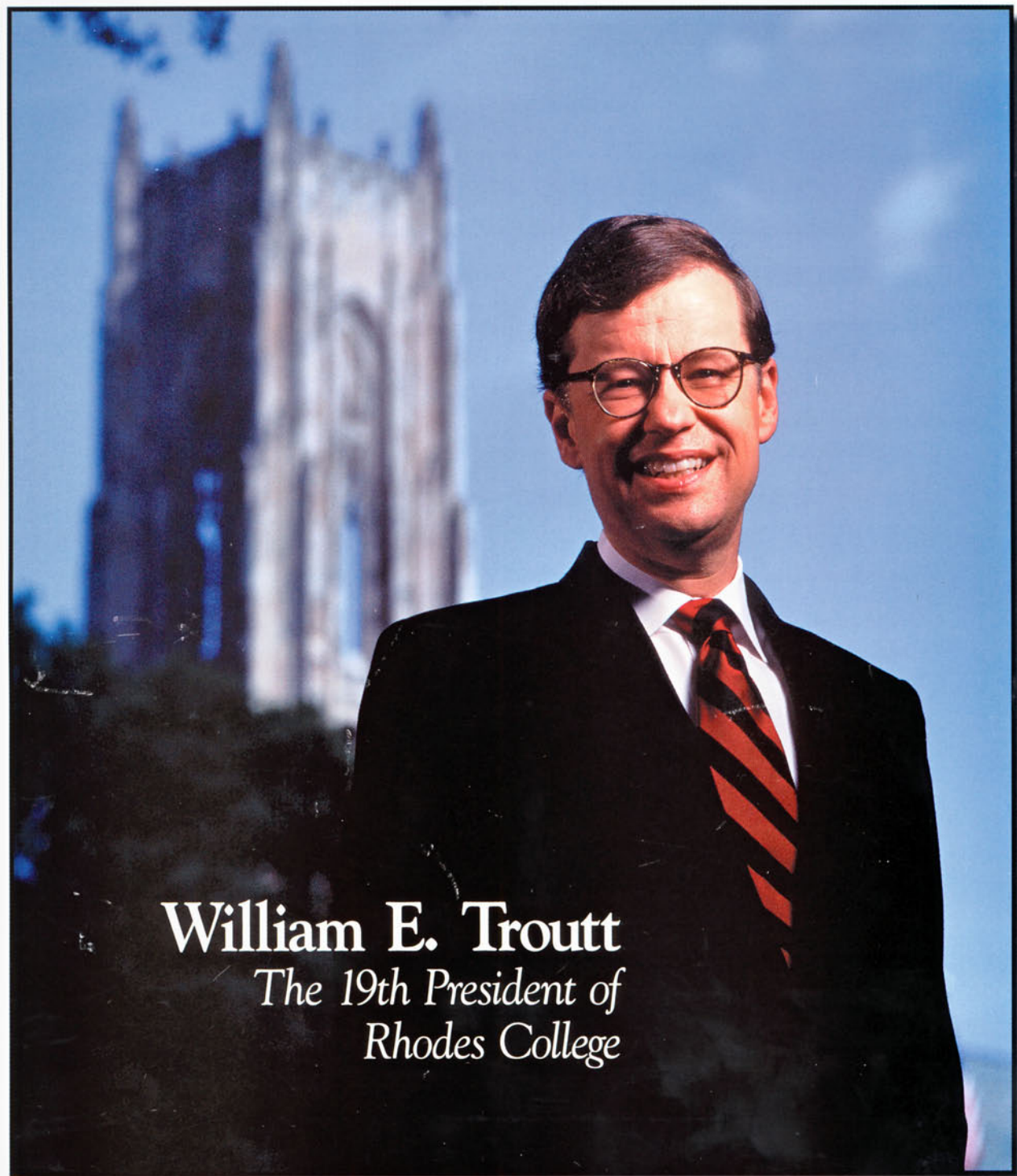


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**William E. Troutt**  
*The 19th President of  
Rhodes College*



# FROM THE EDITOR



## Commencement

Commencement is a beginning. It's the moment when Rhodes seniors enter Fisher Garden as undergraduates, then with degree in hand, go out into the world. Rhodes marked its 150th commencement this year, the end of a century and a half, and the bright beginning of another.

This issue of RHODES features several kinds of beginnings:

- A profile of the college's new president, William E. Troutt, who took office July 1
- The hopes and plans of seven members of the class of '99
- Prof. Michael Nelson's report on Rhodes' Teaching the Humanities conference and other national institutions' efforts to establish similar interdisciplinary courses
- Prof. Andrew Michta's view of NATO as it begins its next 50 years
- An update on campus innovations and renovations for this fall's incoming and returning students

"Look with favor upon a bold beginning," wrote the poet Virgil. Now is the time.

—Martha Hunter Shepard

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Bill and Carole Troutt

# Introducing the Troutts

The 19th president and the first lady of Rhodes

*By Martha Hunter Shepard*



**M**eet Bill and Carole Troutt, and right away you feel that you've known them forever. It happens that fast. Your first impressions go far beyond their warm smiles and handshakes, eyes that look straight into yours, the direct questions they pose. These are two people who enjoy every moment of what they do.

William Earl Troutt, president of Belmont University in Nashville for the past 17 years, on July 1 became the 19th president of Rhodes College. He brings with him the love of the office along with solid leadership experience and scholarly credentials.

He has called Rhodes "a special place, one of the nation's finest liberal arts colleges," where he looks forward to working with "a great community of students, faculty, staff and trustees in making a truly outstanding college even better."

Bill Troutt comes to Rhodes with a most impressive record. Under his leadership, Belmont's enrollment increased by 75 percent, average ACT scores of entering first-year students went from 16 to 25 and the university raised more than \$125 million for endowment, facilities and operating needs.

At Rhodes, he has said that he plans "to build on Rhodes' solid accomplishments." To Troutt, that certainly means numbers—with equal weight given to academics, scholarship and inclusiveness, the very base of a highly successful, nationally-recognized liberal arts institution.

His experience in these matters is deep and wide. Bill Troutt knew he wanted to be a college president when he was a student at Union University in the late 1960s. At first, the philosophy/religion major was on track to be a Baptist minister, but his "journey as an undergraduate student was a time for clarification about a lot of things," he says.

"It became clear to me that I could be a responsible steward of my gifts and do something besides be a minister," explains Troutt. "College, especially my major professors, meant so much to me that I really wanted to spend my life doing that. I wanted to be a college administrator. So when I graduated, I had my course set on trying to be a college president."

It was a far-off goal, yet Troutt set out to

acquire the necessary credentials. He worked in admissions at Union, earned a M.A. in higher education/philosophy from the University of Louisville and a Ph.D. in higher education at Vanderbilt. He worked as assistant director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), a senior associate at the McManis Associates Inc. management consulting firm in Washington, DC, and executive vice president of Belmont before becoming president in 1982.



President Troutt with rising seniors Christine Knipscheer (foreground) and Casey Williams

At THEC he was involved in a national project that assessed how Tennessee's funding formula could include recognition of institutional performance.

"It gave me an opportunity to learn finance, instruction and assessment. We became national consultants on these topics. It was a great time of learning for me."

As it turns out, every endeavor he undertakes is a learning experience. From 1997-98 he chaired the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, an 11-member panel of the nation's top educators authorized by Congress. The panel members elected him chair. The commission's findings served as a guide for the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1998. Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) appointed Troutt to the commission at the recommendation of a Belmont parent who is a longtime associate of Sen. Lott.

"It was a great opportunity to lead and make a difference on an issue many people in



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A hallway conversation with Katherine Owen Richardson '83, director of international programs

the country think is the number one issue in higher education—affordability. It was another great learning time for me," says Troutt.

He serves on the board of directors of the American Council on Education, an umbrella organization for all higher education associations. In February he will become chairman of the Washington, DC-based National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). The spring board meeting, which will be in Memphis, will include a tour of Rhodes.

"There will be a lot of issues on the table at that meeting—regulations that affect colleges and universities, federal financial aid—in general how we make the case for independent higher education," Troutt says.

According to David Warren, NAICU president and former president of Ohio Wesleyan University, there's nobody like Bill Troutt to make that case.

"He has done a stunning job for all of us in higher education," says Warren. "He did a

spectacular job as chairman of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, and his exemplary administrative work at Belmont has made the university a most efficient and effective institution. He is among the handful of the very best and brightest."



Checking the calendar with administrative assistant Marci Hendrix



## In the beginning

**B**ill Troutt met Carole Pearson, a petite, blue-eyed beauty from Bells, TN, when they were students at Union University. Troutt hailed from Bolivar, another West Tennessee town. They had one date her freshman year, "but it didn't take," she laughs. However, their senior year found them in the same comparative religion class. As part of the course, they went to services



Reviewing a conceptual drawing of plans for a new residence hall with Allen Boone '71, dean of administrative services

at a synagogue together. Soon after, their relationship began to "take," and they married in 1970.

"We have a great deal of love in our hearts for that synagogue," he says.

Children came a few years later—Carole Ann, who is working on a master's degree in systems engineering at the University of Virginia and who will be married in August, and Jackson Cunliffe, or Jack, a student at Arizona State.

Though raised in the Baptist tradition, the Troutts made the decision early in the Rhodes interview process that if he were to become president, they would follow in the steps of past Rhodes Presidents Peyton Rhodes, David Alexander and James Daughdrill and join Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

For Carole Pearson Troutt, coming to Rhodes is something she always wanted to do. In high school, Rhodes was her number one choice of colleges. But with two younger brothers coming along and an attractive scholarship offer from Union—her mother's alma mater—the good daughter chose Union.

At the same time, one of Bill Troutt's teachers

urged him to go to Rhodes, while another suggested the physics whiz attend MIT, and another, Union. He didn't go to Rhodes, but he got Rhodes to come to Bolivar.

"When I was a senior I was head of the student committee to select a graduation speaker for our class at Bolivar Central High School. So, I thought if we could get the president of Rhodes, David Alexander, that would be a wonderful thing for the school. And he came! Our high school graduation speaker for the class of 1967 was young President David Alexander. That was my earliest encounter with Rhodes."

