvey Ellis. It took five years to build and furnish.

Bryan's scrupulous attention to historical accuracy is reflected in everything from the vintage clothing he has hung in the closets to the period curtains.

With five years to go before his anticipated retirement from Sara Lee, Bryan will no doubt continue to preach the gospel of brand name recognition for Sara Lee.

"There is no place in the world where brands aren't far and away the most prominent way of distributing goods," Bryan noted in a *Sky* magazine article in 1992. "We trust brands. They work, give satisfaction, build businesses and do it in the least expensive way."

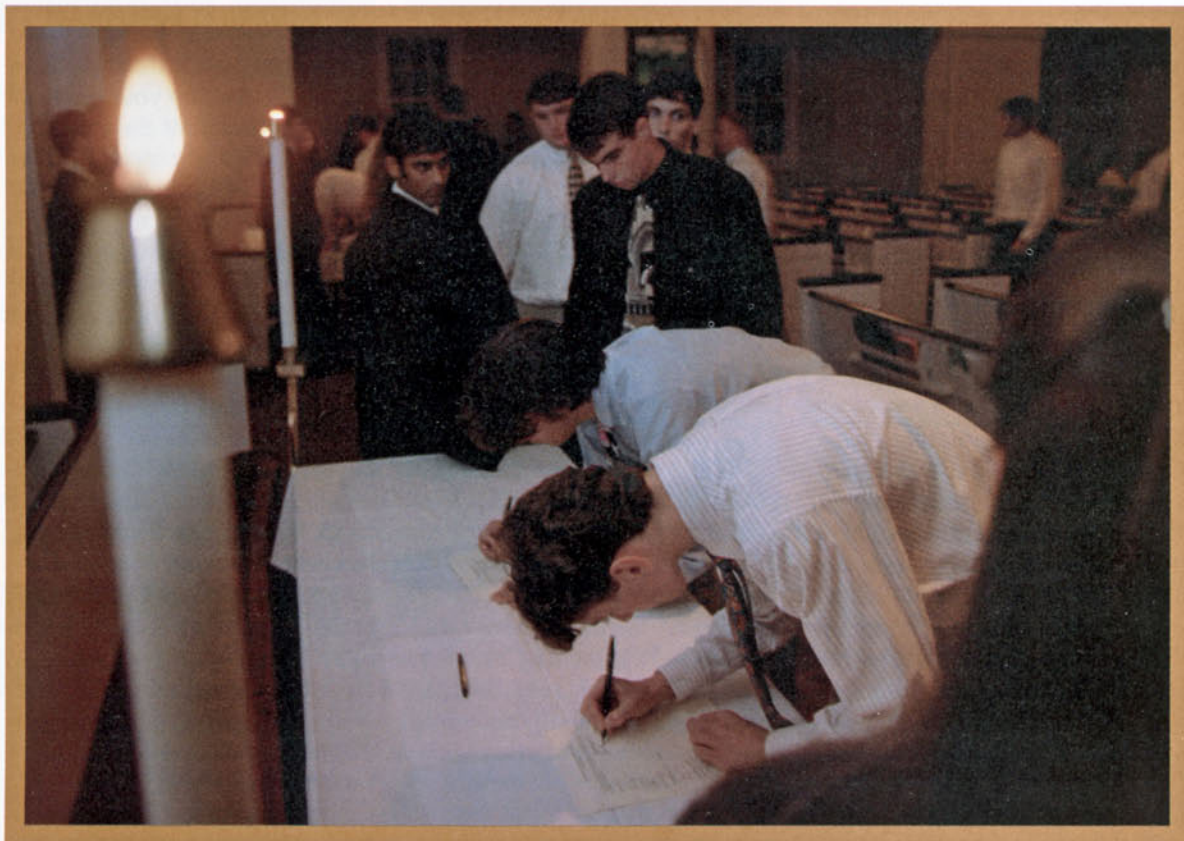
Trust is also the cornerstone of Bryan's brand of corporate and civic leadership. And that's an area that Rhodes helped shape, says the cerebral CEO.

Being a leader simply means earning the trust of others, according to Bryan. There is no special formula. "If people don't trust you, they won't let you lead them.

"If you were in a dark alley, you'd want someone you trust to lead you through it," Bryan reasons. "My guess is that some of the values I learned at Rhodes made it a little easier for me to gain others' trust over the years." **R**

Are New Rhodes Students Trustworthy? Honest!

By John Beifuss



Honor Council member Alok Madan '99 (left) looks on as first-year students sign Honor Code pledge

Photos by Steve Jones

No cheating? No lying? No stealing? No way. That's the attitude most people would express when asked whether a community of about 1,700 people could live and work together in mutual trust and respect.

But students, professors and administrators at Rhodes College

say that's just the atmosphere that exists at the liberal arts campus in midtown Memphis, where new students are required to sign a pledge of honor as a symbol of integrity.

The school's elaborate, candlelit Honor Code signing ceremony took place during orientation at Evergreen Presbyterian Church at

613 University near the college. Almost all of the school's 402 new students attended—many wearing ties (men), dresses (women) and earrings (both)—and signed a document that states: "I will not lie, cheat (or) steal as a member of the Rhodes community, and...I will report any such violation that I may witness."

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The honor concept is not just academic at Rhodes, where fall classes resumed in late August.

"I was very surprised," said 19-year-old sophomore Kate O'Leary of Joplin, Mo. "I had a two-hour take-home final exam, and the professor just trusted us to do it in two hours and not cheat. And I could take it anywhere I wanted, even the library."

"I was surprised that people will just leave their bookbags lying around," said sophomore Britt Rogers, 19, of Tupelo, Miss. "In high school you would never do that."

The Rhodes system, which may be unique in its ritual, has attracted national attention. *The Washington Post* published a section-front story on the Honor Code in 1994 with the headline "Honor System Working at Small Memphis College." Earlier this year, National Public Radio aired a report on the code that began: "Imagine a college campus where it is assumed you will not cheat, steal or lie, where tests are unmonitored and students leave their backpacks unattended. This is Rhodes College..."

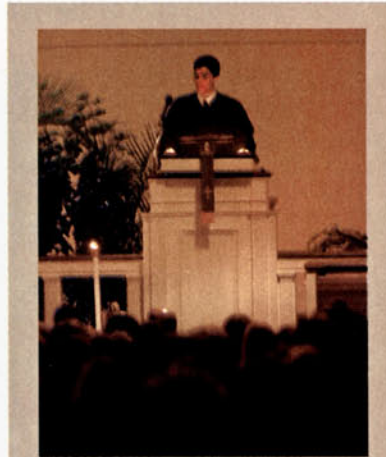
Most schools, including Christian Brothers University, LeMoyne-Owen College and the University of Memphis, deal with the issues of cheating and integrity in their student handbooks. Although administrators hope students conduct themselves properly, it's not a given that they will.

At Rhodes, however, the students not only are expected to conform to the code, they police themselves.

At most schools, administrative bodies deal with accusations of cheating and misconduct. But Rhodes president Dr. Charles E. Diehl created the school's student-run honor system in

1925. Violations of the Honor Code—and of a similar Social Regulations Code requiring students to respect "my fellow students, faculty, staff and their property"—are dealt with by student councils.

"Students are probably harder on themselves than administrators are," said Rob Robinson, 21, of Maryville, Tenn., president of the Social Regulations Council.



Rob Robinson, president of the Social Regulations Council, addresses students.

The Honor Council deals with about 30 violations a year. The Social Regulations Council handles about 20 cases a year, involving drunken driving on campus, fighting and other violations. The councils can expel or suspend violators, or put them on probation. Five students have been expelled from Rhodes for Honor Code violations in the past 6 1/2 years.

"I would say that 95 percent of the time, it really works. It creates a sense of community," said Robinson, who spoke at the signing ceremony. The ceremony was initiated three years ago to help students appreciate the uniqueness of the school's Honor Code, which students also pledge to adhere to when they fill out their college application forms.

"I have several students work-

ing for me, doing research work," said Dee Birnbaum, associate professor of economics and business, who has taught at Rhodes for six years. "They have complete access to my office any time they want and they have access to my computer. They don't have to have any special code or anything to look up any exams on my computer. They could go into my file cabinet and look up exams." Yet, Birnbaum said, no student ever has seemed to benefit from this.

"I've worked in schools that were completely different, where you had to lock up your purses, and we had a lot of cheating," she said. "I caught several of my students cheating at other places, and it's a very, very unpleasant thing to have happen, and it creates a big gulf between the professor and the student. It turns the professor into a gatekeeper, instead of a coach, counselor and friend."

Rhodes freshmen at the signing ceremony agreed that the school puts a strong emphasis on its Honor Code. They said it has helped to make them aware that college is the time to start acting adult and to take responsibility for one's behavior and one's future.

"In high school, you cheated whenever you could," said freshman Jeff Sholtz, 18, of Collierville, Tenn. "It was considered time management, almost. Here, they let you know (cheating) is something very serious and you don't take it lightly." Freshman Brandon Friedman, 18, of Shreveport, La., agreed.

"High school's like practice, nobody takes it seriously, at least where I come from," he said. "Here, they really do emphasize honesty. And in college, you're only hurting yourself if you don't follow the rules." **R**

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Alumni Rhodes

Jones Receives President's Award

Craig Jones '85, tennis pro at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken, S.C., is the recipient of the President's Award presented by the president of the South Carolina Tennis Association to the person who has contributed the most to tennis in the state each year.

Jones, who was named state Pro of the Year in 1989, recently spoke at the 1996 USTA national Teacher's Conference along with former pros Stan Smith and Billie Jean King during the U.S. Open in New York.

Barret Nominated For Top Honor

Bob Barret '61 has been named

Weems Wins Writer Award

Author Ann Barr Weems '56 of St. Louis has received the Distinguished Writer Award from the Presbyterian Writers Guild. She was the featured speaker at the Writers Guild luncheon held during this year's meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Albuquerque.



Ann Barr Weems

one of five finalists for the NationsBank Excellence in Teaching Award, given to one University of North Carolina at Charlotte faculty every September.

In addition to his professorial duties, Barret serves as co-chair of the Association for Gay,

Lesbian and Bisexual Issues in Counseling, a national professional group that was recently named an affiliate of the American Counseling Association. He is also active nationally as a trainer of psychologists who work with persons with HIV disease.

Architects Design New Convention Center

Williamson Haizlip & Pounders Inc., the Memphis architectural firm of Jim Williamson '68 and Louis Pounders '68, is one of three firms selected to design the new \$60 million Cook Convention Center expansion project in downtown Memphis. In addition to exhibition space and meeting rooms, the 300,000-square-foot building will include a 2,500-



Louis Pounders



Jim Williamson

seat performing arts theater which will be home to the

Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Completion date is spring 1999.

The firm is also working on the new Ballet Memphis headquarters building and has been selected to design the proposed Gibson Guitar manufacturing facility on Beale Street and Memphis' spring '97 Wonders series featuring artifacts from the Titanic.

Martha Crenshaw Honored

Dr. Martha House Crenshaw '74 of Stone Mountain, Ga., has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Doctors in America: Southeast Region 1996-97*. Also chosen by *Atlanta* magazine as one of the 130 "Top Doctors in Atlanta," she received the DeKalb Co. (Ga.) Medical Society's 1995 Julius McCurdy Citizenship Award. The honor recognizes her years of service to Atlanta's Central Presbyterian Church Homeless Shelter, where she has directed a foot and medical clinic for homeless men.

Poet Has Banner Year

It's been a banner year for New York poet Patricia Spears Jones '73. In addition to being the Robert Frost Fellow at the 71st Bread Loaf Writers Conference in Vermont, she received a fellowship to the Virginia Center for Creative Arts and was invited to read from her book *The Weather That Kills* at University of Kansas, Lawrence.

She also has a new job with the New York City Schools Volunteer Program, developing new literary and interdisciplinary projects.

Alumna Assures Safe Slopes

Delma Klotz Robinson '62 of Beaver Creek, Ohio, was selected Outstanding National Ski Patroller for 1995-96. Last spring she received the national leadership commendation appointment from the National Ski Patrol system. It is a lifetime appointment and one of the two highest awards the system bestows.

Welch Named Vandy Chaplain

Gay House Welch '70 has been named university chaplain and director of religious affairs at Vanderbilt University. She served as United Methodist chaplain for the campus from 1979-83 and was associate university chaplain from 1992-96.

She has been a member of the faculties of Vanderbilt, St. Luke's School of Theology at the University of the South and Scarritt College.

Alumni, Students Garner Theater Awards

Three Rhodes alumni and five students took top honors at the Memphis Theatre Awards presentation ceremony earlier this year.

Christina Wellford Scott '73 was named best lead actress for her role in *The Rose Tattoo* at Germantown Community Theatre last season.

David Jilg '79, assistant professor of theater at Rhodes, won awards for best set for McCoy Theatre's *She Stoops To Conquer*

and best costumes for *Medea* and *She Stoops To Conquer*.

Greg Krosnes '89 won best lead actor, drama for his role in *She Stoops To Conquer*.

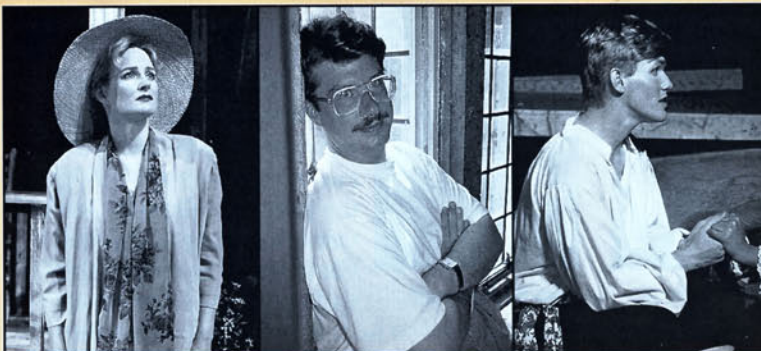
Student actors sharing the limelight were Amanda Sisk '98, Belinda Belk '97 and Pete Snow '98 for supporting actress/actor in McCoy's *Romeo and Juliet* and Sean Little '99 in *Medea*.

Alli Robbins '97 won for best costumes for McCoy's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Phillips Chronicles Exhibition

Stephen Phillips '86, assistant curator of The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., researched and wrote "Chronology of The Migration Series" for the exhibition catalogue of a Jacob Lawrence show, recently held at Memphis' Dixon Gallery.

Phillips' article "The Symbolic Alliance of Duncan Phillips and Alfred Stieglitz" ran in the November 1995 issue of *The Magazine of Antiques*.



Christina Wellford Scott

David Jilg

Greg Krosnes

Kenney Named Poetry Semifinalist

The National Library of Poetry named Lynn Martin Kenney '89 a semifinalist in the 1996 North American Open Poetry Contest. This fall, her poem "Weeds" is scheduled to be published in a hardbound anthology, *Of Sunshine and Daydreams*. Her children's book *The Birthday Story* was recently published as well.

From Durham To Durban

Tsega Gebreyes '90 now lives in Durham, N.C., where she works as a consultant with New Africa Advisers, a division of a financial management firm concerned with establishing funds to provide investment capital to South Africa.

Thiemann Balances Work And Play

Third-year N.Y.U. law student Robyn Thiemann '94 was elected senior note and comment editor of the *Law Review*. Her article "Encouraging Efficiency: An Economic Perspective on Consequential Damages Due to Electromagnetic Fields" is included in the November issue of the review.

In addition, the terrace of her New York apartment was the subject of a six-page feature in the April/May 1996 edition of *Garden Design* magazine.