## Closeups

**T**he Troutts have an Old English sheepdog named Martha and a cat called Nietzsche. They rise in the morning to Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" sounding from their wakeup alarm. He's a treadmill runner; she, an outdoor runner who also practices the yoga she learned in a Belmont physical education class last fall. Both enjoy reading, he, biography; she, fiction. When it comes to food, he prefers not to eat chicken, but will eat turkey. He loves seafood and enjoys beef on occasion, and both like almost any kind of ethnic food.

They love music, especially President Troutt, who, as a young musician in the 1960s, enjoyed fleeting fame on a national television show.

A saxophonist in his high school band, he also played with a put-together group he and his friends called the Bolivar Brass. The Brass won the Hardeman County Fair talent contest, then progressed to Memphis' Mid-South Fair, where one of Ted Mack's agents spotted them and got them a gig on the *Original Amateur Hour*.

"We had a wonderful time, but did not win," he says. "But it was something for a bunch of boys from a small town in West Tennessee to appear in the studio where The Beatles had played a short time earlier on the Ed Sullivan show."

He hints that a kinescope recording of that show might be seen on request.

Troutt also lent his talents to Belmont's annual President's Concert, playing saxophone with the jazz band, even conducting a 300-member chorus, for which he learned choral conducting. One year he learned to tap dance for the show.

"That's the one time I did bring the house down," he laughs.





Dr. Troutt greets Dr. Paul Tudor Jones '32, pastor emeritus of Idlewild Presbyterian Church, before the two head out to lunch

*“As I have come to learn about management, if you can build a culture based on governing ideas rather than pages and pages of policies and procedures, it’s a better environment for people to thrive and grow.”*



Kevin Barré

## Leadership

**T**o his former colleagues at Belmont, Troutt always brought the house down—not necessarily as a performer, but definitely as a leader and friend.

“He truly promotes open, honest communication. And he’s not afraid of feedback,” declares Belmont religion professor Ben Curtis. “He has a ton of savvy in relating to different kinds of people. He’s well-trained, but he’s not forgotten where he comes from. He has a clear commitment to what higher education is all about: to equip young people with skills and values to make a solid contribution in helping others. And,” he admonishes, “he looks like a choirboy, but there’s a lot of toughness underneath.”

Eleanor Dunn, Troutt’s administrative assistant for 14 years, says she “never expected the friendship” the Troutts offered her. “We will be close friends as long as we live.”

Richard Fallis, dean of Belmont’s School of Humanities and Education, says that Troutt “is one of the main reasons I left Syracuse four years ago and took the job at Belmont. Bill Troutt is one of the most creative college presidents in the country. He’s built a very strong sense of community. He is a genuine, warm human being who doesn’t pay a lot of attention to a person’s title and rank.”

Belmont provost and interim president Jerry Warren says simply, “It’s interesting to have a mentor who’s 15 years younger than you.” **R**



# In His Own Words

**A**sk Bill Troutt about his ideas on leadership and you quickly discover that the subject is his passion. Here are some of his thoughts:

"I come to Rhodes College knowing it from the outside in. The first job I have is learning Rhodes from the inside out.

"First of all, letting people know they're loved is so important, and building a place where people's spirits can soar is an ongoing and fairly complex management task.

"You have to keep information flowing, or else rumors will run the organization. People live off of information, and if leaders do not provide good information, people will simply create their own.

"Once you've got information flowing, a number of things can happen. Mainly, you begin to let ideas govern. Workplaces are governed by one or two ways—they can be bound by rules or governed by ideas. As I have come to learn about management, if you can build a culture based on governing ideas rather than pages and pages of policies and procedures, it's a better environment for people to thrive and grow. As the ancient proverb says, 'The more rules you have, the more unhappy people are.'

"When I think about governing ideas, at the top of the list is vision. Vision represents a shared sense of the type of organization people want to create. In studying successful organizations, I find they all seem to have a shared sense of aspiration. A vision is not just something on which people have agreed, or something they see simply as an abstract concept. Properly devel-

oped, a vision is a guiding force in peoples' hearts.

"It's something that comes over a protracted dialogue. I look forward to getting that conversation underway at Rhodes.

Leaders, if they're doing a good job, ask people what lasting contributions they want to make and how their work can help the organization achieve its vision. Building a truly shared vision is very important work, but it takes time. I look forward in these early days at Rhodes to learn from people's hearts what they want to create.

"It is important that all members of an organization have their own specific vision of what they want to achieve and what they want to create. People are committed to what they really care about. Leaders help people continually think about their own personal vision and how it can be lived out through their work.

"Information flow, letting ideas govern, letting people learn and create—that's where I have been involved in all sorts of pro-

fessional development programs for faculty and staff. Leadership training and the opportunity to learn how to work and lead well foster unusually high levels of teamwork and innovation. It liberates people to do some very creative things.

"Again, it's terribly important to let people know that they're cared for. Often in higher education we act like love must be distributed on the curve. We must always remember that people long for authentic trust, respect and love. We have a limitless capacity to grow in that regard.

"Part of being governed by ideas is being governed by values. Values serve as guiding principles that shape daily actions. They provide a framework for daily decision-making. At my last place of service, we embraced three simple values: be honest, treat every person with respect and listen and learn from everyone. When you genuinely embrace these kinds of values it is a very liberating thing for people and the organization." **R**



President Troutt in conversation with Judith Rutschman, associate director of the Computer Center; Lemuel Russell, media services manager; Tim Huebner, assistant professor of history; and Frank Mora, assistant professor of international studies



## Commencement '99

Photos by Trey Clark



Honorands, left to right: Joseph R. Hyde, Douglas Oldenburg, President Daughdrill, Pauline Jones Hord '29, Sen. Bill Frist and Roger Malkin



Gini Cogswell



Greg Sims



Beth Simpson

## Phi Beta Kappa Award

Lisa Roy, an honors graduate in history, received the college's highest academic honor, the Phi Beta Kappa Prize. The award is given to the graduating senior who exemplifies the highest qualities of scholarship, achievement, creativity and commitment to the liberal arts and sciences.



Lisa Roy



Arthur Criscillis

## Distinguished Service Medal

Trustee Beth LeMaster Simpson '58 was the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Medal. The honor is bestowed to one who has selflessly given time and talent for the betterment of the college. Simpson, chair of the Margaret Hyde Council, was a founder and later director of the Kinney Program.

## Sullivan Awards

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award is bestowed annually to two graduating seniors and a non-student who have given selflessly to the college. Graduates Gini Cogswell and Greg Sims and Dean of Development Arthur Criscillis were this year's recipients.



## Two Rhodes Professors Win Top Faculty Honors

A historian and a religious studies scholar are the 1999 recipients of Rhodes' highest faculty honors, announced during the annual spring Awards Convocation. More than four dozen departmental and special awards and scholarships were presented to students during the convocation.

Associate professor of history Michael Drompp received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching, which includes a \$7,500 honorarium. Gail Streete, associate professor of religious studies, received the Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Research and/or Creativity, which carries a \$4,000 prize.

Both awards, first given in 1981, were established by Memphis businessman Clarence Day and are provided by the Day Foundation. Drompp, chairman of the Rhodes Department of History and the Asian Studies Program, has taught at the college for 10 years. He is recognized as an innovator in developing new courses and study materials and for his dedication to the

teaching profession.

A published authority on Chinese and Inner Asian history, Drompp has presented his research findings at meetings throughout the United States and Europe. In 1989, he was invited to speak at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Drompp holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Streete is noted for her biblical scholarship, with a focus on women in early Christianity and the New Testament. Her research interests also include a 14-year study of asceticism—the practice of abstinence as a measure of spiritual discipline—during early Christianity.

Streete has presented papers and published extensively in her field. A year's work as research associate and guest lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School engen-

dered her second book, *Her Image of Salvation: Female Saviors and Formative Christianity*. Her third and most recent book, *The Strange Woman: Power and Sex in the Bible*, was published in 1997.



Gail Streete and Michael Drompp

Russell Hays

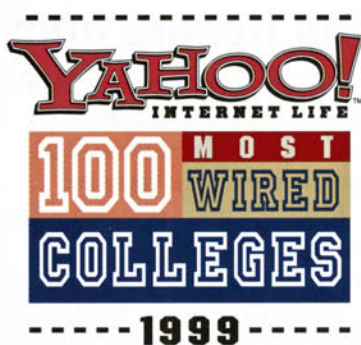
Streete has taught at Rhodes since 1990 and has served since 1992 as director of Women's Studies. Streete holds a bachelor's and two master's degrees from State University of New York at Buffalo. She earned a third master's and the doctorate in biblical studies from Drew University.

## Rhodes Hits Yahoo's 100 "Most Wired" List Again

*Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine has designated Rhodes as one of the most wired colleges in America for the second consecutive year.

Rhodes ranks 74th in the top 100 four-year institutions listed in the magazine's May issue and published online at <http://www.wiredcolleges.com>.

The survey of Internet capability in higher education considered all aspects of a college's or



university's "wired life." Rankings were based on four main cri-

teria: hardware, academics, free services and miscellaneous services, including Web restrictions and seeing-disabled services. Questions were grouped in 39 sections and e-mailed to 571 four-year institutions. Rhodes compared especially favorably in the sub-category of availability of computer technical support.

Rhodes was the only Tennessee college listed in the magazine's top 100.



## Faculty Members Barnhardt, Bolch Retire

Allen Barnhardt, associate professor of physics, and Ben Bolch, professor of economics, retired this spring.

Barnhardt, a 1959 graduate of Rhodes who joined the Rhodes faculty in 1965, has taught courses in electromagnetic theory, electronic and microprocessors and advised Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society.

While reminiscing about Barnhardt's 34 years at Rhodes, associate professor Jack Streete hailed his "dedicated teaching, research and service to the college," noting that Barnhardt has served as faculty marshal for the past 16 years.

Barnhardt was chairman of the Department of Physics from 1976-79. He also has headed the Health Professions Advisory Committee for pre-med students. His career has included research and consulting work with the U.S. Air Force, and in 1993 he won a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

After earning his M.S. from Vanderbilt University in 1961, Barnhardt taught at Western Kentucky State University for three years before coming to Rhodes.

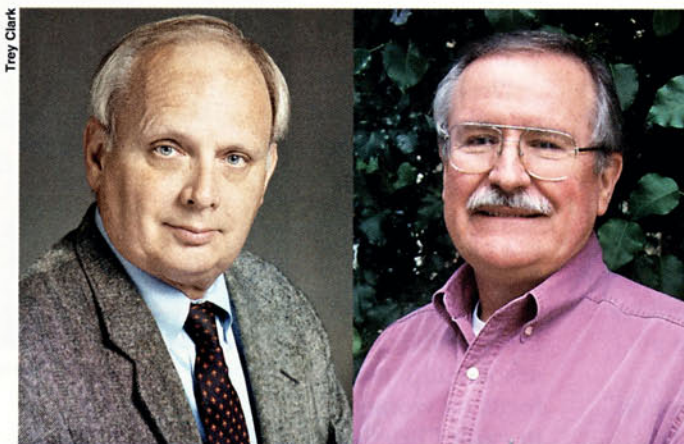
Bolch retires as the Robert McCallum Professor of Economics and Business Administration.

and outside of the academy made him an ideal choice as a mentor for Rhodes economics and business students," said colleague Mark McMahon. "He has former students literally all over the world, and every one of them knows that she or he owes a tremendous debt to Ben Bolch."

Bolch's work has appeared in numerous scholarly and professional journals, and he published two widely used textbooks while at Vanderbilt. His 1993 book, *Apocalypse Not: Science, Economics and Environmentalism*, co-authored with Rhodes professor emeritus Harold

Lyons, was cited by several national publications for its criticism of the environmental movement.

Bolch earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Emory University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Ben Bolch

Allen Barnhardt

When Bolch joined the Rhodes faculty in 1987, he brought a combination of scholarship and success in a business career. He had been chief financial officer for Racetrac Petroleum Inc. for four years after teaching at Vanderbilt University for 14 years.

"Ben's combination of education and experience both within

## Publications Merit Top Honors from TCPRA

The Rhodes Communications and College Relations staff won four awards in the Tennessee College Public Relations Association's annual competition this spring.

*Rhodes 150: A Sesquicentennial Yearbook*, commemorating Rhodes' 150th year and edited by Bennett Wood, won Best of Show from

among dozens of entries in 23 categories. The book also garnered a gold, the first-place award in the special publications category.

*RHODES* magazine also won a first-place gold for university / alumni magazine.

*Rhodes College: 150 Years*, a video produced by John Rone, claimed another first place in the

video program category.

A third-place bronze award for photography went to the cover photograph for the winter 1999 issue of *RHODES*, photographed by Trey Clark.

The awards were presented during TCPRA's annual spring meeting, held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.



## P.K. Seidman, CPA, Attorney And Rhodes Trustee, Dies

Rhodes benefactor and life trustee Phillip Kenneth "P.K." Seidman died June 23 after a brief illness. He was 92. Seidman, a certified public accountant and attorney, was a retired partner of BDO Seidman LLP, an accounting and consulting firm and the U.S. arm of BDO International.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, in 1907, Seidman was the youngest in a family with 14 children. He graduated from Columbia University in 1927 and joined Seidman and Seidman, a New York-based accounting firm founded in 1910 by his late brother, M.L. Seidman. Now known as BDO International, the firm is one of the world's largest accounting and consulting organizations. Seidman served as the company's chairman of the board from 1971-73.

Seidman was managing the firm's Grand Rapids, MI, office in 1933 when the federal government charged the firm to help enforce the National Recovery Act (NRA), a measure designed to help lift the country from the Great Depression. The firm was to monitor the lumber, milling and furniture industries to ensure compliance with NRA regulations.

Because Memphis was a hardwood lumber center, the firm sent Seidman to open a Memphis office to handle the NRA requirements.

Seidman's long association with Rhodes (then Southwestern) began soon after his arrival in Memphis. In 1937, he created Rhodes' Tom Seidman Memorial Award for excellence in scholarship and athletics, named for his nephew.

Later contributions included



P.K. Seidman

the Seidman Awards in Economics and Political Science for students; the J.S. Seidman International Studies Fellowship for faculty and the Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy, both named for brothers of P.K. Seidman; and the Leone White Seidman Scholarship, a memorial to Seidman's wife, who died in 1987.

The Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy, first given in 1974, is considered to have been second in international prestige to the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science, according to Mel Grinspan, Rhodes distinguished service professor emeritus, longtime associate and friend of Seidman and director of the award program.

Six recipients of the Seidman award in political economy later won the Nobel Prize. The award was terminated in 1998 because it had accomplished its mission of bringing international recognition to Rhodes and to Memphis,

Grinspan said.

One of Seidman's best-known legacies to Rhodes and Memphis is the annual M.L. Seidman Memorial Town Hall Lecture Series in which recognized authorities on current public issues participate in a town hall forum. The popular series has continued for 33 years.

Seidman was appointed to the college's board of trustees in 1977 and in 1980 was named life trustee. He was the 1986 recipient of Rhodes' Distinguished Service Medal and received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Rhodes in 1988. Seidman also received an honorary doctor of public service degree from Christian Brothers University in 1990.

The P.K. Seidman Distinguished Professorship in Political Economy at Rhodes was established in his honor in 1990 by Memphians Robert Buckman and Mertie Buckman.

Seidman was a founding member and president of the Charles E. Diehl Society at Rhodes and served on the college's President's Council.

A 1934 graduate of the University of Memphis law school, he co-authored the four-volume *Seidman's Legislative History of Federal Income and Excess Profits Tax Laws* and *The Man Who Likes Memphis*.

Seidman served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Torpedo Bombing Squadron VT 47 in the Pacific Fleet during World War II.

Throughout his life in Memphis, Seidman distinguished himself as one of the city's civic, cultural and philanthropic leaders. And wherever he went,



whether to a board meeting, social function or a brisk walk from his midtown home to his downtown office, he always wore a fresh white carnation pinned to his lapel.

Seidman served on many boards of directors and won numerous accolades for his accomplishments. He was a member of the Tennessee and American Bar associations and

more than two dozen arts, civic, professional and military veterans' organizations.

P.K. Seidman leaves a brother, Henry R. Seidman of Coconut Creek, FL.

## Rhodes Benefactor Mertie Willigar Buckman Dies

Memphis civic leader, philanthropist and Rhodes benefactor Mertie Willigar Buckman died June 1, 1999. She was 94.

She moved to Memphis with her family in 1941, when her husband, Dr. Stanley J. Buckman, and a friend established Central Laboratories, a chemical wood preservative manufacturing business. The Buckmans' relationship with Rhodes began soon after when a fire destroyed the company's laboratory facilities. Rhodes offered Dr. Buckman the use of its labs on campus until the company's facilities could be rebuilt. From that time forward the Buckman family's history has been inextricably tied with the college's.

In 1945 Dr. Buckman started Buckman Laboratories (now Bulab Holdings Inc.), an industrial and agricultural chemicals manufacturer, which today has plants and sales offices around the globe. From the beginning, Mertie Buckman held a seat on the company's board, retiring as assistant secretary-treasurer in 1993.

The New Hampshire native earned two degrees at the University of Washington—a B.S. in home economics, majoring in textiles, and a master's. Through a mutual friend she met Stanley Buckman, who was working on his Ph.D. in forestry. They married in 1933 and had two sons, Robert, who is chair of Bulab and a Rhodes Trustee, and John,

who died in 1979.

In 1990 Mertie Buckman and her family provided the initial major gift to construct Buckman



Mertie Buckman

Hall, which houses the international studies, business and economics and political science departments, along with the computer center.

The Buckman name is also found at Rhodes in the mathematics library, an international studies chair and professorship, endowment for the Kinney Program and international studies student fellowships for summer internships abroad.

A few blocks down East Parkway from Rhodes, another Buckman Hall stands at Christian Brothers University, and

traveling east to St. Mary's Episcopal School for Girls, the Mertie W. Buckman Performing and Fine Arts Center is a landmark at the campus.

Her philanthropy also reached out to the YWCA, Girls Inc., the Salvation Army, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and the public library, to which she'd recently donated \$1 million to the children's department.

In a 1990, shortly after ground had been broken for Buckman Hall, in a RHODES interview with Mertie Buckman writer Helen Watkins Norman said:

"In many ways, Buckman Hall will be as ageless as the matriarch of the family whose name it holds. It will be elegant and stately on the outside, sophisticated and modern indoors. And like her, it will help overturn barriers to learning and challenge young people to be their best."

## Alderson Takes State Title

Allison Alderson '99, who was voted Miss Memphis this spring, went on to win the Miss Tennessee title in June.

The Jackson, TN, native will compete in the Miss America Pageant in September. **R**



**O**n a glowing May morning, the Rhodes Class of '99 gathered in Fisher Memorial Garden for the second-to-last time as undergraduates. The occasion was commencement rehearsal followed by a champagne toast to their futures by Rhodes International Alumni Association President Doug Fancher.

"May you know the joy of a million sunsets," said Fancher, raising a glass of bubbling liquid. "May you never be apart from your family, your friends and your God. May the community you created here at Rhodes sustain and inspire you the rest of your lives. May you cherish each adventure you will encounter in your life. And may you encounter a lot of adventures. And may you always find your way back to Rhodes College."

Clad in sandals, shorts and T-shirts covered by black academic regalia and holding their own glasses aloft, most seniors wore expectant looks, perhaps anticipating the world awaiting them after commencement. Some appeared to reflect inwardly on the experiences of the past several

# glimpses

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Rhodes Office of Communications

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years, remembering triumphs and disappointments and good times. At least one was dreaming of running through the rain forest.

Here are glimpses into the lives of seven graduates of the Class of '99. Their reasons for coming to Rhodes are as diverse as their plans for the future.

## **Gini Cogswell** **Bound to Her** **Convictions**

Two Outward Bound trips into the wilderness during her high school years instilled in Gini Cogswell a deep respect for nature and a conviction that she had to do something to help conserve the environment. At Rhodes, she majored in biology, minored in anthropology/sociology and discovered that she could make a difference on her own college campus.

Cogswell, who hails from Atlanta, led a revival of Campus Green, a group of environmentally concerned students who helped establish a campus recycling program for paper, aluminum and cardboard.

"So much was going to landfills when it could be recycled," Cogswell says. "There was a need for someone to step in, and it had to be a student. I took that opportunity and it changed my life."