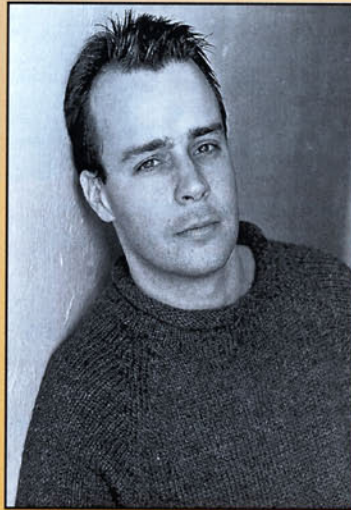
Greasy Joan Featured

Greasy Joan & Co., a Chicago acting troupe founded by Brad Shelton '90, was featured in *Theater Week* magazine earlier this year. Amy Matheny '92 is also a member of the group, which takes its name from Greasy Joan, a character in Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*.

The group describes itself as

a "collective of theatre artists interested in forging a style of performing that merges the classical theatre with what is happening in our world as we approach a new millennium."

Shelton is a graduate of Harvard's American Repertory Theatre Institute for Advanced Theatre Training.



Brad Shelton



Amy Matheny

Evans Receives Hughes Fellowship

Tara Evans '95 has received one of 80 Howard Hughes Medical Institute postdoctoral fellowships in biological sciences. Evans, who studies at University of Wisconsin, Madison, will receive support from the fellowship for up to five years while pursuing her Ph.D. The program currently supports 356 predoctoral students at an annual cost of more than \$10 million.

On The Lookout

Hillary Gottemoeller '95 was featured in Memphis' *Commercial Appeal* earlier this year for her work as a Shelby County historic surveyor. Beginning in early 1995 she's been on the lookout for structures in Shelby County built before 1945 that might qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. The project is funded by Memphis Heritage Inc., Shelby County Department of Housing and Tennessee Historical Commission.

Hacking her way through thick brush with a machete to get to some of the sites, Gottemoeller says that while some 70% of the structures are still intact, few are

eligible for the National Register because they've been too drastically altered.

Computing Paradise

Alan Spies '88 and his family live in Bermuda, where he works for Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd., specializing in property catastrophe reinsurance. Spies, who holds his Ph.D. in experimental high energy physics from Johns Hopkins, works in Renaissance's modeling group where, he says, "we apply an impressive amount of computing power to evaluate the effect of 40,000 years of hurricane, earthquake, windstorm, flood and freeze losses all over the world."

In addition, he says he rides a scooter to work every day, and during the summer months, actually wears Bermuda shorts to the office.

Vaughan Receives Faculty Award

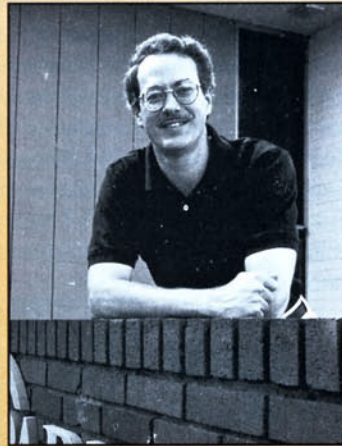
Jerry Vaughan '64, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, recently received a Scholars-in-the-Schools Faculty Award from the university. The award honors faculty who have volunteered in Knoxville schools. Vaughan worked with students and teachers at West Haven Elementary School.

Teaching Abroad

Charles Killinger '64 recently taught modern Italian history for a semester at the Florida State University Study Center in

Parker's Company Takes New Direction

Smith & Nephew has bought the fracture-splinting business and assets of 1970 grad Bruce Parker's Parker Medical Associates in Charlotte, N.C. Smith & Nephew, the health care manufacturing company with its North American offices based in Memphis, will create a new division from the purchase,



Bruce Parker

which makes soccer shin guards.

with Parker serving as president. He will remain in Charlotte. Smith & Nephew has distributed Parker's Ortho-Glass product in Europe for more than a year. Parker Medical will retain its athletic division,

Florence, Italy, exactly 20 years after he and his wife Pamela were students at the center.

"My greatest challenge was to apply a modern urban studies approach to a city I had always viewed as a Renaissance museum," he says. "The teaching experience led me to a new research project on Florence in the Fascist era."

Killinger is a professor of history at Valencia Community College in Orlando.

Computers In The Classroom

Andrew Kelley '69, head of the English and foreign languages departments at Jackson (Tennessee) State Community College for the last six years and now a full-time instructor, has established a computer integrated English classroom at the college. "All hardware is mounted beneath Plexiglas-top desks so the room

does not look 'computerized,' and is quite versatile," he says.

His next project is to drum up support for an expanded humanities curriculum.

From Russia, With Love

Carole Glover Kuriatnikov '86 lives in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia with her husband Alexei, manager of the Gorky Automobile Factory, and their son Andy, born Aug. 20, 1996.

The couple first married in a Russian ceremony, but due to a paperwork snafu, did it again "for the record." They also had a church wedding in Eatonton, Ga., and again due to legal needs, her father, a Presbyterian minister, married them one more time. "After four sets of 'I do' we feel really, really married," she says.

Between vows, she's working on her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology.

Club News

WASHINGTON—Young alumni celebrated the beginning of summer at the newly opened Capitol City Brewery. Alumni hosting the event were Jeff Lane '81, Karen Loss '82, Janee Lambert Bonner '86, Steven '90 and Adrienne McMillan Burns '88, Michael Langan '91 and Katie Braden '93.

MEMPHIS—Memphis young alumni confirmed that the best jukebox in town is at Earnestine and Hazel's. Members of the classes 1985-96 gathered at the juke joint in the South Main Historic District. The event was hosted by Scott Thomas '86, Alison Abernathy '87, Samantha Briden '87, Jamie '89 and Susan Walker Augustine '89, Demetri '92 and Lane Patton Patikas '92, Tim Ballard '95 and Loretta Lambert '96.

BIRMINGHAM—Birmingham alumni greeted new Rhodes students and their parents at a picnic supper hosted by Cathy and Tom Adams and their son Jeff '98. Alumni enjoyed answering questions asked by the Class of 2000.

DALLAS—A Tex-Mex menu enticed area alumni to a happy hour at a local Dallas restaurant. Alumni hosting the event included Kirby Smith '81, Lynn Clement '83, Lawrence Henry '94, Catherine Cuellar '96 and Mandy Griffith '96.

OXFORD, MISS.—Lynx alumni who are also SEC season ticket holders gathered in the grove for a tailgate party before the Ole Miss-Auburn game. The party was hosted by Doug '64 and Margaret Rowe Fancher '64, Tom Marshall '71, Gray Tollison '86, Les Johnson '93 and Kelly Petro Bridgforth '94.

NEW ORLEANS—Members of the classes 1985-96 from New Orleans and Baton Rouge met for

happy hour at the Rivershack Tavern. The party was hosted by David '90 and Suzanne Gonce Perlis '90, Craig '91 and Mary

Margaret Adams Brewer '91, Sutton Charles '91, Shelley Tucker '91, Dani Boyce '93 and Clyde Henderson '95.

Alumni Gatherings



Amy Lounsbury '96 and Jordan Schnipper '98 greeted new students at a combination alumni and Rhodes send-off party.

Birmingham

Shane Beeson '92 and Allie Manzke '92 enjoy Tex-Mex happy hour.



Dallas



Memphis

Hosts Jamie '89 and Susan Walker Augustine '89 kept the jukebox going at Earnestine and Hazel's.



Partying hearty were Meg Rue '95, Jason Rauls '95, Mary Kent Harrison '96 and Helen Sweitzer '96.

Memphis

Class Notes

By **Stephen Maloy Deusner '96**
and
Henry Murphy '98

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Sally Cross Coleman '61,
Memphis

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PAUL TUDOR JONES,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION:
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Dan Ross, Rhodes professor emeritus of English, participated in a dramatic reading of his book *The Leaning Tree* in his hometown of Clarksville, Tenn. His wife Dorothy designed the cover of the book.

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RUSSELL PERRY, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998
Carroll Johnson of

Winona, Miss., was featured in an article in Memphis' *Commercial Appeal* about his regular bicycle exercise. Weather permitting, he rides some 9 miles per day. "They had a thing for senior citizens at Ole Miss a couple of years ago, and I was riding against boys 60 and 70 and 75 years old, and I just beat the socks off them," he said in the article.

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JOHN COLLIER, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Betty Webb Utter was recently honored at the 30th Anniversary Concert of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth, which she founded.

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LESLIE THOMPSON,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Nancy Davis Lyle of

Jasper, Ala., recently accompanied her husband Sam on a Native American archaeological dig.

Dick and Barbara Burnett

Musset '48 organize and participate in watercolor workshops in Europe for an artist from their hometown of Richardson, Texas. Dick, who plans to enter graduate school in the near future, enjoys his weekly lunch group, ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

Bob Utter served as chairman of the annual Caravan of Magic in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been selected as head of public relations for the 50th Convention of the Texas Association of Magicians in 1997.

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JANE MCATEE PATERSON,
JIM WILLIAMSON,
CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000

Richard Dixon, professor emeritus of history at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, recently addressed the Literary Guild of the Woman's City Club on "The Career of the Rev. Billy Graham: Trumpet in Zion."

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CHRISTY MORGAN,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001
Bill Brazelton of Fort

Smith, Ark., enjoys competing in Senior Olympics track and field. He is the current 65-69 year age group champion and record holder.

The Rev. Christy and **Frances Nix Morgan** live in Corinth, Miss., where he is organizing minister of the La Grange (Tenn.) Presbyterian Church and hospice chaplain for Magnolia Regional Health Center. Frances serves as president of the Magnolia Regional Health Center auxiliary.

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HAM SMYTHE, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION:
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The Rev. Ben Shawhan

has returned to Houston's Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit as a part-time pastoral assistant. He was recently asked by the bishop of the Diocese of Texas to serve as chaplain to retired clergy and clergy widows in the greater Houston area.

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JO TAYLOR THRELKELD,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Wade McHenry Hunter

of Austin, Texas, retired from the U.S. Department of Education earlier this year.

Vi Deavours Powers and her husband Jim both retired this year, and are enjoying their 15 grandchildren. All live in Cincinnati.

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JIM TURNER, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001
Cora Davis McDonnell

and her husband Jerry of Red Hook, N.Y., plan to spend several years cruising on their new 35-ft. cutter sailboat, *Coriolis*.

Jane Walters, the Tennessee commissioner of education, earlier this year spoke to the 1996 graduating class of Cleveland (Tenn.) State Community College.

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JIM AND MARGARET FAGAN
EIKNER, CO-PRESIDENTS
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Eric Mount was awarded the first Nelson D. and Mary McDowell Rodes Professorship in Religion at Centre College in Danville, Ky. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as well as teacher, he has also served as college chaplain and vice president.

Diana Warren Risher received her master's degree in biblical studies from the Reformed Theological Seminary

Class Notes

in Jackson, Miss., earlier this year
Jane Crutcher Williamson is the 1996 president-elect of Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers and the newly elected president of Delta Kappa Gamma. During the summer, she served as head teacher for a group of 37 students who traveled to London, Paris and Rome.

58 BETTY CHALMERS PEYTON,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998
Claire Tansey Coleman has joined the Rhodes staff as an administrative assistant in the Office of Student Affairs. She and husband **Mark** are the parents of **Bob Coleman '89**.

The Rev **Denton McLellan** contributed a chapter titled "Sermons and Stories in Songs" to *The Bob Walkup Storybook*, a book about the life and ministry of Dr Walkup, who served a number of churches in the Southeast.

59 SARA JEAN JACKSON,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Beverly Dotson Owen teaches English at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia and is a Latin and English tutor

A realtor with French & Co., **Mary Farish Sharp** is a member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors' Multi Million Dollar Club.

59 KIM BAXTER HENLEY,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Glenda Taylor Adding-ton teaches Spanish and English as a Second Language at Conniston Middle School in West Palm Beach, Fla. Earlier this year, she and a colleague made a presentation at the TESOL convention in Chicago.

61 JERRY DUNCAN,
MARILY DAVIS HUGHES,
CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Janice Chapin Buchanan, a professor of fine arts-humanities at St. Petersburg Junior College, is taking a leave of absence to serve as the college's director of development for 1996-97

The Rev. Sandra Lee Winter recently received her doctor of ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and an award for outstanding work on her dissertation titled "Unsung Lament: The Suffering of Korean Women Taken for Military Sexual Slavery During World War II."

62 NEXT REUNION:
OCT. 17-18, 1997
Diana Reil Beatty of Wheat Ridge, Colo., is currently painting, writing and producing videos. "Now I have space to pursue these interests full-time," she says.

Tom and **Bette Stephens Cloar '63** have moved to Biloxi, Miss., since his retirement as an associate professor of psychology at Rhodes.

Bob Gay recently accepted the position of environmental coordinator with the Portland, Ore., Development Commission.

Susan Huffman of Houston retired this year after teaching German for 34 years.

Sarah Richards LaMarche is a CPA and budget director for Lake County, Fla., where she recently received national attention for the county's budget document. She also serves on the board of directors of the Community Concerts Association and as a fundraiser for the local arts association.

Sandra Clayton Scoville is a student in the master's program in music at the University of Memphis.

Myrna Adams Whitt of Mem-

phis was recently appointed a lead teacher in the junior kindergarten program at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School.

63 LYDE ELLA CONNER LANCE,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998
David and **Susan**

Hunter Suggs moved from Atlanta to Oak Ridge, Tenn., during the summer

64 LINDA JACKSON TAYLOR,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Marilyn Meyers recently joined the World Health Organization as assistant director of the Public Health Research Center in Kobe, Japan. She was formerly at the U. S. Embassy in Rangoon, Burma.

65 LOU ELLYN HINDMAN
GRIFFIN, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Two poems by and an interview with **Harvey Goldner** of Seattle were published in the 1995-96 *Duckabush Journal*, an annual literary magazine in Washington State. In addition, two of his poems were published in the May and June 1996 issues of *The Sun*, a Chapel Hill, N.C., literary magazine, and one in *Exquisite Corpse*, a journal of Illinois State University.

Dale Kasab is currently working toward her master of health science degree in health policy at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

During the summer, Memphian **Steve Lightman**, president of Malco Theatres, shot 4-under-par 67 at the Golf Club of Tennessee near Nashville to qualify for the United States Senior Open held at Canterbury Golf Club in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary McQueen Porter currently serves as interim minister at University Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Greer Richardson was

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inducted into the American Orthopedic Association earlier this year. In addition, students at the University of Tennessee, Memphis bestowed on him the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching.

66 SAMMY ANN PRIMM MARSHALL, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001
Shirley Haney Clark is a lab manager at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston's Sealy Center for Structural Biology. She still owns her tae kwon do school in Texas City where 21 students, including husband David, have received black belts from her.

Judy Ries Dale of Louisville, Ky., is district coordinator for the Great Lakes District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Janice Johnston Elliot is director of volunteer services at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, S.C.

Isobel Hibbs Gotschall works as a psychiatric nurse in Richmond, Texas. Her two daughters are both lawyers—Summer in Boston, and **Sarah '91**, in Atlanta.

Dixie DeMotive Johnson was named World Book Educational Products' North American Division manager of the year for 1995, the company's top national award. She was recently promoted to territorial manager and is in charge of West Memphis, Ark., all of West Tennessee, Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois.

67 JIM WHITTINGTON, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION:
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Tandy Goodlett Cobb is chair of the English department at Little Rock Central High School, where she also teaches

12th grade AP English. In addition, she is a presenter/consultant for the College Board's Southwest Region.