**Gini Cogswell**

The group undertook a "garbology" study in which they analyzed, for three days, the trash of five selected campus buildings and recorded their findings. The audit indicated that 50 percent of campus trash was paper. Campus Green's activism





Gerry Tansey

also resulted in Burrow Refectory switching to chlorine-free, less-expensive napkins made of recycled paper, Cogswell says.

Cogswell was awarded Rhodes' 1999 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for her outstanding achievements and was selected for the Rhodes Hall of Fame.

Championing conservation isn't an easy cause—some people don't realize the importance of it—but it brings its rewards, Cogswell says.

"I've followed my heart in the things I value, in what I thought I could do best. I've stepped out on a limb in this interest. I'm a minority, but I can take pride in that," she says.

Cogswell, who graduated *cum laude*, will enter the master's program in conservation ecology at the University of Georgia this fall. She says her career options could include working for the National Park Service or the National Wildlife Federation and advising corporations on issues involving sustainable development.

"I doubt if it's Rhodes' goal to make activists of their students, but if it is, I'm a prime example," she says.

## Gerry Tansey Chasing the Sun

Gerry Tansey of Florissant, MO, literally chased the sun during his sophomore year at Rhodes. The mathematics and physics major joined a scientific

mission to Panama to observe the sun's corona during a full solar eclipse. He recalls wearing an oxygen mask in the unpressurized cabin of a C-130 aircraft and having only four minutes in which to record precise measurements through a small hole in the fuselage.

The experience was thrilling for a man who didn't think he'd have a chance to attend Rhodes until he won a Morse scholarship.

"If you had told me before I came here that I would be a part of something like that, I'd have told you to 'go home,'" Tansey says.

Math was always Tansey's first love, but he fell hard for physics during the first course he took at Rhodes. His professor's challenge to "work harder than in all my other courses put together" only stimulated Tansey's appetite to learn more about the field.

"Understanding what goes on in the world, how nature works—I couldn't get enough of it," he says. "And math provided the perfect language for studying physics. I consider math to be like art, and the art is in the logic. Your only restriction is your imagination and logic."

Mathematicians often answer questions that haven't been asked yet, Tansey says, offering the example that Euclid's fifth postulate provided the basis for a new geometry that Einstein used for his theory of relativity.

On his way to joining Phi Beta Kappa during his junior year and then graduating *summa cum*



*laude* with a 4.0 grade point average, Tansey found time to do peer tutoring in physics and to captain Rhodes' College Bowl team, which managed to place second in its first regional tournament. College Bowl naturally attracted Tansey, who competed in the national championship semifinals for the TV show *Jeopardy* during his high school years.

Tansey was accepted to graduate programs at Yale, Brown, Cornell, Wisconsin, Michigan, Washington University and California Institute of Technology, but decided to enter graduate school in mathematics at Emory University this fall. He says he wants eventually to teach at a school like Rhodes, "where the students are motivated, bright and interested in learning."

"I would like to be able to share my love for what I do with younger people, to inspire them," Tansey says. "It's the one gift I can give."

## **Erin Riches and Melody Barnett** **Shared Interests**

Erin Riches and Melody Barnett shared more than a dormitory room at Rhodes. Both were scholarship students, Riches with a Bellingrath and Barnett with a Cambridge. Both discovered a love of art during their four years at Rhodes and changed their majors, Riches to studio art and Barnett, to art history. And both were editors of *The Sou'wester*.

Riches edited the student newspaper during her sophomore year, at which time she also started painting. It wasn't long after discovering a new way to express herself that she abandoned plans for a career in journalism and dedicated herself to her art and to completing requirements for the college's honors program.

"I wanted to do something different and to really challenge myself," says Riches, a native of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Riches describes Rhodes' faculty as the college's "greatest strength." "My professors taught me in such a way that I could integrate the different disciplines of learning," she says.

Riches, who graduated *cum laude* with honors, co-edited the spring 1999 edition of *Confluence*, the college's journal of humanities and social sciences. She is the 1999 recipient of Rhodes' Dionysian Award for Studio Art and the Sally Becker Grinspan Award for Artistic Achievement. Her art was included in this summer's MAX '99 show, a University of Memphis exhibition of works by contemporary artists.

Riches plans to establish a studio in Los Angeles during the next year and eventually earn a master of fine arts degree.

Graduate school is also a goal for Barnett, but that plan is on hold as she marries and begins her career this summer. She has accepted a job in the museum education department at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.



**Erin Riches and Melody Barnett**



An emphasis on teaching the classics and the reputation of the college's Department of English drew Barnett to Rhodes from her hometown of Arlington, TX. Rhodes' interdisciplinary approach to teaching and Barnett's double major in English and art history enriched her interest in critical theory of contemporary art, says the *cum laude* graduate and recent inductee into Phi Beta Kappa.

Barnett counts among her accomplishments an improved *Sou'wester*, where she was a staff member for four years and editor her senior year.

"It gave me a real sense of accomplishment to see it come out every week," she says. "I wanted it to be a paper that everyone on campus could use as a reliable news source."

Barnett is the 1999 recipient of Rhodes' Apollonian Award for Art History and the Allen Tate Creative Writing Award.

## David Elder

### Expectations Exceeded

David Elder's college shopping list included Rhodes, Wake Forest, Washington and Lee, Vanderbilt and William and Mary. As a high school student in Oklahoma City, Elder embarked on a tour of those campuses, looking for a school with a good academic reputation, small classes where he could get to know his teachers and fellow students and a challenging curriculum. First stop

on the tour was Rhodes.

"I was impressed by the campus and how I was treated during a tour of it," Elder recalls. "Afterward, when I visited the other schools, I kept comparing them to Rhodes, and none of them stood up to it. Rhodes was what I had always pictured as the place I wanted to go to college."

A 1995 *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of Rhodes in the nation's top 100 liberal arts colleges also influenced Elder's decision. He wasn't disappointed.

A political science major, Elder planned to enter the law field as an avenue to a political career. He found, however, a growing interest in the law itself, and attributes this to intellectual challenges posed by Rhodes political science professor Marcus Pohlmann.

"He sparked and nurtured in me a greater understanding and appreciation for the study of law," Elder says.

Outside the classroom, Elder joined Rhodes' mock trial team, which consistently places in the top 10 rankings of the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament. Elder served as captain for one of Rhodes' two groups competing in the 1999 tournament in Des Moines, IA; his team placed second in the nation behind Bellarmine College.

Elder also wrote for *The Sou'wester* and participated in Rhodes' Adopt-A-Friend program at Snowden School. He served as president of Phi Sigma Alpha political science honor society and joined Phi Beta Kappa his senior year.



David Elder





**Bolatumi Rasaki**

A *magna cum laude* graduate, Elder is the 1999 recipient of Rhodes' Abe Fortas Award for Excellence in Legal Studies. He will enter Harvard Law School this fall.

Of his experience at Rhodes, Elder says: "It's a great place. What makes it so great, aside from the aesthetics, are the people you meet, especially faculty and staff, from the top down. I've found everyone to be genuinely concerned about the students here."

## **Bolatumi Rasaki**

### **Learning on Many Levels**

Growing up in Nigeria, Bola Rasaki detested school but enjoyed extracurricular activities. She won dance contests and ran on winning track teams.

"I was good at everything that had nothing to do with school," she says, noting that her mother constantly encouraged her to focus on her studies and make good grades.

The fourth of 11 children, Rasaki was 12 when her mother died and the family moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, U.S.A. "I then decided to become a very diligent student," Rasaki says. "I guess my mother basically shaped the way that I think and my priorities even today."

Rasaki graduated from high school as a member of the National Honor Society. She says she struggled in her college studies but never gave up on

improving her grades. Now the owner of a bachelor of arts degree in accounting, Rasaki is proud that she continually raised her grade point average until it reached its highest peak during her senior year.

While a student at Rhodes, Rasaki plunged into many campus activities and organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and International House. She was a member of the track-and-field team for four years, was an all-conference champion and set the school record for shot put and discus-throwing. She choreographed dance performances on campus and, as a member of the college's Multicultural Affairs Programming Committee, helped plan and present Multicultural Awareness Week.

"Being involved with the many diverse student organizations really made a deep impact in my education at Rhodes," says Rasaki. "Sure, I learned economics, accounting and other subjects, but these organizations really enriched my knowledge about other ethnicity, races and cultures.

"I believe that in order to succeed, you have to be able to interact with all kinds of people. Being involved with these groups has helped me in appreciating other people's differences."

## **Emily Ferguson**

### **A Penchant for Plants**

Emily Ferguson's passion for flora sprang from summers spent working as a teenage tour guide in





**Emily Ferguson**

Bermuda Botanic Gardens. Her interest in plants, ecology and the environment led her to the Rhodes biology program, where she steeped herself in the study of botany.

Ferguson took advantage of study-abroad opportunities during each of her summer breaks while attending Rhodes because she wanted to experience other cultures and enhance her classroom learning. She participated in the college's Coral Reef Ecology program in Honduras after her first year. Following her sophomore year, Ferguson traveled to Egypt, where she studied women's roles in society and culture, and then to England, where she worked as a horticulturist at Hampton Court Palace outside London.

The high point of Ferguson's summer travels was the break between her junior and senior years, when she spent three months in Belize's rain forest working on the Ix Chel (meaning "Lady Goddess of the Rainbow") farm, living with the natives and learning about medicinal uses for plants.

"I've always had a quest for knowledge," Ferguson says. "I'm interested in helping to find cures for diseases for which there aren't cures."

Ferguson conducted tours of the farm's trail of medicinal trees and plants and directed a bush camp for children during that summer, a time when she learned to speak Mayan and Spanish-based Creole. She escaped sickness during a cholera epidemic and encountered tarantulas and snakes during jogs through the jungle. She also

worked with a local healer who had apprenticed with one of the region's revered shamans.

"I learned to harvest plants and prepare remedies that the farm would sell," Ferguson says. "The profits from selling the medicines go back into protecting the rain forest."

Ferguson experienced culture shock when she returned to Rhodes after her sojourn in the rain forest, but she soon settled into a routine she had grown to cherish. She served for a third year as a resident adviser to students: "That was a key experience for me—getting to know and become friends with so many people on campus," she says. For the fourth year, she ran on Rhodes' track-and-field teams, qualifying for the NCAA Division III cross-country national championships.

This summer, Ferguson has returned to her native Bermuda to work again in its botanical gardens, for which she has written five self-guided walking tours to be published by the Bermudian government. She has applied to the graduate program in ethnobotany at Florida International University and plans to earn her Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii.

Teaching could be in the future for Ferguson, who enjoys working with children. She has another dream to realize, as well. "I want to work in a vineyard in Florence, Italy, and then hang out in the rain forest and collect plant samples. That's an idealist's dream, but it's O.K. to have those kinds of dreams," Ferguson says. **R**



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By Andrew Shulman '99, RHODES Staff Writer

## Orientation to Begin Thursday Evening

Orientation will begin a little early this year. Thursday night, Aug. 19, will be the start of orientation, according to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Charles Landreth.

"Everything that we have had at Friday morning registration we will have on Thursday night," said Landreth.

Landreth said that many students are already here on Thursday night and could register either Thursday night or Friday morning. However, students still cannot stay the night in the dorms until Friday night. Dean of Administrative Services Allen Boone said that an additional I.D. maker will be available to help speed up that process.

The first-year students will not be the only new faces on campus at orientation. Marie Lindquist has been hired to serve as director of student orientation and leadership programs. A graduate of Simpson College in Indianola, IA, and Southern Illi-



Martha Hunter Shepard

nois University at Carbondale, she has served for the last two years as assistant director of student life at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA.

"As I examined the position at Rhodes, I talked with current students, recent alumni and current and former employees who

can do nothing but brag about the Rhodes College community," said Lindquist. "I look forward to becoming a part of it."

Lindquist also said that she looks forward to orientation—one of the areas of student affairs that she enjoys the most.

## Entering Class Is Largest Ever At Rhodes

The Class of 2003 is projected to be the largest and one of the most academically talented in Rhodes' history. More than 445 first-year and 20 transfer students are expected to arrive for the fall semester.

Students, on average, rank in the top 15 percent of their high school graduating class and have a grade point average of 3.55. Their average SAT-I score is 1288 and the average ACT score is 28.

The Class of 2003 is also the most geographically diverse in Rhodes' history, with students

representing 36 states and the District of Columbia. Twelve percent of the incoming class are minority students. Fifty-seven percent are female and 43 percent, male.

"We are excited to welcome such a large and talented group of students to Rhodes," said Dave Wottle, dean of admissions.

"Students regionally and nationally are showing an increased interest in the characteristics that make Rhodes a premier liberal arts college: academic excellence,

opportunities for intellectual growth, solid preparation for professional life and the development of values."

## College Welcomes New ADRLs

Keira Hamilton and Scott Evans join Rhodes this summer as the Assistant Directors of Residence Life (ADRL); Hamilton will live in the Williford



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Apartment and Evans in the Glassell Apartment.

The position is a graduate assistantship through the University of Memphis, where the ADRL is also a full-time student, according to Carol Casey, Rhodes director of residence life. Each ADRL is responsible for one side of the campus, chiefly supervising resident assistants, building rapport with residents and assisting with

administration of the residence life program.

Hamilton has a B.A. degree from Connecticut College in psychology based human relations. As an undergrad she supervised a residence hall and was a member of her college's track and field team. Most recently, she has worked as a teacher/counselor at Youth Villages in Memphis.

Evans was a psychology major

at Sewanee. A three-year member of the residence life staff there, his mentor was former Rhodes ADRL Michelle Thompson. Evans most recently has been working at a residential facility for troubled boys.

"I am really excited about Keira and Scott," said Casey. "With their previous experience, I think that they will make excellent additions to our Residence Life staff."

## Renovations Make Student-Friendly Campus Even Better

As soon as students left campus in May for summer break, workers began several extensive renovation projects. Ranging from adding new laboratories in Kennedy to painting the fence that surrounds the campus, there has been a lot going on at Rhodes. Dean of Administrative Services Allen Boone provided the following information.

- The Voorhies-Townsend-Trezevant quad has been the beneficiary of several improvements this summer. As residents who lived in these dorms this past year know, a lot of work has gone into upgrading the heating and air-conditioning systems. Radiators have been ripped out, as have the window air units, to be replaced by a new central system with individual room controls. There also is new carpeting in the hallways, and each room has mini-blinds and a fresh coat of paint.
- Three new "smart classrooms" will be coming online this year, each with a projector, VCR and a computer for instructor use. The new smart classrooms are located in 201 Kennedy, 302 Clough and 410

Rhodes Tower.

- Kennedy Hall is undergoing extensive renovation. New mechanical systems have been added, providing air conditioning for the whole building, including the laboratories. The three major labs have all been renovated.
- Returning students will notice that the Bailey Lane entrance has been repaved, along with the Glassell parking lot. And yes, the speed bumps have been replaced, tougher than ever.
- The rooms in Ellett are getting new furniture, and all the rooms in the Bellingrath-Robb-White-Ellett quad are being outfitted with mini-blinds. New boilers have been added to the quad, allowing for a more efficient heating system. The new system is energy efficient and environmentally friendly.
- In the refectory, Servery A will be renovated either in August or during winter break. The new servery will look more like Servery B, with an improved traffic flow and more individual stations.
- Residents of Stewart will have



Trey Clark

a few surprises when they return to campus. The social room has been repainted and new furniture will be awaiting residents in August. There also will be a kitchen added in Room 112.

- Williford is undergoing roof repairs, and second floor residents will find new furniture in the central social room.
- Physical Plant has moved to its new building and no longer occupies the Austin Building. The garage structure next to Austin has been torn down, affording a view of the Bryan Campus Life Center.
- Theater patrons will notice that the McCoy lobby has been renovated.
- In the Bryan Campus Life Center, new equipment will



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allow a more complete workout than before.

- Rhodes is becoming more technologically oriented with the conversion of the library's catalogue to a web-based system. Students will be able to use the new computers in the library to access the web-based catalogue. According to Lynne Blair, director of the Burrow Library, the web allows for information to be disseminated to students and will provide links to online journals.
- A new "Y2K-compliant" fire alarm system has been installed. The system allows for expansion modules to be

added, and according to Dean of Administrative Services Allen Boone, students may see the key system changed in the next few years to a proximity-based card system. The student's ID card will not only check out books and pay for meals, it will also open residence hall outer doors. Dean Boone also said that all systems on campus are Y2K compliant and that most if not all of the college's immediate vendors have certified that their systems are Y2K compliant as well.

- Biology Professor John Olsen headed a group that received a grant from the Plough Foun-

dation to refurbish some of the laboratories in the Frazier Jelke Science Center. The two introductory labs have become "smart labs," with the same amenities that the "smart classrooms" have, plus four new tangerine-colored iMacs. The imaging lab also received some new computers—three new Macintosh blue and white G3s. Two new photo quality printers have been purchased and a digital camera that can capture images on the microscope has been installed. The grant money also provided for a new scanner.

## Calendar of Events

**Aug. 19-24 New Student Orientation.** Meal plan begins for new students with dinner on Aug. 20. Returning students check in Aug. 22-23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Residence Life Office or 4 p.m.-8 a.m. at Campus Safety. Meal plan begins with dinner on Aug. 22. Enrollment clearance/registration Tuesday, Aug. 24

**Aug. 25 Classes begin**

**Aug. 31 Drop/add period ends**

**Oct. 15 Fall break,** 5 p.m. Oct. 15 until 8 a.m. Oct. 20. Residence halls remain open.\* Meal plan ends with lunch on Oct. 15 and resumes with dinner on Oct. 19. Lair remains open.

**Oct. 8-10 Parents' Weekend**

**Oct. 29-30 Homecoming**

**Oct. 29 Withdrawal period ends**

**Nov. 23 Thanksgiving break,** 10 p.m. Nov. 23 until 8 a.m. Nov. 29. Residence halls close 10 a.m. Nov. 24 and open 8 a.m. Nov. 28. Meal plan ends with dinner on Nov. 23 and resumes with dinner on Nov. 28.

**Dec. 10-15 Final exams.** Residence halls close at 10 a.m. Dec. 16. Meal plan ends with dinner on Dec. 15 and resumes with dinner on Jan. 9, 2000.

**Jan. 9 Residence halls open**

**Jan. 11 Enrollment clearance/registration**

**Jan. 12 Classes begin**

**Jan. 19 Drop/add period ends**

**Feb. 1 1999-2000 housing deposit due**

**March 3 Spring recess,** 5 p.m. March 3 until 8 a.m. March 13. Residence halls close 10 a.m. March 4 and open 8 a.m. March 12. Meal plan ends with lunch on March 3 and resumes with dinner on March 12.

**March 21-23 Housing selection** for returning students

**March 24 Withdrawal period ends**

**April 19 Easter recess begins,** 10 p.m. April. 19 until 8 a.m. April 24. Residence halls remain open.\* Meal plan ends with dinner on April 19 and resumes with dinner on April 23. Lair remains open.

**May 1-6 Final exams**

**May 7 Non-seniors check out of halls,** 3 p.m. Meal plan ends with lunch on May 7.

**May 13 Commencement,** 10 a.m. Seniors' meal plan ends with breakfast.

**May 14 Seniors check out of halls,** 3 p.m.

*\*On campus housing will be available in Blount and Robinson Halls.*





# IS THERE LIFE AFTER 50?

## NATO IN THE POST-COLD WAR WORLD

**By Andrew Michta**

**The Mertie Willigar Buckman Professor  
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**T**he North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been the most successful American foreign policy venture in this century. It was formed in 1949 by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States as an alliance of Western democracies against the communist threat in Europe. In addition to collective defense, NATO provided postwar Europe with a requisite security framework for democratization and political and economic integration. It deterred Soviet expansionism, bound the security of Europe and the United States and provided a formula for Western control and gradual



Although the end of the Cold War has led to an increase in isolationist sentiments in the United States, the recent experience of the Balkan wars has demonstrated to all but the most skeptical how important NATO and the American leadership of the alliance remain for the future of peace and stability in Europe.

reintegration of Germany. Though its original mission was to “keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down,” over the years NATO evolved to become a wider security community. In 1952 NATO brought in Greece and Turkey, and in 1955, restored Germany to its proper place in Europe. Spain became a full member of the alliance in 1982. In 1999 NATO again increased in size, from 16 to 19 members, reaching into post-communist Central Europe to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. This last round of enlargement coincided with a fundamental redefinition of NATO’s mission and its future role. As the transatlantic alliance celebrated its 50th anniversary in April 1999, it confronted its most difficult challenge since the Cold War: an intervention in Kosovo to stop Serbia from ethnically cleansing the province.