Emily Thomason Freeman is assistant director of admissions at the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, La.

Kris Pruitt McColgan was elected to a three-year term on the executive council of the Milton Society of America at the Modern Language Association's annual meeting in Chicago.

Ferd Moyse has been elected chairman of the board of the King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville, Miss. In the spring he attended a mandolin master class in Nashville taught by Sam Bush and Butch Baldassari.

68 JANE BISHOP BRYSON, RON GIBSON, CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998

Jane Bishop Bryson recently joined the Memphis advertising agency Chandler, Ehrlich & Company as vice president.

69 TRISH COOPER HAYLEY, SUSAN GLADDEN STITT, CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999

John and Shirley McClanahan Zachry live in Cheverly, Md. In 1995 John received his doctor of ministry degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. He is minister at Landover Christian Church.

Memphis dentist **Steve Zitek** received a technological advancement prize at the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta earlier this year.

70 RUTH ANN SADLER HANEY, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Ron and Lillian

Aivazian Eades '71 live in Louisville where he teaches law at the University of Louisville

and she teaches students with learning disabilities. Ron was recently named both Distinguished Teacher and Distinguished Scholar at the university.

71 ALICE COCKROFT OATES, NANCY LENOX, CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001
John and Amy Bailey

Evans '73 recently moved from Highlands Ranch, Colo., to Colorado Springs. He is chief radiologist at Evans Army Command Hospital at Fort Carson, and she is president of the Rocky Mountain Weaver's Guild.

72 BETTE DALE GARNER, ANN GOTSCHALL SHARP, CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION:

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The Rev. Gary "Gabe"

Goodman recently celebrated 20 years as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has been pastor of the Neptune Beach, Fla., Community Presbyterian Church for the past 12 years.

Carol MacCurdy and her husband Tom Nuckols live in San Luis Obispo, Calif., where she is a professor of English at California Polytechnic State University and he is co-owner of Voler Team Apparel.

74 LARRY ANDERSON, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Jackson, Miss., attorney

James Grenfell was recently certified as a member of The Million Dollar Advocates Club, an organization that recognizes outstanding trial lawyers who have achieved verdicts or settlements in the amount of one million dollars or more.

75 CATHERINE DAILEY BERGER, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Frank Fourmy, owner of

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Fourmy Productions in Memphis, recently produced a video for the college titled "Welcome to Rhodes." SEE MARRIAGES

Last year **Harry Moore**, a family physician in Atmore, Ala., and two of his daughters, Alison and Lauren, spent two weeks in Moscow serving and caring for orphans. He returned later in the year for two additional weeks with his son Owen and his daughter Sarah.

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VICKERS DEMETRIO JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Nancy Ferrell and her husband Jeff Graef live in Lincoln, Neb., where she has a new job with the Nebraska Department of Health as a data manager and statistical analyst. They are restoring a turn-of-the-century house in downtown Lincoln.

Tom Flexner of New York, senior managing director of investment banking at Bear Sterns, was recently named a trustee of Helen Keller International.

Leslie Doster Jones is currently working as a neuropsychologist at the Tennessee Christian Medical Center near Nashville.

Anne Phillips of Memphis has been appointed a first-grade teacher at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School. She previously served as a teacher in the school's early childhood program for nine years.

Jim Ramsey recently formed the Nashville law firm of Falls, Ramsey & Veach, which specializes in commercial litigation and employment law.

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JOELLYN FORRESTER SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT

NEXT REUNION: OCT. 17-18, 1997

Deborah Caldwell has moved back to Memphis and is now

working at WMC-TV.

Phil Mulkey of Birmingham placed fourth the U.S. National Indoor Masters Pentathlon Championships (ages 40-44) in Greenville, N.C., earlier this year.

Mike Pearigen recently became a partner of the Nashville law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, where he specializes in environmental law. He served as deputy attorney general for environment with the Tennessee attorney general's office before joining the firm in 1992.

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CHARLES RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT

NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998

Bruce Annis received his M.B.A. from Southwest Missouri State University earlier this year.

Cal Moore and his wife Janet live in Houston, where he is a special education teacher and is pursuing his M.Ed. degree. SEE MARRIAGES

Jim Singleton graduated with a Th.D. from Boston University School of Theology earlier this year. His dissertation topic was, "A History of Evangelism in the Southern Presbyterian Church: 1861-1961."

Mark Taylor and wife **Pamela Portwood '80** live in Tucson, Ariz., where he works as manager of information services for Access Tucson. She writes a weekly art column for *The Arizona Daily Star*, and recently won an Arizona Commission on the Arts Project fellowship to write a book of poetry.

Jane Terry received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Union University in Jackson, Tenn., this year and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society. She is currently working in the neurology unit at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Mari Trevelyan teaches art at Havenview Junior High School in Memphis. She received her mas-

ter of fine arts degree in painting from the University of Memphis this year.

Dave and Susan Deeser Volgas '81 live in San Antonio, where he works as a pediatric orthopedist. He was recently selected to work at the Institute for Surgical Research at Brook Army Medical Clinic.

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LAWRENCE HIGGINBOTHAM, PRESIDENT

NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999

Davis Barnett of Glen Ellyn, Ill., has a private adolescent psychiatry practice, with offices in Oakbrook and Naperville, Ill. SEE BIRTHS

Mark and Elaine Toulon Carroll live in College Park, Ga., where she is dean of students at Woodward Academy. Mark recently accepted a basketball coaching position at Clayton State College in Morrow, Ga.

LiLi Chung is director of consumer business for Compaq Computers' Asian Pacific office in Singapore.

Robert England has been awarded tenure and named associate professor of computer science at Northern Kentucky University.

Bruce Stevens has been appointed director of finance for the Memphis/Jackson, Miss., area of Powertel Inc., a personal communications services firm.

Deborah Strock-Kuss and husband Randy live in Indianapolis, where she is regional minister for young adult ministries in the Indiana Region of the Disciples of Christ Church, and he is associate minister for young adult ministries with the denomination's Division of Homeland Ministries.

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DEBORAH LEGG SULLIVAN, GLORIA WHITE,

CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000

Earlier this year, **Maj. Lori**

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Barlett was assigned to the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. She was the only U. S. military attorney deployed to the ARRC as part of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Robert Bush of Houston recently joined LKC Consulting Services as a senior associate. He formerly worked for Houston's Metropolitan Transit Authority for 15 years.

Lucie Wallace Cammack works as a car broker for The Motorcar Company in Nashville.

Greg Fitzgerald now lives in Singapore where he is the global head of trading at Standard Chartered Bank.

Andy Fletcher and his family recently moved to Minneapolis where he works as an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. and is the director of new agent development for the Gene Storms Agency.

Mike Julius of Charlotte, N.C., has been appointed senior manager of the Arthur Andersen evaluation services group.

Beth Bruce Martin, an in-house attorney for Boatmen's Trust Co. in St. Louis for seven years, was recently appointed vice president and senior risk management officer for investments.

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STACY ABERNETHY,
KATHLEEN WILLS
CHANDLER, CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Cynthia Brittain of Charlotte, N.C., works as executive vice president of Art Stone Theatrical, a manufacturer of dance recital costumes, dance shoes and Halloween costumes which are sold nationwide under the names of Art Stone and La Mendola. The company also operates dance competitions, called DanceAmerica, and dance workshops, known as Dance Olympus, in the U.S. and Canada.

Mary Kay Loss Carlson and her husband Aubrey have moved to Beijing, where they both work in the U.S. Embassy.

An exhibition of the work of jewelry maker and sculptor **Margaret Couch Cogswell** of Fayetteville, N.C., is scheduled this fall at the Fayetteville Museum of Art.

Shawn Love Factor and her family have moved to Charlotte, N.C. She recently retired from USAir.

Paul Mackin lives with his wife Deb Harrington-Mackin in Eagle Bridge, N.Y. He teaches French, German and Latin at a Bennington, Vt., high school.

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Robert and Demaris Bailey Ford '84 have

moved from Harrisburg, Ark., to Jonesboro, where he practices emergency room medicine in several area hospitals. He also works as a physician for the NutriSystem Weight Loss Clinic.

Mary Bryan Fortin of Memphis was recently promoted to controller of International Paper's North American liquid packaging division.

Lisa Jones completed her master's degree in art history at the University of Memphis earlier this year. She currently teaches introductory art courses at U of M while pursuing her Ph. D. with a concentration in modern and contemporary Latin American Art.

David Landrum of Stone Mountain, Ga., works as one of two national audit managers at Borg-Wagner Security Corp.

Skip and Kelly Summitt Pridgen '83 have moved to Jackson, Tenn., where he has joined Jackson Surgical Associates. He recently finished a two-year term as department head of surgery at the Naval Hospital in Asan, Guam.

Marshel Reed works as a business account manager for

Claris Corp. in Houston. SEE BIRTHS

Missy Coleman Savage and her family recently moved back to Connecticut from London, England, where husband Robert was executive director in foreign exchange for Goldman, Sachs. SEE BIRTHS

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NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998

Nancy Graham Barker of Marietta, Ga., has been promoted to regional manager of Cerner Corp.

Carol Beck, a free-lance film/video line producer in Atlanta, worked on a one-hour pre-Olympic documentary special for NHK in Japan and a commercial for Coca-Cola Olympic City.

Perry Dement recently was named director of development at Memphis University School. He formerly was director of annual giving at Rhodes.

Ted deVillafranca, director of college counseling at the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J., has been elected to Cum Laude and appointed to the President's Advisory Board at University of Southern California and the Chancellor's Commission at Washington University.

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AMY DOVILLE, TRACY
VEZINA PATTERSON,
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999

Nikki Buxton lives in the Falkland Islands where she has started her own business, Synergy Information Systems Ltd. It involves information technology, scientific and natural resources consultancy and social demographics. She formerly worked as a data analyst for the Falkland Islands Government Fisheries Dept.

Jonathan Coggins of Hernando, Miss., is head of NASDAQ agency trading at Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis.

Debbie Efid works as a *locum*

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lenens pediatrician in Denver, filling in for pediatricians who are away from their practices. Recently, she spent four months traveling through Thailand, Vietnam, Nepal, India, Greece and Turkey.

Janet Comperry Lowdermilk teaches at Lees College in Jackson, Ky. She received her master's degree in English from Vanderbilt University last spring.

Deirdre Teaford is director of the children's cancer support program at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, in Winston-Salem, N.C. She holds her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from University of North Carolina. SEE MARRIAGES

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KAREN LARSON, BEVERLY THOMAS WILLIAMS,
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000

Chong-Ket Chuah of Northampton, Mass., works for Kollmorgen Corp. as a computer engineer.

Sherard Edington recently accepted a call to be minister at First Presbyterian church in Old Hickory, Tenn. SEE MARRIAGES

Jim Golden recently moved to Madison, Wis., where he works for Genesys Technologies, designing instruments and robots for DNA research. He holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University.

Adele Little-Caemmerer of Seattle, Wash., works as a spiritual director, retreat leader and art instructor. SEE BIRTHS

Karen Moore was recently appointed assistant administrator in charge of health information management and information systems at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville, Tenn.

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AMY DONAHO HOWELL,
PRESIDENT

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Will Albritton of St. Louis is a pastoral staff member at the Kirk of the Hill Presbyterian

Church and is working on his master's of divinity at Covenant Theological Seminary. SEE BIRTHS

Tim Bullard received his M.A. in journalism from the University of Memphis earlier this year.

Stephen Estock is a minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Ala. SEE BIRTHS

Raymond Fields of Baton Rouge, La., is general manager/vice president of the Town & Country Ford auto dealership. SEE BIRTHS

Denise Joseph Nakos and her family recently moved from Richmond to Atlanta, where she practices pediatrics, and her husband George teaches at a local college. SEE BIRTHS

John Telford and his family have moved to Paris, where he works as Directeur Developpment, Services Financiers for Thomas Cook Bankers France S.A.

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ALICE MCCARTHY FINN,
DAVID LUSK,
CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION:

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Jean Ann Conley Beckley and her family have moved to Lafayette, Colo.

Tim Chu of Irvine, Calif., is a senior analyst in the corporate planning and development department of Ingram Micro.

Nancye DiPaolo of Alexandria, Va., recently purchased a chain of 10 Party Stores. She and her husband Jonathan Walker own a house in the historic Old Town district of Alexandria, Va. SEE MARRIAGES

Paige Beavers Markman of Little Rock is co-owner of Builders' Showcase, a publishing company that puts out two magazines about new construction.

Nate Tipton recently entered graduate school at the University of Memphis, concentrating on English literature and theatre. His

and Paul Foster's historic home in the Annesdale-Snowden neighborhood was featured in the Spring 1996 Neighborhood Home Tour.

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SUZY CARPENTER,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998

Suzy Carpenter was recently named director of development for the Memphis Concert Ballet.

Bryan Ford has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president of corporate lending at Sun Trust Bank in Memphis.

David Porter has transferred from Memphis to Salt Lake City, where he works as area market manager for Schering-Plough HealthCare.

Anne Harvey Whipple of Prague, Czech Republic, is marketing director for Open Media Research Institute, a non-profit analysis and publishing organization concerned with Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. SEE MARRIAGES

Bo Young of Clearwater, Fla., is director of marketing for Checkers Drive-In Restaurants. SEE BIRTHS

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BOB COLEMAN,
EILEEN RUFFIN WOOD,
CO-PRESIDENTS
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999

Kim Blasingame Brantley and her husband Doug recently purchased Mayo Heating and Air Conditioning in Jackson, Tenn. Doug handles the service, bidding and general operations of the company, while she manages the accounting. She is also an accountant for Brashar's Formal Wear.

Janifer Cushman recently began her Peace Corps service teaching at a university in Western Russia. She holds a Ph.D. in German literature from Ohio

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State University.

Anne Marie Basarrate Fitz of Edgewood, Ky., finished her pediatric residency. Earlier this year she joined Pediatric Care of Northern Kentucky. SEE MARRIAGES

Ken Kieklak is now an associate with the Fayetteville, Ark., law firm of Martin, Trumbo & Sterling. He recently completed his judicial clerkship for the Hon. Mary Spencer McGowan in Little Rock.

Jennifer Burrow Paine of Carpentersville, Ill., recently began a new job at Baxter Health-Care researching blood substitutes.

John Tibbetts received his J.D. degree from the Nashville School of Law.

90 JOHANNA VANDEGRIFT LEHFELDT, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Mary Claire Chevrenak received her Ph.D. from Duke University last year.

Don and **Jennifer Gray Chickering** finished their Ph.D.s at Brown University and have moved to Austin, Texas, where they both are researching vascular implants at CarboMedics, a medical biotechnology company. SEE BIRTHS

Lynley Scott Churchwell works part-time for Pro-Fleet Inc. in Memphis. SEE BIRTHS

Paula Claverie, volunteer services manager at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, has been named president of the board of directors of Hands On Memphis, a nonprofit community organization.

Tim Kutas recently began his own dental practice in Memphis.

Wells Richards is the co-founder of SIMOD Corp., a Richland, Miss.-based telecommunications equipment company that was featured in *Entrepreneur* magazine as one of

the top 100 fastest growing small businesses in the U.S.

Mary Laura Salmon teaches history at Ursuline Academy in Dallas. SEE MARRIAGES

Dapne Turner is an account representative in the national telemessaging division of A+ Network in Nashville. SEE MARRIAGES

91 MARJORIE THIGPEN CARTER, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Kevin Bacon lives in Memphis, where he is earning his M.F.A. in English from the University of Memphis. His interview with author Peter Corey was published in the Fall 1995 issue of *Glimmer Train*.

Randal and Kristen Pryor Brown live in Nashville where she is pursuing her master's degree in neonatal/infancy nursing at Vanderbilt University. Randal recently attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Ky., and has begun graduate studies in education leadership/administration at Vanderbilt.

Kathy Coe recently accepted a teaching/coaching position at St. John's School in Houston.

Tom Dilworth is currently working as director of operations for Berman & Co., a Washington, D.C.-based government relations and human resources consulting firm. He holds a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

Jennifer Dunn graduated from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School with a master's degree in international development and economics.

Sherry Hawkins of Providence, R.I., works at Fleet Financial Group. She received an M.B.A. in finance and accounting from Vanderbilt in 1995.

Attorney **Matt Johnson** has moved from Memphis to Greenville, S.C. He recently

received his J.D. degree from the University of Memphis.

Cris McMann of Henderson, Nev., teaches second grade in nearby Las Vegas.

Air Force Capt. **Cliff Rich** is currently stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., where he is involved in helicopter training.

92 ANNIE B. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION:
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Melissa Avery recently began her medical residency at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She received her M.D. degree from University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Liz Awsumb joined the faculty of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School in Memphis this fall as lead teacher in a junior kindergarten class.

Greg and Allison Boynton Bateman '92 live in Arlington, Va., where he works as a sales executive for Oracle Corp., a computer software company, and she is a French teacher at Browne Academy in Alexandria. SEE MARRIAGES

John Copeland is a pathology resident at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Chris Emanuel is currently a pediatrics resident at the Medical University of South Carolina. He received his M.D. degree from University of Alabama, Birmingham earlier this year.

Anne Finney is doing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Vanderbilt Medical School, where she earned her M.D. degree in the spring.

Tonya Floyd holds her law degree from University of Arkansas.

Brian Grant has completed his master of architecture degree and is now interning for Smith Lineberry Architecture of Raleigh, N. C.

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Brad and Paige Williams Jenkins '93 recently moved from Little Rock to Memphis. He holds his M.D. from the University of Arkansas School for Medical Sciences and is doing his residency in family medicine at St. Francis Hospital. Paige is an experienced senior tax accountant with Arthur Andersen.

Stacey Starr Pace is doing her residency at Memorial Medical Center, Savannah, Ga. She graduated this year from the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University where she was one of four students who received the Pharmacia & Upjohn Achievement Award for high academic achievement. Also, she was the sole recipient of the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award.

Kathryn Woods Zeuthen, who recently received her master's degree in special education from Georgia State University, now teaches at Schenk School in Atlanta. SEE MARRIAGES

93 LYNN CRABB, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1998
Cheri Grosvenor has joined the Atlanta office of the Holland & Knight law firm as an associate. She graduated with honors from the University of Georgia School of Law earlier this year.

Vickie Hardy received her J.D. degree from the University of Memphis Law School. Her father Preston graduated at the same time with a B.A. in history.

Sean Nighbert recently entered the M.F.A. program at Southwest Texas State University. He completed his M.A. in English at Morehead State University. SEE BIRTHS

Art Record has joined the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps and recently reported to Officer's Indoctrination School in Newport, R.I. He graduated with highest honors from Mississippi College

School of Law earlier this year.

Debbie Reed ran the Houston Tenneco marathon this year.

Andrew Shipman is an associate equity analyst at Morgan Keegan in Memphis. He holds his M.B.A. from the University of Memphis.

Taylor Tagg is a bank analyst for AutoZone Inc. and an assistant basketball coach at Rhodes.

94 NANCY TURNER, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 1999
Liz Boucher has been elected president of Harvard Divinity School's Student Advisory Executive Council, the executive body of the student council.

Army **Lt. Michael Bowen** is attending the Midwestern University Medical School in Phoenix.

Kelly Petro Bridgforth recently earned her master's degree in French from the University of Mississippi where she was a member of the French honor society. SEE MARRIAGES

Dana Chamblee, a law student at the University of Missouri, has been selected editor-in-chief of the *Missouri Journal of Dispute Resolution* for the 1996-97 year. The student representative for the law school's honor code committee, she also serves as clerk of Phi Delta Phi, a national legal fraternity, and as fund-raising chair for the Women's Law Association.

Holly Jackson is a program assistant for the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

Caroline Lenac lives in Cordova, Tenn., and works as an international account manager for Shannon Lumber International.

95 CLYDE HENDERSON,
PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2000
Wesley Hall received her master's in English literature

from Stanford earlier this year. During the summer, she worked as a marketing intern at Yale University Press.

Ashley Hamilton works in communications at AutoZone's corporate headquarters in Memphis.

Shelby Hester works as a physical therapy technician at Campbell Clinic in Memphis.

Katherine Bedeian Kingsmill manages bank community relations in the marketing department of Hancock Bank in Baton Rouge, La. A member of the Advertising Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, she also serves on the media advisory board of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, a child abuse prevention awareness agency. SEE MARRIAGES

Chad McGee is management information systems director for Champion Awards Inc. in Memphis.

Amy Oberhelman of Nashville is an associate researcher for the Tennessee Office of Research and Education Accountability.

Jason Watkins is a political consultant in Jackson, Miss.

Carol Whitlow recently began working as an orientation counselor for the Little Rock Job Corps.

96 SCOTT BROWN, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001
Dan Alpe works as a securities salesman for Vin-ing-Sparks in Chicago.

Kemp Conrad of Memphis is working in facility investments at National Bank of Commerce's USI Alliance.

Susan Mathis is a first-grade teacher at Snowden Elementary School in Memphis.

Ginny Neal is currently studying Spanish in Spain. She plans to begin law school at the University of Florida in December.

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Marriages

'64 **Judy Crow** to **Bill McColgan**, June 1995.
'71 **Barbara Deuser** to **Tom Morgan**, June 22, 1995.
'73 **Katherine Ramage** to **Richard Spohn**, Sept. 30, 1995, San Francisco.
'75 **Carol Elizabeth Myhr** to **Frank Fourmy**, July 20, 1996, Memphis.
'78 **Janet Phillips** to **Cal Moore**, Nov. 11, 1995.
'79 **Sheila Lynch** to **Michael Champlin**, Feb. 14, 1996.
'84 **Fawn Marie Harrison** to **David Haynes**, June 29, 1996, Memphis.
'84 **Kathryn Kuo** to **Chris Matthews**, Oct. 7, 1995, Bucks County, Pa.
'84 **Deirdre Teaford** to **Stephen Mantz**, June 10, 1995, Chapel Hill, N.C.
'84 **Karen Thompson** to **Matt Monroe**, April 20, 1996,
'85 **Courtney Hollins** to **Sherard Edington**, May 25, 1996, Nashville.
'85 **Emily Brooks Thomas** to **Jim Hunter**, May 25, 1996, Birmingham.
'87 **Nancy DiPaolo** to **Jonathan Walker**, May 4, 1996, Bethesda, Md.
'87 **Gretchen Lile** to **David Bachman**, Nov. 18, 1995.
'87 **Lorna Lyell** to **Tom Chain**, May 25, 1996, Jackson, Miss.
'88 **Elizabeth Buehler** to **Hunter Ivy**, March 16, 1996, Durham, N.C.
'88 **Catherine Burke** to **John Alexander Foreman**, June 8, 1996, Nashville.
'88 **Cheryl Cochran** to

Walter Anderson, May 26, 1996, Dunwoody, Ga.
'88 **Madera Ann Dickerson** to **Steve Beckham**, May 4, 1996, Memphis.
'88 **Anne Harvey** to **Tim Whipple**, August 25, 1995, Alexandria, Va.
'88 **Gretchen Helmke** to **Edward Ellis** '89, March 30, 1996.
'88 **Jennifer Wood** to **Allen Blackwood**, May 26, 1996.
'89 **Anne Marie Basarrate** to **Robert M. Fitz**, May 18, 1996.
'89 **Mary Cotten** to **Jonathan Calvert**, May 4, 1996, Pensacola, Fla.
'89 **Charlotte McCrary** to **Burton E. "Chip" Stacy**, March 16, 1996.
'89 **Cary Tynes** to **William B. Wahlheim, Jr.**, May 4, 1996.
'89 **Lucie Peach** to **Danny Logan**, Jan. 27, 1996.
'90 **Beth Batson** to **Gavin Murrey**, Dec. 16, 1995.
'90 **Ellen Ashley Martinto** to **Web Webster**, June 29, 1996, Memphis.
'90 **Mary Laura Salmon** to **Scott Openshaw**, June 8, 1996, Seaside, Fla.
'90 **Daphne Turner** to **Christopher Glaser**, April 27, 1996, Burns, Tenn.
'91 **Jennifer Brown** to **George Popov**, June 28, 1996, Baton Rouge, La.
'91 **Marjorie Thigpen** to **Rick Carter**, May 25, 1996.
'92 **Allison Boynton** to **Greg Bateman**, Oct. 28, 1995, Baltimore.
'92 **Ashley Ellis** to **Brian Tierney** '93, June

15, 1996.
'92 **Shannon Emerson** to **Jimmy Myatt** '93, May 25, 1996, Los Angeles.
'92 **Mary Virginia Slay** to **John Bryant Sweeney**, June 22, 1996, Birmingham.
'92 **Catherine Thomas** to **Carl Vest**, Feb. 17, 1996, Little Rock.
'92 **Kathryn Woods** to **Tom Zeuthen**, Oct. 28, 1995.
'93 **Elizabeth Jones** to **John Douglas**, April 20, 1996, Austin, Texas.
'93 **Sherry Vacek** to **Allen Bell**, April 20, 1996, Austin, Texas.
'94 **Holly Tess Hall** to **Donald L. Price** '93, July 6, 1996, Memphis.
'94 **Kelly Petro** to **Barry Bridgforth**, March 9, 1996, New Orleans.
'95 **Katherine Bedeian** to **George Kingsmill**, March 29, 1996.
'95 **Naomi Lynn Hertz** to **Edgard Cabanillas** '94, March 31, 1996.

Births

'77 **Dewey and Becky Cowart Hammond**, a daughter, **Virginia Lee**, March 19, 1996.
'77 **Mitch Wilds** and **Ferne Winborne**, a son, **Alex Wilds**, August 1995.
'78 **John and Carol Johnson Jackson**, a daughter, **Emma Grace**, June 24, 1994.
'79 **Davis Barnett** and **Lynn Schiek**, a daughter, **Cara Lorraine Barnett**, Feb. 21, 1996.
'80 **Bill and Gayle Posey**, a son, **Stephen Caleb**, March 15, 1996.
'81 **Tracey and Bryn Wood Bagwell**, a daughter, **Andie McDonald**, April 24, 1996.
'81 **Bo and Caroline Stockton Butler** '84, a daughter, **Sarah Spencer**, May 17, 1996.
'81 **Holmes and Mary Marchman**, a son, **Thomas Baker**, April 20, 1996.
'81 **Kurt and Christiane Wyckoff**, a daughter, **Virginia Joyce**, April 3, 1996.
'82 **Marshel and Cecilia Reed**, a daughter, **Rachel Cecilia**, August 21, 1994.
'82 **Robert and Missy Coleman Savage**, a son, **Edward Cooper Townsend**, April 27, 1996.
'82 **Tom and Melinda Kindle Simms**, a daughter, **Caroline Elizabeth**, July 14, 1995.
'83 **Douglas and Anne O'Shields Alexander**, a son, **Wilson Henry**, April 22, 1996.
'83 **Rick and Robin Haynie Hanna**, a daughter, **Molly Margaret**, May 15, 1996.
'83 **John and Susan Logan Huffman**, a daughter, **Caldwell Elizabeth**, May 26, 1996.
'83 **John and Diane Mount Nisbet**, a daughter, **Sarah Truly Nisbet**, April 29, 1996.
'83 **David and Mary Beck Moore Tait**, a son, **Charles William**, Sept. 19, 1995.
'83 **Brian and Julie Mortimer Watkins**, a daughter, **Emily Caroline**, Feb. 23, 1996.
'84 **Parker and Dot-tie Dodson Harness** '82, a daughter, **Elizabeth**

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'85 Bernard and **Holly Bauereis Cogliati**, a son, Gaëtan Allen, May 7, 1996.

'85 Brian and **Pam Schumacher Kelley**, a daughter, Sabrina Marie, March 14, 1996.

'85 **Bob** and Lisa **Lawhon**, a son, Matthew Riley, Jan. 30, 1996.

'85 Mike and **Adele Little Caemmerer**, a daughter, Chloe Grace, Oct. 27, 1994.

'86 **Will** and Avery **Albritton**, a daughter, Kathleen Patton, March 21, 1996.

'86 **John** and Kristin **Bright**, a son, John Robert, May 10, 1996.

'86 **Stephen** and Susan **Estock**, a son, Brandon, May 17, 1995.

'86 **Raymond** and Julie **Fields**, a daughter, Madison Elise, Jan. 4, 1996.

'86 **Skip** and Helen **Gronauer**, a daughter, Margot Kayser, March 5, 1996.

'86 Jim and **Amy Don-aho Howell**, a son, Bryan Murry, June 22, 1996.

'86 George and **Denise Joseph Nakos**, a daughter, Krissa, April 18, 1996.

'86 Dee and **Kathryn Hughes Pinckney**, a son, Francis de Sales III.

'86 **John** and **Tammy Golden Schmidt** '88, a daughter, Lee Simmons, June 21, 1996.

'87 Cary and **Wendy Tallent Rotter**, a daughter, Rachel Jane, April 24, 1996.

'87 **Tim** and **Christie Hoffman Ruppel**, a daughter, Emily Sharon, April 11, 1996.

'88 **Felix** and Tracy **Bryan**, a son, Travis

Clifton, March 7, 1996.

'88 **Vernon** and **Kristin Dwelle Hurst**, a son, Tillman, May 10, 1996.

'88 **Bo** and Anna **Young**, a son, Donald Chandler IV, March 25, 1996.

'89 **Todd** and **Lisa Lawrence Daniel** '90, a daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, June 7, 1996.

'89 **Jerome** and D'Andrea **Franklin**, a daughter, Alexis Rome, Nov. 23, 1995.

'89 **Rich** and **Susan Badelt Rocco** '90, a son, Andrew Steven, Feb. 20, 1996.

'89 **Kirk** and Sharon **Stone**, a son, Jason Matthew, April 30, 1996.

'90 Don and **Jennifer Gray Chickering**, a son, Henry Gray, April 17, 1996.

'90 Dennis and **Lynley Scott Churchwell**, a son, Dennis "Von" Jr., June 12, 1995.

'90 **Daren** and **Jessica Lux Guillory**, a daughter, Rachel Charline, June 12, 1996.

'90 **Mitchell** and **Jill Parker Wells**, a daughter, Delaney Grace, June 21, 1996.

'91 **Mike** and **Kelly Horst Whitlatch**, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, April 18, 1996.

'93 **Mark** and Genna **Dattel**, a daughter, Sorelle, May 19, 1996.

'93 **Sean** and **Amy Hathcock Nighbert**, a daughter, Kendall Michelle, Jan. 20, 1996.

'94 **Tom** and **Jane Anne Alwood Cole**, a son, Thomas "River," Feb. 6, 1996.

Obituaries

'29 **Lillian Polasky Scharff** of Memphis, May 19, 1996. A member of Temple Israel, she was co-owner of Advertiser's Novelty Co. for more than 60 years. The widow of I. G. Scharff, she leaves a nephew who cared for her, Stuart LaVene of Germantown, Tenn.