The key to NATO’s success during the Cold War was the principle of collective defense adopted under Article 5 of the 1949 Washington Treaty, whereby an attack on the territory of a member-state would trigger a collective response from the alliance. In the early years, however, the principle of mutuality existed largely on paper. Until the late 1950s NATO was essentially a unilateral U.S. security guarantee to Europe, backed up by American nuclear power. Under the “New Look” strategy of the Eisenhower administration, we were committed to the strategy of massive retaliation with nuclear weapons as a way to deter a Soviet attack. As long as the continental United States remained relatively invulnerable to a Soviet nuclear strike, the strategy was credible, but as progress in missile technology put the United States within the reach of Soviet weapons, the credibility of an American security guarantee to Europe was questioned. NATO responded by developing a conventional defense option and relying on enlargement as the formula to implement it. In 1955 West Germany was brought into the alliance and its armed forces (the Bundeswehr) became the core of European con-

ventional defense. The Soviets responded in May of 1955 by forming the Warsaw Pact signed by eight East European nations.

As NATO matured, it developed a set of political and military institutions to become the most highly bureaucratized alliance in history. Still, even as the European contribution to common defense increased, NATO continued to rely primarily on American military power, and the U.S. maintained its position of first among equals in the allied councils. This situation has not changed since the Cold War, and America continues to provide the bulk of NATO’s military capabilities.

The original framing of the transatlantic alliance rested on the special relationship between Great Britain and the United States (London was instrumental in launching the NATO initiative). France, as a quintessentially continental power, saw the “Anglo-Saxon” underpinnings of NATO as a threat to its power position in Europe. Franco-American tension within the alliance led in 1966 to the French withdrawal from the NATO military structure, though France remained part of the political structure of the alliance. In 1967 NATO opened its new headquarters in Brussels and adopted a two-sided strategy of deterrence and détente. At the same time, the doctrine of “flexible response,” which combined conventional forces with the traditional nuclear option, replaced massive retaliation. Over the years, enlargement accompanied the evolution of NATO’s mission. The alliance, which had been originally chartered with the defensive function as its principal *raison d’être*, by the 1980s began emphasizing the institution-building function as a formula to accelerate democratic transition and consolidation. NATO also played a key role in constraining the Greek-Turkish conflict. When in 1982 post-Franco Spain joined as the 16th NATO member, the defensive function and the institution-building function coexisted in rough balance.

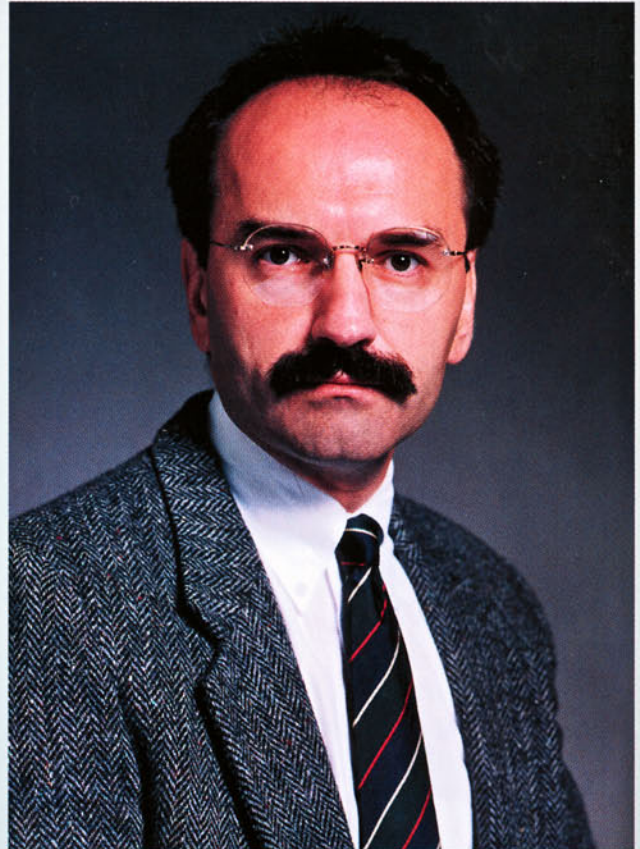


The Kosovo strife is not likely to be over for years to come, with NATO's resources now committed to the stability of the Balkan peninsula. Short of a partition and internationally supervised population transfers, it is unclear at this point how the crisis may be ultimately resolved.

### Why enlargement?

The implosion of the Soviet empire in Eastern Europe in 1989, the unification of Germany in 1990 and the decomposition of the Soviet Union itself in 1991 revolutionized the security dynamic in Europe. As the Warsaw Pact collapsed, Moscow's initial position was that both alliances should disappear and that unified Germany should become a non-NATO state. Critical to the future of NATO was a gradual change in the Soviet position, sealed in the July 1990 agreement between Mikhail Gorbachev and Helmut Kohl, that allowed for unified Germany to remain in NATO. The incorporation of East Germany into the German state was in effect the first post-Cold War round of NATO enlargement. It set an important precedent for the future by prohibiting the stationing of NATO troops in the newly incorporated territory and reaffirming Germany's commitment not to acquire weapons of mass destruction. The long-standing principle of the "forward deployment" of NATO troops to defend the allied territory was replaced in NATO's 1991 "Strategic Concept" with the idea of defense through reinforcement, with no actual NATO troop presence in the East.

The impact of German unification on Europe's geopolitics had to be addressed by the framers of the post-Cold War security architecture. The new Germany, with a population of 80 million and a gross domestic product twice that of France, emerged as Europe's undisputed leader. At the same time, Germany's continued commitment to the existing European and transatlantic institutions meant that the stability and security of Central Europe, especially Poland, was of vital national interest to the unified German state. The NATO enlargement policy was largely driven by Germany, with German chancellor Helmut Kohl and defense minister Volker Ruhe becoming the most vocal proponents of enlargement. Germany argued that by expanding to the East, NATO would stabilize the "gray zone" of



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Europe while also enhancing the security of its eastern periphery. By 1993 the pro-enlargement stance was progressively adopted by the Clinton administration, which in 1994 initiated the Partnership for Peace program as an interim step to full membership. In 1995 NATO launched its first "out-of-area" operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of the Dayton Peace Accord.

The NATO enlargement issue also had an American domestic policy dimension. During the 1996 U.S. presidential campaign both the Democrats and the Republicans pledged their support for bringing the three new members, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, into the alliance by the end of



The question of NATO-Russian relations will remain the most difficult for the alliance to manage for years to come because of the pivotal role Moscow played in ending the Serbian air campaign. Russia remains committed to the dismantling of NATO, or at least to halting any future enlargement to the East.

the decade. In May 1997 in Madrid the 16 NATO members issued a formal invitation to the three to apply for full membership. At the same time, in order to gain Russia's acquiescence, the allies offered Moscow the "NATO-Russia Founding Act." It established a special security partnership between NATO and Russia, and created the Permanent Joint Council to give Russia a voice in NATO's deliberations. Following the ratification by the legislatures of the 16 NATO members, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were formally admitted into the alliance on March 12, 1999, several weeks before the 50th anniversary NATO summit in Washington.

During the debate preceding enlargement, there was considerable argument in the American and European foreign policy communities about the impending shift in NATO's mission away from collective defense toward collective security. The proponents of change saw it as the necessary precondition for the survival of the "new NATO" after the Cold War, while its critics warned that NATO's principal role would be diluted in the process. The Balkan wars would provide the first test case for NATO's new mission.

### **The lessons from Kosovo**

In the spring of 1999 the Kosovo crisis escalated to an all-out war between NATO and Serbia, raising a number of questions about the direction of NATO's evolution and its future. The allied intervention was the first case of NATO actually going to war, and it marked a clear shift from defense to offense. There was much to criticize about the direction of American and European diplomacy leading up to the war, but once NATO engaged in the air campaign it became imperative that the alliance should remain united and that it prevail. Though the Kosovo conflict was joined over the plight of ethnic Albanians, the core question for NATO was whether its 19 members, act-

ing on a consensus principle, would be able to remain united as they waged a war that lacked uniform support among their publics.

The three months of air war against Serbia brought about mixed results. On one hand, the air campaign and Russian diplomacy convinced Serbian leadership that continued all-out resistance would be too costly and that an international force with NATO at the core would have to be allowed into Kosovo. Most important, NATO remained united (except for the issue of ground troops) and demonstrated that it can see through a commitment of military power, notwithstanding the political pitfalls and frequent differences of opinion. In short, NATO has survived its first combat test.

However, the lessons for NATO from the Kosovo war remain ambiguous. The intervention was undertaken largely because of America's view that NATO should stand for a "community of interests" that transcend narrowly defined national defense goals. Though NATO prevailed in its determination to continue the air war, it will have to pause to review the economic and political costs of the operation. As NATO's peacekeeping units entered Kosovo in June 1999, the alliance was undertaking an open-ended commitment to garrison and rebuild the region. The mission will remain dangerous, with NATO forces placed at risk of being drawn into a civil war. The most ambiguous lesson of the war fought in the name of human rights and self-determination was that, in the end, NATO seemed to have no alternative but to establish a protectorate in the Balkans extending from Kosovo through Albania and Macedonia. The Kosovo war has also cast serious doubt on the future prospects for NATO enlargement. If the next round of enlargement happens at all, the process will likely slow down considerably and it may emphasize again fundamental strategic considerations when choosing future members.

The question of NATO-Russian relations will



The most ambiguous lesson of the war fought in the name of human rights and self-determination was that, in the end, NATO seemed to have no alternative but to establish a protectorate in the Balkans extending from Kosovo through Albania and Macedonia.

remain the most difficult for the alliance to manage for years to come because of the pivotal role Moscow played in ending the Serbian air campaign. Russia remains committed to the dismantling of NATO, or at least to halting any future enlargement to the East. Having brokered the deal that ended the air campaign, Russia is now in a position to stake a claim to a special role in Serbia as the protector of its southern Slavic brethren. It may be that Russia's policy in Kosovo will make partitioning the province its objective, putting the Russians on a collision course with NATO.