'31 **George D. Hightower Jr.** of Grenada, Miss., May 11, 1996. He was a retired farmer, businessman and pharmacist who owned and operated Webb Drug Co. He leaves his wife, Louise Barbee Hightower '34.

'36 **John Arch Jordan Jr.** of Franklin, Tenn., Feb 8, 1994.

'36 **Frances Smith Murff** of Memphis, April 22, 1996. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, she was active in the Tuesday Study Club, Le Bonheur Club and the Women's Exchange. The wife of J.T. "Tolly" Murff, she leaves a daughter, Carol Murff Oates, and a son, J.T. Murff Jr., both of Memphis; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'36 **Martha Shaeffer** of Florence, Ala., April 16, 1996. A former society editor and foreign features editor for *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, she was also a staff writer, assistant women's editor and pictures editor for *The Chicago Sun*, a foreign correspondent during World War II, and had established a public relations firm in New York City. She leaves

a sister, Mary Jane Scott, of Florence.

'37 **Craig M. Crenshaw** of McLean, Va., March 22, 1996. A physicist who in 1974 retired as chief scientist for the Army Materiel Command, he began work in 1942 as a civilian physicist with the Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Active in issues on aging and Alzheimer's Disease, he founded the Family Respite Center, a daytime senior care facility at Chesterbrook Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder. An avid bird hunter and chess player, he was the widower of Florence Wade Crenshaw. He leaves three sons, Craig M. Crenshaw Jr. of Arlington, Va., David S. Crenshaw of McLean, Va., and William C. Crenshaw of Vienna, Va.; a daughter, Florence Elizabeth Farrell of Mountain View, Calif.; a brother, John S. Crenshaw of Shreveport, La.; a sister, Anna Crenshaw Lopez of Potomac, Va.; and eight grandchildren.

'40 **John C. Patton** of Memphis, May 25, 1996. A World War II Army captain and a Sunday school teacher at Second Presbyterian Church, he was head of institutional sales for M. Palazola Produce Co. He had been retired from Caradine Co. Wholesale Grocery, where he had worked for more than 40 years. The widower of Nancy C. Patton '40, he leaves three daughters,

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Nancy P. Langdon '68 of Nashville, Flo Patton, and Lynne P. Witherington, both of Memphis; a brother, Wesley E. Patton Jr. of Florence, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

'43 William C. Dewey of Memphis, May 10, 1996. A veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, he opened Memphis' first Volkswagen dealership, Dewey Motor Inc., with his brother Edward on the corner of Cooper and Central Ave. In the late 1970s he became active in real estate, working with Duff Gaither Co. and later with Ray Dickey Realtors. The husband of Ann Dewey, he also leaves his brother Edward Dewey of Memphis; two daughters, Ann Wallace "Wally" Smith of Memphis and Stephanie Dewey Hoffman of Collierville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

'44 Janet Kelso Gager of Sweet Briar, Va., July 18, 1996. Retired director of public relations at Sweet Briar College, she held a master's degree in English from the University of Chicago and served as curator of the university's Modern Poetry Library. She later taught English at Chicago State University, was an editor at the University of Chicago Press and director of publications for the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Her father was Rhodes philosophy professor A.P. Kelso. She leaves her sister, Edith Kelso of Memphis; a daughter, Anne Lowrey Bailey of Alexandria, Va.;

two step-children; and nine grandchildren.

'49 Gerald C. Sweatt of Memphis, June 12, 1996. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a retired associate director of customer relations for Schering-Plough HealthCare. He was a member of the board of directors of Brooks Art Gallery from 1972-1982, and a woodworker and sculptor. The husband of Betty Cage Sweatt '51, he also leaves a daughter, Clare Elizabeth Gerald of Memphis.

'49 Joseph Q. Tribo of Memphis, July 12, 1996. A retired automobile executive, he was a longtime supporter and general chairman of the annual FedEx St. Jude Classic golf tournament. A communicant of St. Louis Catholic Church, he leaves his wife, Gertrude Bates Tribo '47; three daughters, Janet Cupo and Lisa Goodwin, both of Memphis, and Judith Wombwell of Andover, Mass.; a son, Guy Tribo, of Memphis; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

'51 William C. Sparks of Sheffield, Ala., and Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, 1995.

'72 James L. Hagan of Florida, May 1996.

'72 James L. Nolan of Petaluma, Calif., May 12, 1996. Senior editor of *World Trade Press*, an international business journal, he leaves a daughter and a son.

'98 Merribeth England of Brentwood, Tenn., June 25, 1996, of an automobile accident. She leaves her parents, Joe and Connie England, and grandmother, Avis England.

"The new students who are today being welcomed into the college community, as well as the older students and alumni, should realize that their alma mater has an honorable heritage, which it is their privilege and duty to foster and maintain."

—Charles E. Diehl

President of Rhodes 1917-49

Kristin Fox volunteers much of her time as a coordinator for Rhodes' Kinney Program. The junior from Union City, Tenn., oversees many different efforts aimed at assisting the less fortunate—from serving in the student-run Souper Contact soup kitchen at nearby St. John's United Methodist Church to volunteering at area schools.



Kristin Fox '98

Photo by John Rone

Attracted to Rhodes' small size as well as its metropolitan location, Kristin entered college with hopes of finding a spot in which to make a difference. Today, working with Chaplain Billy Newton, Kristin helps lead the Kinney Program, now in its 39th year.

"The Kinney Program at Rhodes has provided outstanding opportunities to serve the community and to apply my education beyond the classroom."

—Kristin Fox '98

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WOMEN AT RHODES

75 Years & Counting



By Martha Hunter Shepard

Seventy-five years ago, Margaret Trahern of Clarksville, Tenn., became the first woman graduate of the college. Since that graduation day in 1921, women have attended Rhodes in droves, even outnumbering men on campus from time to time.

The 1919 women's basketball team. Front row, left to right: Louise Perkins, Ursula Smith, Mildred Smith. Back row: Mildred Taylor, Margaret Trahern, Eleanor Caroland, Katherine York

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any Rhodes women have followed in Margaret Trahern's footsteps, excelling at a variety of "firsts" over the years. For example:

- Pauline Hord '29 of Memphis, who founded the adult literacy program at Mississippi's Parchman Prison.
- Nell Sanders Aspero '33, Memphis' first woman lawyer.
- Ruth Bryant '45, St. Louis, first woman vice president in the Federal Reserve System.
- Jane Walters '56, Nashville, Tennessee's first female commissioner of education.
- Vicki Roman '75, Atlanta, first female treasurer of Coca-Cola Enterprises and Coke's first female corporate vice president.

Margaret Trahern '21 established a rich tradition at Rhodes. She graduated 73 years after the college was founded. This year we celebrate 75 years of her history-making "first."

The way it was

From Rhodes' founding in 1848 in Clarksville, Tenn., into the 1880s, the college was strictly an all-male institution. A few females were allowed to darken the doors in the late 19th and early 20th centuries—the daughters of chancellors and faculty members who were permitted to attend classes. But that's as far as it went—they couldn't recite in class, take exams or receive diplomas.

But the 20th century brought rapid changes. By 1915 the automobile, radio and movies were

no longer curiosities, but commonplace. And in that bold age of inventiveness, the glass ceiling that historically had kept American women from higher education was beginning to crack.

At Rhodes, J.R. Dobyms, the president of the college (then called Southwestern Presbyterian University) recommended in 1915 that women be admitted as full-time students.

It was World War I and the male population was leaving the college to fight in the trenches of Europe. Also, the citizens of Clarksville had recently given the college \$25,000 to build "a sanitary kitchen and dining hall" on campus.

President Dobyms, no doubt mindful of the fact that the college was forced to shut down during the Civil War when the all-male student population left to fight, felt that the admission of women to the college would be a politically and financially astute move.

The faculty and trustees balked at the idea of admitting women students, but Dobyms held firm. When the board again refused his proposal in 1916, he resigned. Shortly afterward, the board reconsidered its decision and decided to admit women on the same terms as men.

There was one notable exception, though—only 10 women would be admitted for every 100 men.

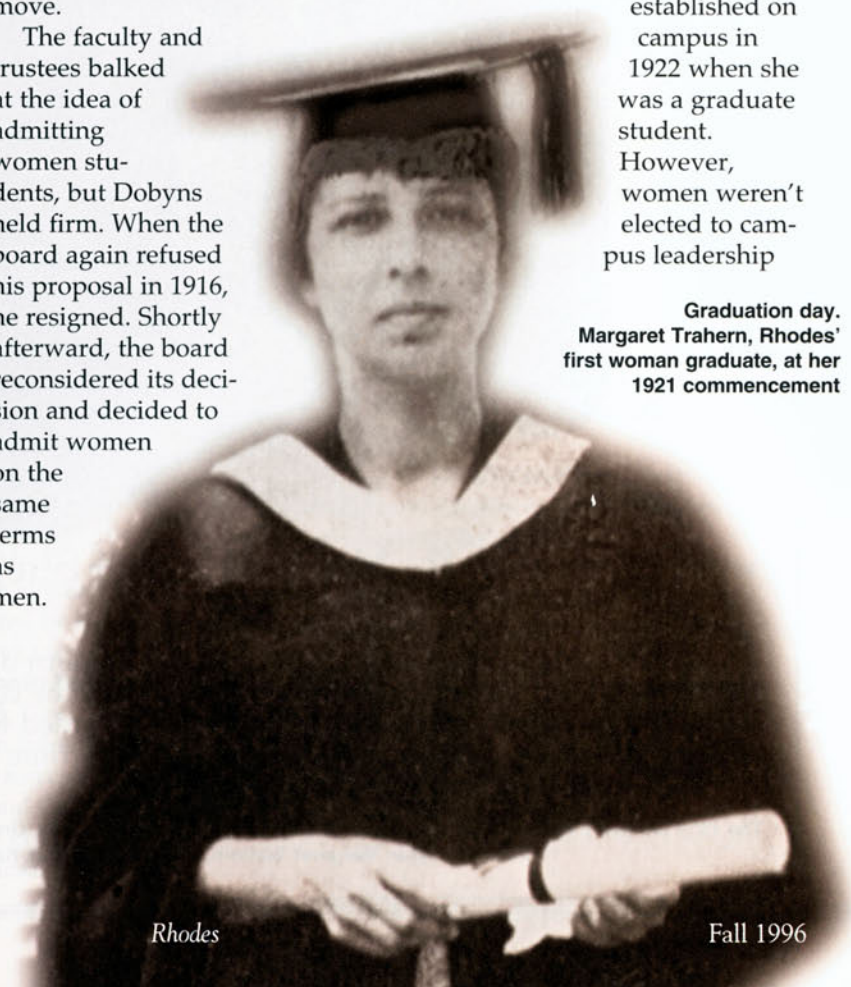
Dr. Charles E. Diehl became president in 1917, and things changed—fast. With World War I in full swing, the board of trustees voted

to allow women to be admitted—with no quotas—and even made them eligible for scholarships on the same terms as men.

In the fall of 1917 five women from Clarksville—including a young woman named Margaret Trahern—enrolled as first-year students. Trahern stuck it out and four years later, the glass ceiling shattered when she stepped up to the podium at commencement 1921 and became the first woman in the college's history to receive a diploma. What's more, she returned the following year to earn an M.A. in history.

Trahern played on the women's basketball team and was a member of Chi Omega sorority, established on campus in 1922 when she was a graduate student. However, women weren't elected to campus leadership

Graduation day. Margaret Trahern, Rhodes' first woman graduate, at her 1921 commencement



positions until World War II when, again, most male students were involved in the war effort.

The college had moved to Memphis by then and was called Southwestern At Memphis. As in Clarksville, the local newspapers covered college events, and it was big news in Memphis when Mary Ann Frazier '45 was elected the first woman president of the student government and Anne Howard Bailey '45 became the first female year-book editor.

F riends

Margaret Trahern and her lifelong friend Mildred Smith '21 were born a month apart in 1899. Both grew up in Clarksville and entered Southwestern Presbyterian University together in 1917. Trahern died in 1991. Smith, who finished at Peabody College in Nashville, is now 97 and lives in a nursing home in Clarksville.

Smith kept a diary (see page 20) that covered events of her and Trahern's first year of college. In it, she writes not only of college events but of knitting for the Red Cross, sending candy and packages to the American soldiers and cooking for the ones who were camped nearby. In one entry she writes of doing delicate needlework; in another, she describes how she changes flat tires and grinds the valves on the family's two cars—a Paige and a Dodge.

When the college moved to



Robb Hall, built in 1879, mainly housed male theology students

Memphis in 1925, Mildred Smith followed. A good friend of Erma Reese, Dr. Diehl's secretary in both Clarksville and Memphis, Smith worked in the college library before marrying W.R. Glenn in 1926. Eighteen months after their daughter Evelyn was born, she and the baby moved back to Clarksville for good.

Back at home, she first worked as a schoolteacher for 17 years, then for the Army engineers who built nearby Fort Campbell. She kept the books for the B.F. Goodrich plant, Petri Cigar Co. and Orgain Building Supply Co., where she worked for 25 years before retiring at age 72. The only reason she quit was she that didn't want to fool with the new computers.

In 1925 Smith's friend Margaret Trahern married William G. Patch '20 who was in the tobacco business in Clarksville. They had a son, Elwyn, and two daughters, Margaret and Billie.

Trahern's father-in-law Benjamin Patch served on the college's board of trustees for many years and was instrumental in moving the college from Clarksville to Memphis. His position utterly astonished the citizens of Clarksville, who couldn't bear the thought of losing their college of 77 years. They fought a good fight, though—all the way to the state Supreme Court—where it was decided that Memphis would be the college's new home.

When Margaret Trahern was a first-year student in the fall of 1917, one of her professors, Margaret Huxtable Townsend,

was also starting her career as Rhodes' first woman professor. Townsend became the college's first dean of women and the first sociology professor of either gender at Rhodes. She held her bachelor's and master's degrees from McGill University and had done graduate work at Cornell.

Having begun one tradition, Margaret Trahern continued it, sending one of her daughters, Billie, to Rhodes.

"There was never any pressure on us to go to Rhodes," says Billie, who attended the college from 1956-58. Yet Billie became part of the Clarksville-Memphis connection.

When she was a first-year student the old Memphis *Press-Scimitar* newspaper ran a story about her and her mother. "Like Mother, Like Daughter Keeps a Southwestern Tradition Alive," read the headline. The story also listed faculty and friends who had taught both at Clarksville and Memphis.

At the top of the list was then-president emeritus Dr. Diehl. His eyesight failing in his later years, Dr. Diehl asked various people to read to him. Billie was his Sunday afternoon reader. The circle was complete. **R**

1848

Rhodes College is founded in Clarksville, Tenn. That same year, Elizabeth Cady Stanton formally launches the women's rights movement in America, declaring that "all men and women are created equal."

1917

The college admits women as full-time students.

1920

The 19th Amendment is ratified, giving women the right to vote.

1921

Margaret Trahern of Clarksville is the first woman to graduate from the college.

Sept. 13, 1917

Well! I started to school this morning. [Southwestern Presbyterian University] opened with its 43rd session this morning with Dr. Diehl as its new president. There are not so very many boys and we didn't get a good look at them but I think there are one or two nice looking boys besides the home boys. There are five co-eds that are going to take the regular course. Corinne Williams, Margaret Harned, Mary Atkinson, Margaret Trahern and Mildred Smith. This morning at the exercises one of the new professors—Chas. Wm. Townsend—was very amusing. I don't see how we are going to keep from laughing in class. He is exceedingly near-sighted, and when he went to make his little talk he looked up not once. I feel sorry for him, but he is most smart.

Resolved: *I am* going to study hard.

Sept. 14, 1917

Margaret and I took the three boys to school and then on our way to college picked up Pat Cross, "Oolie" Wilson and Lynn. We were the first co-eds to arrive so we sat out in the car till the others came. [In chapel] we girls sat on one side of the house and the boys on the other. Dr. Diehl made some announcements, and said for us to come back in the morning. After chapel the boys rah'ed the coeds.

Sept. 15, 1917

Think of going to school on Saturday! That is what I did to-day, & will do every Saturday for quite awhile. Margaret and I went down in the Dodge this morning. As we drove up we saw Pat & Patten putting an S.A.E. pledge pin on Garnett Ladd and then they shook



Stewart Hall, erected in 1879, was the main science building.

hands with him. Pat introduced us. In chapel we moved over a little nearer the boys side.

Sept. 17, 1917

After chapel there was a meeting of the "Boosters" which was the student body. Patten was elected chairman. Finally it was time to elect the secretary and that terrible Pat Cross nominated me. He did it for nothing on earth but meanness. Then everybody called "Speech." I didn't intend to say anything, but the darling chairman looked at me so funny I just rose a little and said, "Thank you all so much." I certainly was embarrassed.



EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MILDRED SMITH GLENN

September 1917-April 1918, Clarksville, Tenn.

Sept. 26, 1917

This morning the upper classmen (Sanhedrin) initiated the freshies as they came to chapel. At one time there were four boys turned across a plank to be spanked. The dormitory boys were worked on last night. All they did to us co-eds was to make us sit on the platform with the faculty—at least they said they would do no

more to us if we would. They didn't think we'd do it but we showed them. We scattered out amongst the faculty. I got between Dr. Edwards and Mr. Snader. Dr. Townsend had a girl on each side & looked very much embarrassed.

Nov. 5, 1917

This afternoon I sewed on the little orphan girl's bloomers until time to go to the missionary meeting. After that we went down town. The S.A.E.s were initiating some of the boys. [They had] Pud Patch on Dixon's corner fishing. Oolie Wilson was selling papers. Siebert & Garnett were pushing peanuts up & down the side walk. I

think hurting initiations are the meanest things that ever were. I can't see what good it can do a boy to hurt another one.

Nov. 6, 1917

I went to a committee meeting to discuss what we students could do to help our nation. I didn't open my mouth but was elected secretary. Mr. MacQueen thinks we'll

start something that the other colleges will follow.

Nov. 19, 1917

Dad got my report today & that nice Dr. Diehl had written "A good report for a fine girl. We think a great deal of her" on it.

Nov. 22, 1917

This morning Ed. wasn't at chapel so I got up to play. They keys would not play & later I learned the boys had stuffed the piano with books.

Nov. 23, 1917

We went to school in Margie's buggy this morning. I had to play again & on the first song every thing got balled up, but I did a little better on the next one. Had a meeting of the Boosters Club & appointed a committee to ask the faculty for 3 days holiday Thanksgiving. Also decided to send Mrs. Diehl some flowers. She has pneumonia in both lungs. Em. asked me to go to the basket ball game to-night, but I had already promised Marg. & Libba. Four of us little coeds got together & evermore cheered S.P.U. S.P.U. played splendidly. They won 26 to 14 or something like that.

April 6, 1918

I went to the [baseball] game this aft. with Billy & Marit. Illinois beat S.P.U. 11 to 0. When I got home I found a box of candy with a card on which was written University of Illinois Baseball Team.

April 27, 1918

Monday we had a holiday on account of winning a baseball game.

The National Parks: Reminders, Not Remainders

By Roger Kennedy
Director of the National Park Service

Roger Kennedy, director of the National Park Service, spoke at this fall's Frank M. Gilliland Symposium on the budget problems and other issues confronting our national park system. The following are excerpts from his talk.

A Yale graduate with a J.D. from University of Minnesota, Kennedy has served as director of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History; vice president and financial officer of the Ford Foundation; a member of presidential commissions for Presidents Nixon, Carter and Bush; and special assistant to the U.S. Attorney General, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and the Secretary of Labor.

Kennedy has also been a White House correspondent and producer for NBC. He hosted the Discovery Channel series "Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America" and is the author of nine books of history and architectural history.

The Gilliland Symposium was established in memory of Memphis attorney Frank M. Gilliland by his family.

1996 is the 80th anniversary year of the National Park Service. Eighty years of conserving scenery and historic objects and wildlife.

Along the way, each generation has added to the system. Forty-nine states have national parks—369 units serving 276 million visitors annually, many from overseas.

The National Park System is suffering from years of neglect, from years of needing, and in need of taxpayer support.

Somewhat higher fees will help, if the Congress lets us keep those fees in the parks, where they belong. Somewhat more revenue derived from the concessionaires, those who do business in the parks, will help. More money donated through our cooperating associations and the revitalized National Park Foundation will help. But there's no escaping the truth: if you want parks, you have to pay for them. With tax dollars.

For too long people in the National Park Service were told that they should keep their knowledge of the decay of the parks quiet and "do more with less." After many years of denial, the truth is out, apparent in decayed historic buildings, eroded hillsides, obsolete sewage systems, unusable water systems, toxic waste, accumulated rot borne silently by good soldiers told to "get it out someplace else." Well, we are out of someplace to get "it" out of.

There are uses of science in detection of subtle degradation. We haven't had enough sustained science—and too much sustained silence. Silence has permitted decay to accumulate undetected and therefore, unremedied. We will be silent no more. As good stewards of people as well as places, we have no choice. We will not let undisclosed perils expose our visitors, or our own people, to unsafe conditions. We will not imperil their health, or your health. We will close trails and campgrounds. We will shutter historic buildings, we will cordon off portions of parks before we will imperil health and safety. The howls will go up—there will be talk of the

Washington Monument syndrome and the Yellowstone syndrome. But anyone who thinks that the decayed mortar joints in the Washington Monument or the problems of tending the campgrounds at Yellowstone are new, or that we haven't been telling the public about them—hasn't been listening lately.

Let's deal with widely-disseminated, false myth. Some people say that the reason that there are constrained budgets in the "real" parks—by which they generally mean the ones with waterfalls, at safe distances from large cities—is that we have added a host of expensive places to the park system, largely historic and Eastern. The empha-

Roger Kennedy, director of the National Park Service, speaks to students in an informal session preceding his public talk.

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97

sis is on "expensive," as if recently added parks had no value and produced only cost. Well, budgets are constrained. But a good look at the books tells us that the problem has little to do with new parks. The total budget of the National Park Service is \$1.365 billion annually. The total budgets of the last 13 parks or monuments added is \$3.658 million. A



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calculator shows that is one-third of one percent of the total.

Maintaining the National Park Service costs a lot, and it will cost a lot. There is no way to sustain a trust on the cheap. Right now, the entire system costs each taxpayer \$10 a year. Ten bucks. The calculator gets that result by dividing the total park budget by the number of taxpayers, which is smaller, of course, than the total population. Ten bucks. A

real balance sheet.

Second, no distinction has been made in computing the difference between nominal budgets and real budgets—budgets in purchasing power terms—between service cost inflation and the generalized inflation in goods and service. For the Park Service, that accounting difference is important, because two-thirds of its budget goes to pay persons. Anyone who has run a university

Further, the parks, like all business, have taken on additional costs as well as additional services. Properly, we have added costs for access for handicapped people, for insurance, for decent retirement. In recent years we have provided some casualty insurance to those who used to go out on rescue missions uninsured. We have provided some retirement benefits to people like that wonderful man with five children who worked for years at the Lincoln Memorial and died without a pension—that woke us up to our obligations. We have spent every dime the Congress has given us for training to help us serve the public better.

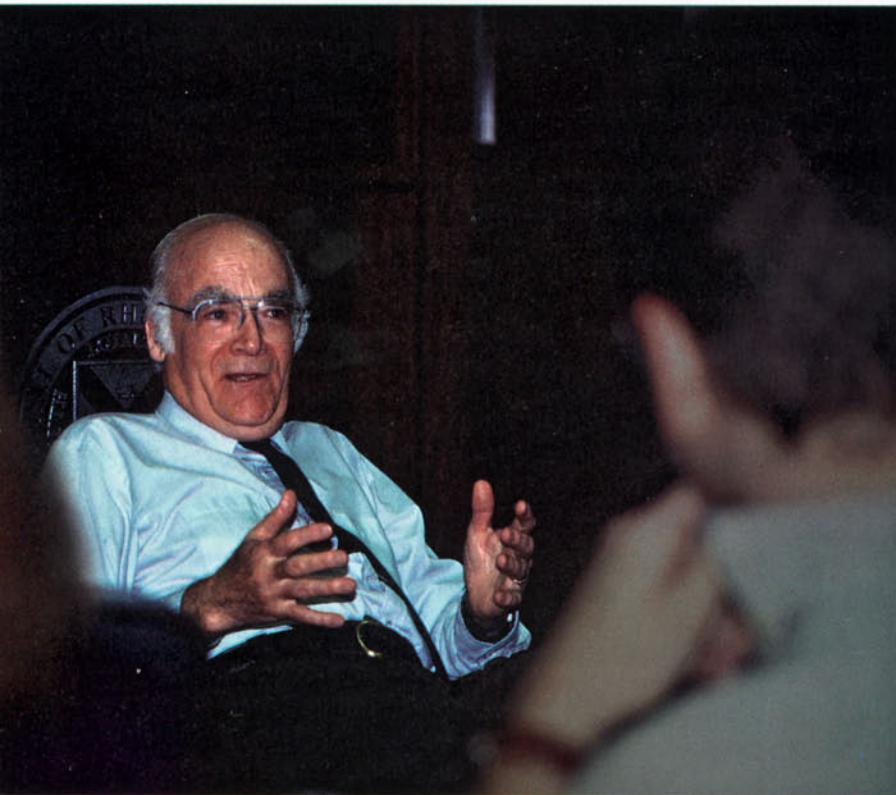
What is the state of the parks? Are our best places in the best shape?

They are not.

They are battered. They have depreciated. We have not been good enough stewards. We all know that. We can do better. We ask our fellow citizens to permit us to do our work better, to help us pay for it by user fees and entrance fees, by tax dollars and through personal, foundation and corporate donations.

What can you do to help? You can willingly pay modest increases in user and entry fees. You can donate your time and your money, as thousands already do, and as you probably already do. You can help us brush away the alibis and cobwebs. You can welcome candor. You can vote. You can tell those in the Congress and in the White House what you think.

The national parks are important in themselves. Beyond themselves, they provide a call to preserve America at its best. They are where we can be our best selves.



couple of good movie tickets—without the popcorn.

Since I worked many years as a businessman, let me tell you two things that may shock some of you business people. First, there has been no depreciation account kept by the National Park System. That's the way government accounting is done. There's no capital account. No

or a service business knows that in recent decades the cost of service has increased much more rapidly than the cost of goods.

In the 1930s, in the teeth of the Depression, the parks got twice—twice—what they now receive from the Congress and taxpayers in dollars of constant purchasing power per visitor to the national parks.

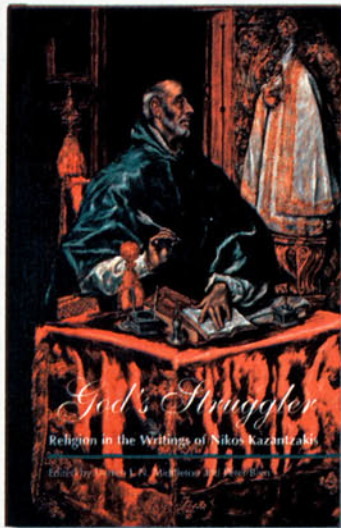
God's Struggler: Religion in the Writings of Nikos Kazantzakis

Edited by Darren J.N. Middleton, Instructor of Religious Studies, Rhodes, and Peter Bien, professor of English and comparative literature, Dartmouth College. 236 pp. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press. \$32.95.

God's Struggler, a collection of essays by an array of international scholars, explores the religious elements in the writings of the Greek novelist Nikos Kazantzakis (*The Last Temptation of Christ, Zorba the Greek*) and argues for their significance for theological discourse.

It is often assumed that Kazantzakis's (1883-1957) religious views were unorthodox and heretical, and therefore unworthy of a place in the history of Christian thought. The book is a carefully planned attempt to argue that while Kazantzakis occupied the so-called borderlands between belief and unbelief throughout much of his life, he nonetheless possessed an intense awareness of the sacred. While his spiritual roots ran deep, he wrestled with God seeking to bring new life to timeworn religious notions.

The essays analyze in detail Kazantzakis's lifelong struggle to give understanding of God.



Lexical Change & Variation in the Southeastern United States 1930-90

By Ellen Johnson '80. 318 pp. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press. \$19.95.

In *Lexical Changes* Dr. Ellen Johnson, assistant professor of English at Western Kentucky University, discusses words used in the Southeast and how they have changed during the 20th century. She also describes how the lexicon varies according to the speaker's age, race, education, sex and place of residence (urban vs. rural; coastal vs. Piedmont vs. mountain).

Johnson compares data collected in the

similar speakers in the same communities.

The results show that while region was the most important factor in differentiating dialects in the '30s, it is the least important element today. In the '90s, age, education and race all show about the same influence on the use of vocabulary.

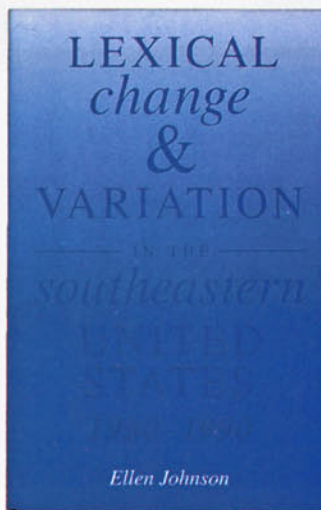
J. William Fulbright And His Time

By Lee Riley Powell '77. 562 pp. Memphis: Guild Bindery Press. \$27.95.

By James C. Lanier Associate Professor of History
J. William Fulbright and his Time is solid proof of the enduring legacy of one of this century's

most important United States senators. For 30 years, from 1944-74, Bill Fulbright represented Arkansas and shaped American opinion on foreign affairs. Combining those two roles was not always easy, but Fulbright managed them both with an unusual degree of intelligence and dignity that earned him the respect of admirers and adversaries.

Lee Powell '77, the author of this new biography, is a lawyer who now works on the staff of federal Judge Bill Wilson in Arkansas. Beginning with a senior paper he wrote on Fulbright at Rhodes, Powell researched the career of the senator for 17 years in preparation for this full-scale biography.



1930s as part of the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States project with data collected in 1990 from

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Powell also brings a personal political association with Fulbright to the book. His father, James O. Powell, was for many years an editor of the *Arkansas Gazette* and an astute observer of Southern politics. Lee has benefitted from his father's close relationship with Fulbright and the many interviews that he and his father conducted with the senator.

Readers have much to learn from *J. William Fulbright and His Time*. The senator was not without courage and influence. He was an early supporter of the United Nations. His sponsoring of legislation for study abroad, the Fulbrights, has broadened the horizons and experience of many young scholars. He was never intimidated by Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin and led others in the Senate to censure McCarthy (for that Joe liked to call him "halfbright"). He modified his stance on civil rights late in his career and courageously opposed Nixon's attempt to place the white Southerner Harold Carswell on the Supreme Court (having earlier supported Johnson's nomination of the first black to the court in Thurgood Marshall).