### At a crossroads

Over the first 50 years of its existence, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has built a remarkable record. It has successfully deterred the Soviet Union and served as the principal tool of American foreign policy. It has pushed the security perimeter of the United States across the Atlantic, and in doing so laid a foundation for projecting U.S. interests and values across the globe. At the institutional level, in the past half century NATO has defined the central role of the West in the international system. It has ushered in the longest period of sustained peace the West has known in its history. By partially "de-nationalizing" the armed forces of its member states, NATO has made them less likely than ever before to become tools of individual states' expansionist policies.

In the political sphere, NATO has created a framework for transforming international relations in Western Europe from confrontation to cooperation. It brought Germany and France into a common security framework that (guaranteed by American power) has made Franco-German reconciliation possible. The inclusion of Poland in NATO in 1999 has initiated an equally difficult process of Polish-German reconciliation, which holds potential for a historic shift in the security of Central Europe.

The 1999 round of enlargement, notwithstanding the procedural shortcomings and the often contradictory rationales for policy, has accomplished a historic shift in the political balance of power in Europe. The ultimate long-term success or failure of NATO enlargement has an important American foreign policy dimension. Although the end of the Cold War has led to an increase in isolationist sentiments in the United States, the recent experience of the Balkan wars has demonstrated to all but the most skeptical how important NATO and the American leadership of the alliance remain for the future of peace and stability in Europe.

The Kosovo strife is not likely to be over for years to come, with NATO's resources now committed to the stability of the Balkan peninsula. Short of a partition and internationally supervised population transfers, it is unclear at this point how the crisis may be ultimately resolved. NATO troops in Kosovo may find themselves in the middle of a low-intensity war in which they will become a target for both sides, as they are committed to demilitarizing both the Serbs and the Kosovo Liberation Army. The economic costs of rebuilding the region will also be considerable. Still, the fact that NATO has survived its first military test is a vivid testimony to the vitality of the alliance. NATO will continue to evolve as it adapts to the post-Cold War international system. It is likely to endure in the years to come because it embodies the core shared American and European security interests. **R**

*Andrew Michta's new book, America's New Allies: Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in NATO, will be published this fall by the University of Washington Press.*



The official title of the conference was "Teaching the Humanities," but it could just as easily have taken its name from the old Dave Brubeck-Gerry Mulligan jazz album: "Together Again for the First Time." Nearly 200 professors, representing more than 50 colleges and universities from California to Nova Scotia—the largest international gathering of scholars on the

way to keep students interested in lectures?" "Is that new translation of Machiavelli any good?"

The occasion for the conference was Rhodes' sesquicentennial. What better way to mark that milestone than by lifting high the college's major contribution to American higher education: the 54-year-old humanities program called "The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion"? (Davidson, Louisiana

public controversies about the content, strategies and methods of general education that are appropriate for colleges and universities.

Those controversies marked both a departure from and a continuity with the experience of earlier decades. From the 1920s through the 1940s, general education in the humanities usually meant "Western Civ," sometimes in the form of close study of the "Great Books." The two world wars had brought the United States into alliance with Great Britain and other European nations, reminding Americans of their Old World roots, both intel-

# Teaching the Humanities

BY MICHAEL NELSON

PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Rhodes campus in its 150-year history—came together last November out of a common interest in the Search (né Man) course and in Search's many cousins and offspring around the country.

For many of these classicists, historians, musicologists, literary scholars, philosophers, political scientists, Bible scholars and others, it was their first encounter with colleagues at other schools who, like them, are engaged in the enterprise of general education in the humanities. Yet they recognized each other instantly as fellow workers in the same vineyard and, without introductions or preliminaries, rapidly set about the task of discovering one another's answers to the questions they all had to deal with in their own programs every semester, previously in isolation, now in community. "Does your program incorporate art and music?" "Do you read non-Western works?" "How do you recruit new faculty to your program?" "Have you found a

State University, Sewanee, Eckerd, Millsaps, and Hampden-Sydney—schools that borrowed extensively from the Search course in creating their own interdisciplinary humanities programs—are among the direct beneficiaries of this contribution.) And what better service to Rhodes' sister institutions than to create a forum in which those who are engaged in similar enterprises at other colleges and universities could come together to share their ideas, experiences and problems.

Why has such a forum not existed before? Not because widespread discussion about the character of the humanities has been lacking—it hasn't. But that discussion has become singularly unhelpful in recent years. In the broad swath of academe that encompasses the humanities, the final decades of the 20th century have been marked by endless, sometimes bitter, and often highly

lectual and personal. The wars also had roused concerns in educational circles that Americans needed to be immersed in the ideals for which they were fighting on the battlefield.

The Cold War with the Soviet Union that followed World War II had a different effect. The combination of the Soviet explosion of a hydrogen bomb in 1953 and the *Sputnik* launch in 1957 provoked such widespread anxiety about American science education as to prompt a hasty turn away from general education in the humanities and toward academic specialization. In addition, the global rivalry with the Soviets in the emerging nations of the Third World diverted scholarly attention from Europe to Asia, Africa and South America. Responding to those changes, many colleges and universities ceased to require general Western civilization



courses of their students.

"When compulsion stopped," the historian Gilbert Allardyce reported in an article in the *American Historical Review*, "enrollment dwindled, and across the nation, one after another, Western Civ courses were decommissioned like old battleships."

Allardyce's study was published in 1982. In 1984 National Endowment for the Humanities chair William J. Bennett offered a different explanation for the declining interest in Western Civ and other humanities courses, one grounded in the anti-western and libertarian pressures that had been aroused by the campus protest movements of the 1960s. Bennett began his widely publicized report, *To Reclaim a Legacy*, by declaring that educators "too often have given up the great task of transmitting a culture to its rightful heirs." Blaming "a collective loss of nerve and faith on the part of both faculty and academic

administrators during the late 1960s and early 1970s [that] was undeniably destructive of the curriculum," Bennett issued a wideranging indictment: of colleges and universities for failing to require more humanities courses of their students; of humanities departments for assigning the teaching of general education courses to inexperienced or part-time faculty; and of politically radical humanities scholars for labeling the traditional teaching of their subjects as, alternately, "handmaidens of ideology" and devoid of "inherent meaning because all meaning is subjective." What stu-

dents needed, Bennett concluded, was "access to the best that [Western] tradition has to offer." Specifically, he listed "such principles as justice, liberty, government with the consent of the governed and equality under the law," all of them "descended directly from great epochs of Western civilization—Enlightenment England and France, Renaissance Florence and Periclean Athens."

Bennett's report struck a responsive chord among editorial writers and other opinion leaders, as did University of Chicago philosopher

the methods of approaching them." Like Bennett, Bloom laid much of the blame for the decline in general education on a '60s-spawned combination of political pressure from faculty activists on the humanistic left and acquiescence from timid colleagues and administrators in the middle.

Supporters of Bennett and Bloom (known to their critics as the "Killer Bs") seemed to find grist for their mill everywhere they looked. In 1988 conservatives jeered when Stanford University revised its Western

civilization requirement to assure that a wider range of authors would be studied and that "substantial attention" would be given to "the issues of race, gender, and class." Two years later "P.C." entered the national vocabulary as shorthand for a congeries of "politically correct" opinions and practices that supposedly had become the new academic orthodoxy concern-

ing race, gender, sexual orientation and other cultural matters.

Defenders of the changes that were taking place in the humanities were slow to respond to their critics. As the literary scholar Gerald Graff, who identified himself as one of the "academic radicals" he describes, noted in 1992, "having trained themselves for two decades to speak in voices that would be resistant to cooptation by the dominant discourses, academic radicals find themselves almost without an idiom in which to contest the misrepresentations being made of them.... Thus the right has been able to coopt the rhetoric of



Michael Nelson in the classroom

Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind*, a polemic on the subject of (to quote its subtitle) "How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students" that led the nonfiction bestseller lists for more than six months in 1987. Bloom argued that colleges and universities had embraced relativism and abandoned their responsibility to give students "the good old Great Books approach, in which a liberal education means reading certain generally recognized classic texts, just reading them, letting them dictate what the questions are and



democracy and populism, and turn labels like 'elitist' and 'authoritarian' against the academic left."

Graff was right: the jargon-ridden, self-referential responses of academic radicals to conservative critics in pamphlets such as the American Council of Learned Societies' *Speaking for the Humanities* and anthologies such as *The Politics of Liberal Education*, edited by Darryl J. Gless and Barbara Herrnstein Smith, reached the general public mainly through the caricatures of conservative writers like Roger Kimball and Dinesh D'Souza. Yet the radicals remained influential within the humanities community itself. Their argument, loosely translated, generally went something like this: the history of the West is in large measure a history of oppression—of women, who have been degraded; of ethnic, racial and cultural minorities, who have been enslaved or exploited; and of nonwestern peoples, who have been made subject to imperialism and colonialism. White males have been the main villains in this historical drama, and the so-called "great books" of Western civilization (almost all of them authored by white males) have been, in the philosopher John Searle's phrase, "the official publications of their system of oppression." Bennett, Bloom and other conservatives wanted general education in the humanities to serve as a vehicle to "transmit" (a word that Bennett, in particular, used a lot) this system to future generations of students, thereby "assuring assent to a political and economic establishment." Instead, the radicals argued, education should liberate students by unmasking the oppressors and lifting up the voices of the oppressed.

Distressingly, especially for professors in the front lines of humanities education, such as

those who attended the Rhodes conference, this debate has been highly unsatisfactory, consisting almost entirely of polemical arguments that were ungrounded in evidence about what particular colleges and universities were actually doing in the realm of general education in the humanities. Yet deciding what to do and how to do it is precisely the challenge that every institution of higher education is required to face. It is a challenge that can be met not with ideological manifestos, but with specific courses, reading lists, assignments and instructors.

Fortunately, some progress has recently been made. In 1996, Vanderbilt University Press published *Celebrating the Humanities: A Half-Century of the Search Course at Rhodes College*. The book described, in a nonpolemical way, Rhodes' long experience in offering a substantial majority of its students a 12-credit course on the history, religion, philosophy, literature and politics of the West. At about the same time, Simon and Schuster published David Denby's *Great Books*, a widely-discussed journalistic account of Columbia University's core curriculum. The advantage of both books was that they descended from the airy precincts of rhetorical posturing and described what particular schools actually were doing in the realm of general education.