The Arkansan also worked to elevate the cultural life of the nation's capitol, using his contacts in the elite social circles of Washington and his influence in Congress to provide money for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Fulbright's struggle to have influence for the public good, improve the economy and the educational system of his home state, use American power in realistic ways for idealistic ends is a challenging model for today's world. Dilemmas he

The personal faced in trying to accomplish his goals in the Senate have a relevance for all of us. Fulbright hesitated to oppose superiors with whom he disagreed because he hated to lose any chance to influence them; he agonized over compromising some of his principles in order to advance others; he wanted to be true to what he believed was right, yet wanted to remain popular with

those who disagreed with him.

Powell does not try to convince us that Fulbright made all the right choices, but reading his biography will enhance the reader's appreciation for those who bring intellect and vision to the dilemmas of public life.

Shakespeare's Landlord

By Charlaine Harris '73. 218 pp. New York: St. Martin's Press. \$20.95.

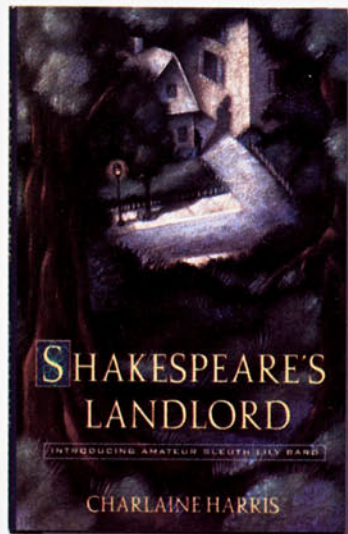
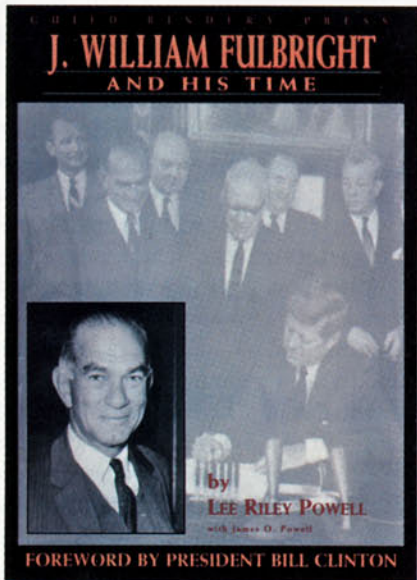
Mystery writer Charlaine Harris has a new heroine, Lily Bard, and she's tough as nails.

Lily, a loner who has taken up residence in the small town of Shakespeare, Ark., cleans houses for a living and takes karate classes at night.

Keeping a horrible past incident in her life locked up inside

her, she is fiercely protective of her independence, and pays little attention to the town around her. But when her landlord is murdered, she looks like the prime suspect. Realizing that uncovering the real killer may be the only way to prove her innocence, Lily focuses on the other residents of tiny Shakespeare.

Her job gives her easy access to people's private lives—and the skeletons in their closets. It also exposes her to the unwanted attentions of a murderer.



With the 1990s winding down and the year 2000 around the corner, many people want to know what Rhodes students today are like. What do they do? Where are they going? What are their goals, their dreams? In short, what makes them tick?

Rhodes asked these questions of four current students. While all lead very different lives, there is one thing they have in common—they are totally engaged in the life of the Rhodes community. And along with their education, they will carry with them always invaluable skills and experiences gained from their college commitments.

Lara Eidemiller '00

Like many first-year students, Lara Eidemiller is getting her first taste of the smorgasbord of college life at Rhodes and finding it very much to her liking.

The Idaho native was looking for a Presbyterian college that

What Are Rhodes Students Like Today

Photos by Steve Jones

offered a good liberal arts education, the opportunity to play competitive volleyball and a place with a sense of community. She said she also wanted to have the experience of living in another part of the country, further nurturing a "travel bug" introduced by her parents.

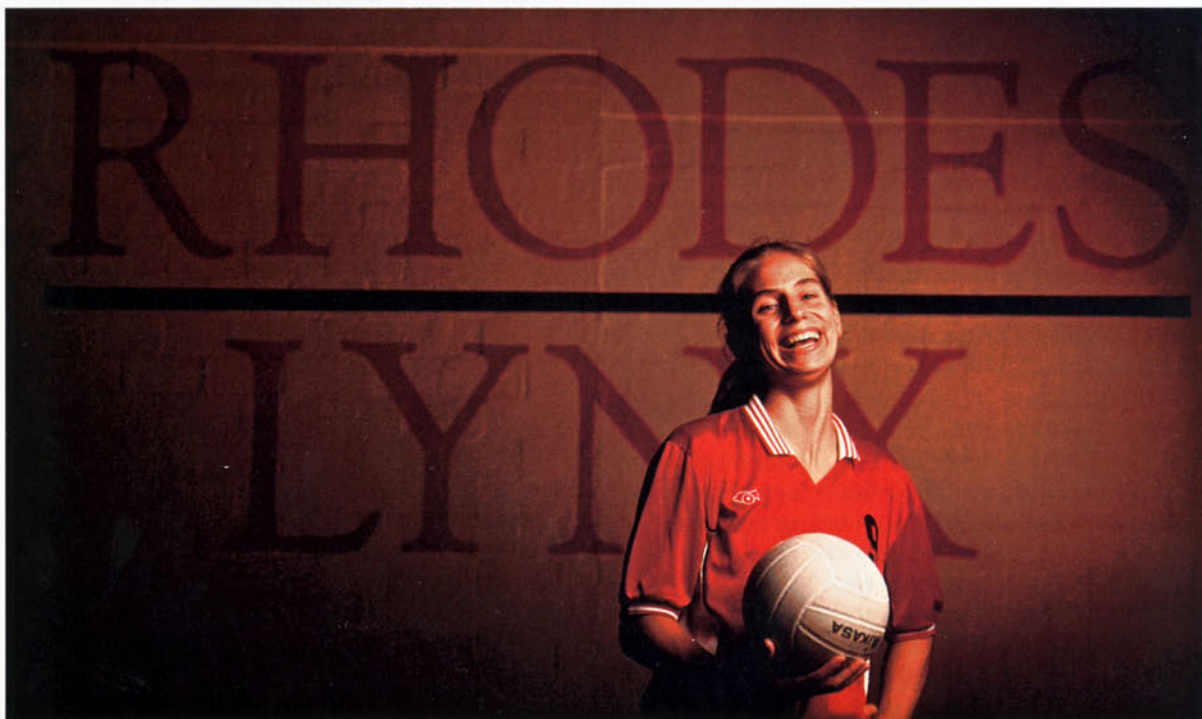
"I am having the best time. I love it here," said Eidemiller, who followed in her sister's

footsteps to Rhodes after visiting other colleges. Elise Eidemiller '95 earned her degree in international studies and is an Eastern Europe trade specialist with the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Lara Eidemiller, who hasn't yet named a major, is serious about academics and sports. An outstanding high school student who graduated at the top of her 86-member senior class in the rural community where she was raised, she was also an outstanding athlete. In addition to being selected as a First-Team All Conference Volleyball player her junior and senior years of high school, she also ran track and played basketball.

Balancing academics and athletics is a challenge even for this high energy student. She plays right side option hitter for the Rhodes volleyball team, which takes a hefty bite of her day: daily practice runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It's a pretty big time commit-



ment. But it's something I really want to do," she says, adding that the athletic commitment also doubles as a social life. "I really love all the girls I'm playing with. There is a lot of talent on the team."

Another part of Eidemiller's busy social life is her involvement with Rhodes' Fellowship of Christian Athletes, whose meetings she usually attends after volleyball practice. She also attends Wednesday night meetings of the Rhodes Christian Fellowship.

On Thursday afternoons, Eidemiller, a Bonner Scholar, coaches sixth-grade girls in volleyball at Idlewild Elementary School in Memphis. Two other teammates coach sixth-graders at Snowden Elementary.

"We're teaching them about volleyball and how to become confident with themselves," she says. "They are very energetic and enthusiastic and a lot of fun to work with." Her only other teaching experience was a Sunday school class of preschoolers at Homedale Presbyterian Church in her hometown.

An avid hiker and novice rock climber, Eidemiller loves the outdoors, and says she is beginning to appreciate things about herself—including her love of open spaces, desire to travel and upbringing in a close-knit farming community—as she experiences life away from her family who live about 30 minutes from Boise. Her father is a dairy farmer and her mother, an elementary school teacher.

"My parents wanted travel to be a priority with us—to have the historical experiences that travel can bring and to interact with a variety of people," explains Eidemiller, ticking off names of cities and states she has visited from Maine to Florida. She says her family traveled during the summer to various parts of the country as her father met with other dairy farmers affiliated

with the United Dairy Industry Association. She has seen much of the Midwest and East Coast, some of California, and Alberta and British Columbia in Canada.

"We were exposed to all different kinds of lifestyles we wouldn't have had access to in Idaho. It really opened our eyes," she says, including those of her older brother Seth, who is planning a semester abroad next year in Argentina.

Last summer her desire to travel and a casual interest in archaeology landed Eidemiller in a kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee. As she recalls her experience, her eyes widen and her voice becomes excited. She says her mother saw a newspaper story about a group from a nearby college planning an excavation trip to the Bethsaida site in Israel.

"My parents and I decided it would be really good for me to go, and I found myself in a group of 10 other people headed to L.A. to Tel Aviv," she said, revealing a trace of incredulousness in having made the trip. The group of college students, a professor and three amateur archaeologists joined other volunteers who spent three weeks sifting through the Bethsaida site hunting for shards of pottery, bone and other items. On her last day at the site, she reports happily, she uncovered a grinding stone. The last week of the expedition was spent visiting sites in Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and Bethlehem.

"It was amazing," Eidemiller says, sharing a scene at a 5,000-year-old olive tree that the members of the group encircled with stretched arms and hands. "To be in the heart of the Holy Land where it all happened is mind-boggling! The history in that

place is endless. We are so young, in contrast."

—Susan McLain Sullivan

Adele Hines '99

"I feel I have to get involved in everything," says Rhodes sophomore Adele Hines, echoing a philosophy she's had ever since she was a little girl following in the footsteps of an admired older brother. She has always looked for ways to excel in her own right since coming to Rhodes, intending to make the most of her college experience. As she closes in on the first semester of her sophomore year, she can already look back on an impressive record of involvement.



A native Memphian, Hines attended Whitehaven High School where her brother Jeffrey had been a student leader. Initially known as "Jeffrey's little sister," she worked hard at—and succeeded in—establishing her own identity through involvement in student activities. During her senior year she was featured in *Ebony* magazine as one of the top high school seniors in the country.

When she started planning for college, 20 universities out of 21 accepted her, including Princeton, Duke and Williams, but Rhodes was her choice. "I knew I could get the same education or better here," she says. She decided to live on campus rather than commute because she "wanted to get more out of the college experience." And once at Rhodes, she didn't waste any time. "I wanted to see what was here and what I could be involved in."

With the blessing of faculty adviser Prof. Sue Legge, Hines signed up for a class overload and signed on for nine extracurricular activities.

Through the Bonner program, AmeriCorps and a math tutoring program, she spent a great deal of time at nearby Snowden Elementary School. There she tutored and mentored students both in and out of the classroom. She also joined an "adopt a friend" program that connected her with a Snowden student whom she could tutor and spend time with on a one-to-one basis. This mutually beneficial arrangement gave them each a sympathetic ear. It also gave the Snowden student an academic boost.

Hines was criticized by some of her peers for her eagerness to take on so many extra responsibilities, including Rhodes' spring break service trip last year to Reynosa, Mexico.

"A lot of people said I wouldn't make it because I don't like to get dirty and I don't like to be cold. But there I was, dirty and cold, using a power saw and mixing cement."

In addition to her hands-on style, Hines has a reflective side. Last year she submitted poetry to *The Southwestern Review*. "I keep a journal and since the 10th grade have written poetry," she says. Ten of her poems have been published in national poetry anthologies and she has placed in

national poetry, essay and play competitions.

At the end of her first year, Hines had a 3.3 grade point average, an impressive achievement, though lower than she wanted. "But I make a trade-off," she says. "I could aim for a 4.0 and do nothing or accept a 3.3 and do everything. I know people with a 4.0, but they aren't happy. They study all the time. College should be more than that."

As a sophomore, Hines is putting her extracurricular activities in perspective and has even eliminated some. "I'm trying to focus on moving into upper level leadership roles," she says, noting that last year she was corresponding secretary for the Black Student Association. This year she is second vice president. "If I'm in a group, I want to have responsibilities. I don't want to be just a member."

One of her new responsibilities is that of a peer assistant for first-year students. "I had 10 guys in my group," she explains. "I was one of the few who had all males and I thought I was going to have a problem, but I didn't. Some of the guys still call me for advice and come to me with questions about all sorts of things."

She continues her involvement with some off-campus organizations in which she became involved last year. Every Saturday she works at the National Civil Rights Museum as a tour guide, storyteller and greeter. The curator there now wants her to develop some workshops. She also works off-campus with the NAACP and has been a student liaison for ACT-SO (the national Afro-Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics). Through ACT-SO Hines had the opportunity in high school to hear South African president Nelson Mandela and meet and speak with American civil rights icon Rosa Parks.

Another interest is the African-

American Student Visitation Weekend, a program she worked on her first year at Rhodes. The event provides panel discussions and other activities of interest to African-American high school students who are making their college selections.

Hines spent last summer working at an internship with the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm. She has declared her major as business administration with an emphasis on accounting and is making plans to return to Rhodes after graduation for an M.S. in accounting. She wants to take the CPA exam and eventually go to law school "My mother started law school but didn't finish. She may be going back and this has inspired me," she says.

Even with all her activities, Hines confesses sometimes she feels like "I am sitting back doing nothing." She is eager to have left her mark at Rhodes. "I'd like to leave knowing that I was responsible for bringing some new organizations onto campus." Wherever life takes her, Hines will always try to make the most of every moment.

—John H. Rone

Damon Norcross '98

There's no pretension about Damon Norcross. A young man who knows himself and moves with ease among his peers, Norcross grew up in a working-class area of Atlanta attending public school and going to the Boys and Girls Club after classes every day.

The Rhodes Student Government vice president and Bonner Scholar still goes to the Boys and Girls Club—at Memphis' Dixie Homes public housing project during the academic year, and at his hometown club in the summer.

An outstanding high school student, Norcross was also a leader in the Keystone Club, a community service arm of the

Boys and Girls Club which he is currently helping to establish at Dixie Homes.

"We would visit retirement homes, provide mentoring in housing projects, hold car washes to go to national conferences and conduct recycling drives," Norcross says of his Atlanta days.

He was twice selected Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Atlanta, and was a member of Georgia's Dream Team, an Olympics-sponsored select group of students who lobbied International Olympic Committee members before Atlanta got the nod in an effort to show that the youth of Atlanta

supported the Olympics. He even got to go to Tokyo in 1992 for the announcement that Atlanta would indeed host the '96 summer games.

"Last summer the Boys and Girls Club received a lot of tickets for the games, so I was able to take the kids daily. We saw everything, including the women's basketball team win the gold," says Norcross. What's more, the international teams treated them like royalty everywhere they went. "The Swiss handball team gave us team pins and scarves; the Cuban baseball team, baseballs; and everyone gave us autographs."

Norcross, who never tired of the international crowds in downtown Atlanta during the Olympics, had been in Centennial Park the night the bomb went off, but left an hour and a half before it exploded. "The greatest thing was when the park reopened. The place was packed. To me, it was the triumph of the human spirit."

The Olympics gave Norcross and the boys unforgettable expe-

riences, but Norcross had one of his own five years before the games came to town.

Cross Keys High, his alma mater through tenth grade, is where Norcross started out. The Darlington School in Rome, Ga., a private boarding school an hour away from Atlanta, is where



he finished. He won a full scholarship to Darlington in his junior and senior years and with it, a bridge to Rhodes.

"If it weren't for Darlington, I wouldn't be at Rhodes," Norcross says. A major influence on his decision was his faculty adviser, George Awsumb '61, chairman of the school's fine arts department.

"Coming from an inner-city school of 1,600 students to Darlington—with 450 students—was a real transition, but it helped me decide what kind of college I wanted to go to. I wanted the same kind of small community that I had at Darlington," he says.

A political science major with a business minor, Norcross gives his Rhodes professors high marks. He particularly admires political science professor Steve Wirls' enthusiasm in the classroom "talking about things he deeply cares about." And economics professor Dee Birnbaum can "explain management like nobody else." The interdisciplinary "Life" course "has helped me a lot spiritually," says Norcross.

But the person Norcross credits most in his development is his mother Hannah and his extended family.

"My mother is really why I'm here now," he says. She's a very accepting person and open to a lot of things. When I was growing up she didn't sit me down

and lecture—everything she is is seen through her actions. She's a single mother and sacrificed a lot of things for me to be here."

His grandmother, aunt, three uncles and cousin "are just as influential as my mother," he says. All have shaped his view of community. "For instance, in hard

times, we pick each other up. We'll live together from time to time. We're there for each other, no matter what. That has shaped everything about me. It's the essence of what I am."

Career plans for Norcross include working for a couple of years after graduation, preferably not in the South, just to "open myself up," then getting his M.B.A. After that, he wants to run a non-profit organization, like a Boys and Girls Club.

—Martha Hunter Shepard

Bryant "Bear" Benson '97

He's called Bryant "Bear" Benson, and answers to any or all of those names. The Kingsport, Tenn., native with a major in biochemistry and minor in psychology plans to enter medical school next fall. He thinks he'll specialize either in psychiatry or pediatrics, but that's down the road. For now, he's committed to his studies that will get him there and to some campus organizations that also provide a variety

of skills he can use all his life.

President of the Honor Council, on which he has served for four years, Benson is also one of three codirectors of the spring break service trip to the Mexican border as well as chairman of SafeRides, the student-run weekend van service that shepherds students who request it safely back to campus after an evening out.

He doesn't own a computer, relying instead on the ones in the Computer Center and Chemistry Department. "If I had one, I'd be playing video games all the time," he jokes.

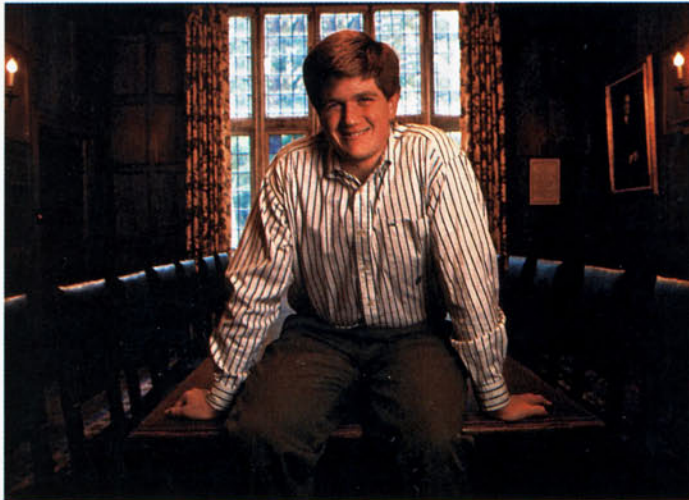
Benson wears the mantle of leadership easily, and always with ready humor and understanding—traits learned early at his parents' home in East Tennessee.

To his mother Terry, a high school English teacher, and father Jim, director of sales for Eastman Chemical, mealtimes were a family affair. "We were all required to be at every meal and to sit down and talk," says Bryant. The children were also expected to do well in school because "you can't get away with *anything* if your mother teaches in your school."

But mastering table manners and making good grades weren't the only skills Benson learned at an early age. When he was in eighth grade, his father's business took the family to Switzerland to live for three years. The Bensons traveled everywhere, learned to ski, and Bryant and his siblings attended a small school where their teachers hailed from all over Europe.

"It was the most influential time of my life," says Benson. "The main thing it taught me was how to handle transitions."

There were plenty to be made when he returned to the States, especially in coping with how he and his childhood friends had grown and changed. It was *déjà vu* when last summer he attended British Studies at Oxford. "You become such a different person living in another country," he says.



Benson's world view has served him well at Rhodes. For the last three years he has spent spring break not on the beach, but in Reynosa, Mexico, with other Rhodes students building playgrounds and houses for the impoverished residents along the Texas-Mexican border. Benson supervised the construction of two playgrounds his freshman and sophomore years, and last year, a playground and concrete houses that the families themselves helped build.

"The people are Mexican citizens who have been stopped at the border and have claimed squatters' rights," Benson explains. "The *colonias* where they live are built around garbage dumps." Far from repelling him, the squalid living conditions have brought him back every year to lend a hand. This spring will mark Benson's fourth year to participate in the popular alternative spring break program which always includes a

full complement of Rhodes volunteers, plus a hefty waiting list.

The hands-on organizational skills that serve Benson in Reynosa also serve him well on campus. As chairman of the SafeRides volunteer group, he's organized some 60 students into teams that are on call during weekends. Last year, he helped work out how expenses were to be shared with the Red Cross, which provides the van. The solution: all student drivers are now trained in first aid and CPR, and SafeRides pays for the gas.

Student accountability in any endeavor stems in large part from Benson's experience as a member, and now president, of the Honor Council. He says he's seen the council change during the years.

"A year and a half ago, a law firm that specializes in academic judicial boards reviewed the council's constitution and changed some of the wording. It's much more formal and specific now," says Benson, who believes the Honor Council is a more vital and respected organization than it was when he was a first-year student.

He was also pleased with the Honor Code signing ceremony for incoming students this fall (see page 15). To Benson, it was an educational experience as much as a solemn ceremony, and one he hopes will make a long-term impact on students and college alike.

When you ask him about his commitment to these campus organizations, the future doctor simply replies, "They provide a service that's needed."

—Martha Hunter Shepard **R**

Kinoshita, Tarver Take South Rolex Doubles

The women's tennis team had a successful weekend at the South Rolex Tournament held in Atlanta in early October. The doubles team of Nao Kinoshita '97 of Tokyo and Taylor Tarver '98 of Huntsville, Ala., captured its third straight title with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Emory University.

Kinoshita lost the singles final for the first time in three years to Ailena Toppla from Finland.

Fall Sports Roundup

VOLLEYBALL

The Rhodes volleyball team had a 14-14 record at mid-season. The Lynx faced eight of the top 20 volleyball teams in the nation at the Skyline Chili Classic in Cincinnati.

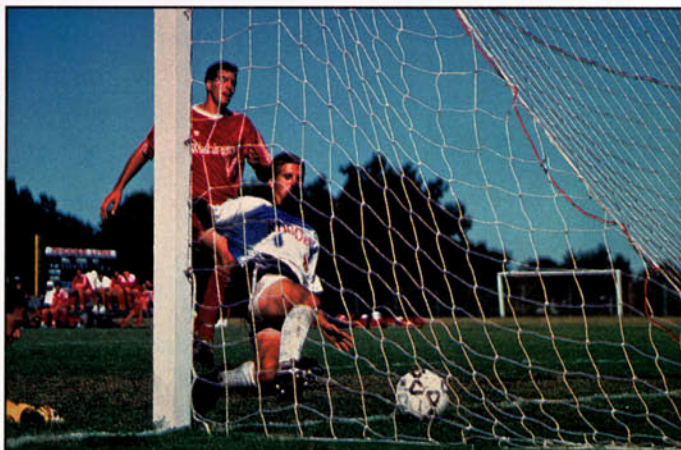
CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country teams ran to defend their SCAC championships this season. At mid-season the teams had competed in meets at University of Memphis, Vanderbilt Invitational and the prestigious SUNY-Courtlund Meet in New York state. The men's highest finish was fourth place at Vanderbilt and the women's, fourth place at Memphis.

FOOTBALL

After a tough loss at home to ranked Washington University 44-0 to start the season, the Lynx went on the road for three games losing to Millsaps 28-22 in overtime, beating Austin College 35-0 and losing to power Carnegie Mellon 17-0.

At midseason, sophomore running back Darrell Brown led the team in rushing with 365 yards. Seniors Jimmie Glorioso and Don Purvis were the Lynx passing tandem. Glorioso had 337 yards passing and Purvis, 18 catches for 291 yards. Junior linebacker Fred Wix led the team in tackles with 41.



Freshman Jason Pierce of Germantown, Tenn., scores against Washington University.

Photo by Enrique Espinosa '97

SOCCER

At midseason the men's soccer team had a 7-2 overall record, 1-0 in the SCAC. The Lynx won 5 in a row after starting the season 2-2. Senior Neil Brunetz led the team and the conference in scoring.

The women had a 6-3 overall record, 1-0 in the SCAC at midseason. The Lynx played a tough non-conference schedule in the early season, with all three of their losses coming from top Division III competition: Wilmington-Ohio, Calvin-Michigan, and Washington-Missouri.

Campus Life Center Alumni Memberships Now Available

Memberships for the Bryan Campus Life Center are now available to Rhodes alumni.

For out-of-town alumni who use the Bryan Campus Life Center, there is a \$5 daily fee. No sponsorship is required.

Annual and summer-only membership rates have been established for individuals, couples and families,

with special rates for the classes of 1994 and '95. Members of the latest graduating class can use the facility for free.

Locker rental is available, and free towel service is provided.

For membership information, contact Matt Dean, director of the Bryan Campus Life Center, (901) 726-3954; fax: (901) 726-3749; email:

mdean@rhodes.edu.

Correction

The summer issue of *Rhodes* incorrectly stated on the back cover that the 1896 football team played only one game that year against Vanderbilt, the 36-0 winner. In fact, the team also played the University of Nashville, the Nashville Athletic Club and Bethel College. Rhodes beat Bethel 6-0 by default, however lost to University of Nashville 26-0 and Nashville Athletic Club, 18-0.

Calendar

ART

NOV 1-30 *Memphis in Postcards* exhibit featuring views of Memphis from approximately 1880-1950 from the collection of Patrick McCarver; Burrow Library, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sundays. (Closed Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27-Dec. 1) FREE

NOV 9-DEC 14 Sculpture by Rhodes art professor Carol Stewart; opening reception, Nov. 8, 5-7 p.m. Clough-Hanson Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed during Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 27-Dec. 1) FREE

JAN 18-FEB 14 Bronze work by James Cooper, oil on plaster and mixed media by Don Estes, paper work by Anita Jones; opening reception Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m. Clough-Hanson Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

FEB 22-MAR 22 Installations by Alonzo Davis and Greely Myatt; opening reception Feb. 21, 5-7 p.m. Clough-Hanson

Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed during spring break March 8-16) FREE

MUSIC

NOV 14 Evergreen Concert Series featuring organist David Ramsey, Rhodes associate professor of music. Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University, 8 p.m. FREE



NOV 18 Rhodes College Community Orchestra Concert conducted by Charles Clark. Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. FREE

DEC 8 The Rhodes Choral Music Series presents *Hodie* (This Day) by Ralph Vaughan Williams featuring the

Memphis Symphony Orchestra and *Hodie* Festival Chorus conducted by Tony Lee Garner. Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University, 4 p.m. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$8 students and seniors. For information, call the McCoy Theatre Box Office (901) 726-3839.



DEC 10 The Rhodes Choral Music Series presents Christmas at St. Mary's featuring the Rhodes College Singers, Rhodes Music Academy Children's Chorus, Rhodes Music Academy Young Singers, Germantown United Methodist Church Matins Handbell Choir, Evergreen Presbyterian Church Jubilate Bell Choir, Recorder

Choir, Rhodes Brass Quartet. St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, 700 Poplar Ave. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$4 students and seniors. For information, call the McCoy Theatre Box Office (901) 726-3839.

DEC 11 Rhodes Singers Campus Christmas Concert, Hardie Auditorium, 6 p.m. FREE

JAN 19 Faculty Recital to benefit the Music Academy Scholarship Fund; Shirley M. Payne Recital Hall, Hassell Hall, 3 p.m. (Admission free but donations to the Music Academy Scholarship Fund accepted at door.)

JAN 28 Faculty Concert featuring Diane Clark, soprano, and David Ramsey, piano; Shirley M. Payne

Recital Hall, Hassell Hall, 8 p.m. FREE

FEB 3 Ceruti Spring Quartet, University of Memphis Quartet in residence, featuring University of Memphis faculty members Susan Waterbury, violin, Lenny Schranze, viola, Peter Spurbeck, cello, and Rhodes faculty member Kathleen

November-April

Powell, violin; Shirley M. Payne Recital Hall, Hassell Hall, 8 p.m. FREE

FEB 23 The Rhodes Choral Music Series presents *St. Matthew Passion* by Johann Sebastian Bach featuring the Memphis Symphony Chamber Orchestra and the Rhodes Mastersingers Chorale, conducted by Tony Lee Garner; also performing, the Music Academy Children's Chorus, Susan Van Dyke, director; Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University St. 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$8 students and seniors. For information, call the McCoy Theatre Box Office (901) 726-3839.

MAR 3 Recital of Czech Music featuring the Rhodes music faculty; Shirley M. Payne Recital Hall, Hassell Hall, 8 p.m. FREE

MAR 7-8 Flute Festival Mid South 1997 featuring guest artists Dr. Mary Karen Clardy from the University of North Texas and the Dallas Symphony and Jan Gippo of the St. Louis Symphony. For information call the Rhodes Music Department (901) 726-3775.

MAR 18 McCoy Visiting Artist Series featuring the Jubal Trio; Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. For ticket information call the Rhodes Music Department, (901) 726-3775.



NOV 7-9; 16-17; 21-22 Michael Cristofer's *The Shadow Box* directed by Brian Mott '87; in repertory with *Pippin*. 2 p.m. matinee Nov. 17, all other performances at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 students. For information, call the McCoy Theatre box office, (901) 726-3839.

FEB 13-15; 21-23 *Our Country's Good* by Timberlake Wertenbaker, directed by Thomas Cadwaled-

McCoy Theatre box office, (901) 726-3839.

APR 10-12, 17-20 *Ernest in Love*, book and lyrics by Anne Crosswell, music by Lee Pockriss, directed by Barry Fuller. 2 p.m. matinee April 20, all other performances at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. For information, call the McCoy Theatre box office, (901) 726-3839.

THEATRE

OCT 31-NOV 2; NOV 14-15; 23-24 *Pippin*, book by Roger O. Hirshon, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, directed by assistant professor of theater Cookie Ewing; in repertory with *The Shadow Box*. 2 p.m. matinee Nov. 24, all other performances at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. For information, call the McCoy Theatre box office, (901) 726-3839.



er Jones, Rhodes associate professor of theater. 2 p.m. matinee Feb. 23, all other performances at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 students. For information, call the

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Heading to class on an autumn day, Marty Newcomb '98 (left), Dave Harrison '97 (center) and Bryan Smith '98 make their way through the arch between Robinson and Williford Halls.

Photo by Trey Clark