In 1997, in preparation for the "Teaching the Humanities" conference, Rhodes commissioned 13 papers from scholars around the country who teach in general education humanities programs at their respective institutions, including Columbia, Davidson, Temple, Stanford, Berkeley, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, St. John's College, and King's College in Canada. The programs were chosen for their excellence and variety. Some of

the programs are old, some are fairly new. Some are centered on the West, others are global in scope. Some concentrate exclusively on written works, others incorporate art and music. Some regard themselves as traditional, some as nontraditional. The schools whose programs are represented also are varied: small and large, public and private, church-affiliated and secular, urban and small-town, liberal arts colleges and universities, north, south, and all other points on the compass. This fall, *Teaching the Humanities: Strategies for General Education*, a book containing these papers along with essays by renowned humanities scholars Martha Nussbaum and Roger Shattuck, will be published by Jossey-Bass Publishers in San Francisco.

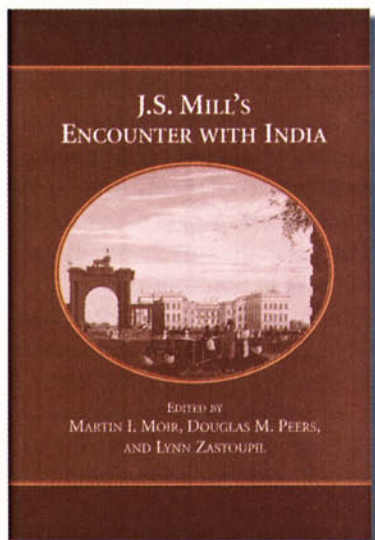
The book will be the most tangible legacy of the Rhodes conference. But it will not be the only one, and perhaps not even the most important one. The conference will endure in the ideas sparked in one professor by another, in the seeds pollinated from one college to another, in the friendships that were begun, and in the shared sense that while academic controversialists may trade ideological volleys in the public arena, many more scholars will continue to do the actual work of general education in the humanities for generation after generation of students. **R**

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## J.S. Mill's Encounter With India

*Edited by Martin Moir, Douglas M. Peers and Lynn Zastoupil, Rhodes associate professor of history. 264 pp. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. \$40.*



Nineteenth-century British philosopher John Stuart Mill worked for the East India Company in London for 35 years. This book of 10 essays by noted Mill scholars from around the world examines the character of Mill's role in British Indian government. The analyses are based on the draft dispatches Mill wrote at India House and comparisons of their practical and theoretical concerns with the broad themes of his major writings on political philosophy and economics.

The essays explore specific aspects of Mill's approach to Indian issues and place him within the broader currents of utilitarianism. The writers also present different perspectives on the ideology in Mill's pragmatic

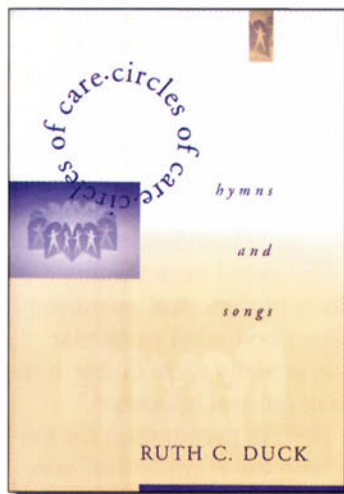
work for the East India Company and his personal philosophy.

Martin Moir is former deputy director of the British Library's Oriental and India Office Collection. Douglas M. Peers is an associate professor at the University of Calgary.

## Circles of Care: Hymns and Songs

*By Ruth C. Duck '69. 144 pp. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press. \$14.95.*

Ruth Duck, assistant professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, is also a noted hymn writer whose texts appear in several Protestant hymnals.



*Circles of Care* presents 48 of her newest hymns that address issues of healing and reconciliation. Musical settings include both traditional tunes and new compositions by modern composers.

The book is designed as a worship and meditation resource for individuals, groups and congregations. Titles are organized by

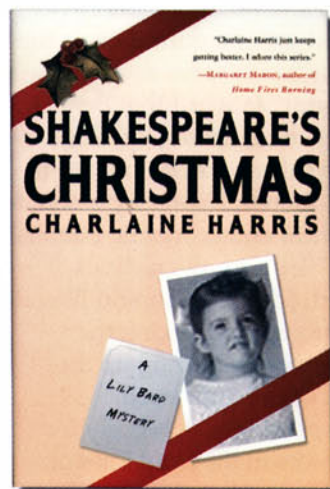
topic with scriptural and subject indexes as well. Information about each hymn's purpose and creation is presented in the back.

"A circle is a rich and suggestive image, with particular resonance for women of the past and present," Duck writes in her preface. "When we join hands in a circle, there is always room for one more. When we move in a circle, the leader is still a part of the group. The women's groups in the Methodist church my family attended when I was a child were called circles. Women have joined in knitting and sewing circles. Thus, the image of circles evokes memories of shared tasks, talk, laughter and sometimes tears or conflicts."

"The circle," she adds, "is a symbol of eternity, for it has no beginning or end, and is thus an appropriate symbol for the divine presence in life."

## Shakespeare's Christmas

*By Charlaune Harris '73. 214 pp. New York: St. Martin's Press. \$20.95.*





This is Harris' third and most complex Lily Bard mystery. Bard, who lives in Shakespeare, AR, is a karate devotee by choice and cleaning woman by trade. She is also a woman with a dark past and a crack amateur sleuth.

In *Shakespeare's Christmas*, Bard heads home to Bartley, AR, for her sister Varena's wedding. So does her private-detective boyfriend who is investigating a four-year-old unsolved kidnapping. Three fathers of eight-year-old girls, including her sister's husband-to-be, are under suspicion, keeping readers guessing right up to the end.

The book paints an excellent portrait of family and small-town life. What's more, it places the heroine in situations quite unlike past Lily Bard novels, opening up to the reader her heretofore tightly-guarded personality.

## Understanding Anemia

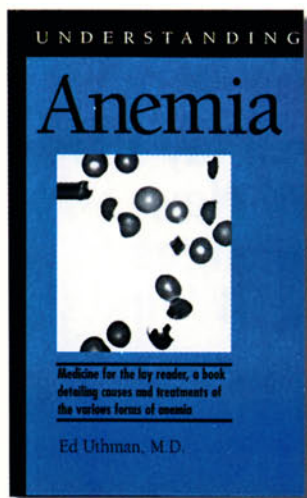
By Ed Uthman, M.D. '74. 156 pp. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi. \$37.50.

"Anemia is one of the most common conditions encountered in medical practice, yet it is poorly understood by the general public and can even give experienced doctors problems," Ed Uthman writes in his introduction.

Written for the lay person, *Understanding Anemia* provides a fairly sophisticated understanding of the various causes of anemia, the methods used to make diagnoses and the principles of treatment.

Uthman is director of the medical laboratory at Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital in Richmond, TX, and an adjunct assistant of

pathology at the University of Texas School of Medicine, Houston.



## Never Buried

By Edie Claire (Edie Vincent Swihart '87). 248 pp. New York: Signet. \$5.99.

Leigh Koslow, an out-of-work copywriter in Pittsburgh, is staying with her cousin Cara in her Victorian house overlooking the Ohio River. On a warm June morning Leigh makes a most gruesome discovery—a 10-year-old embalmed corpse lying in her cousin's hammock. What's more, the house has a sinister history dating back to two mysterious deaths in the summer of 1949.

Someone obviously wants Leigh and Cara out of the house. Not easily threatened, they set about finding out who's threatening them and why, and if the scandalous deaths of 50 years ago were accidents, suicides or murders.

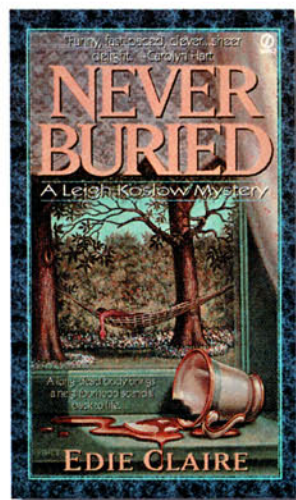
The author, a veterinarian-turned-novelist, keeps the reader on edge right up to the end.

## Body Speak: Dowsing Your Body

By Anna Belle Verdeojos Y Pecas (Anna Belle Whiting '66). Tucson: Peggy's Prints. 130 pp. \$12.75.

Dowsing is not just a method of searching for an underground water supply. One can also body dows in the quest for good health, and A.B. Whiting shows how to do it. *Body Speak* is a step-by-step manual that presents an easy, straightforward way to divine answers regarding body symptoms.

"Our evolution is taking us to a place of balance," she writes in her introduction. "Instead of our reliance on an immune system to DEFEND our bodies, we will be moving toward BALANCE that makes defense unnecessary for good health....No matter what our path or perspective, we are all here to heal and to integrate body, mind and spirit." **R**





## Men's Soccer Team Makes Third Trip To Europe

Lynx soccer Coach Andy Marcinko and 15 players from the men's soccer team will travel to Germany in August. There, they'll play 4-5 matches against German, Austrian and Czech teams, plus undergo regular training sessions.

They'll also do some sightseeing in Munich, Stuttgart, Berchtsgaden and Salzburg.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to face different competition in another part of the world," says Marcinko.

This is the third European trip for the men's team. The women have been twice. According to NCAA rules, a team can go only once every three years.

"During our first trip in 1993, we went to the Czech Republic and Slovakia when the Communist bloc was breaking up," says Marcinko. There were several international studies majors on the team, and it was an amazing educational experience to see it firsthand."

Only a few other U.S. colleges make similar kinds of trips, says Marcinko, who had such an opportunity when he was 17. Selected to be on an all-star team, he went to

England for a month the summer before he entered college.

"It made a great impression on me," he says, "and I'm a firm believer that our students should benefit from it, too."

## Lynx Play Hard, Meet New Challenges In Year Of 'Firsts'

By Susan Hughes '01

This year was a year of firsts in the Rhodes Athletic Department. New physical education



Brian Stevens '02 ready to serve

classes such as bowling and fencing were added to fulfill core requirements, while varsity play expanded to include two more sports. Not only did the Lady Lynx field their first field hockey varsity team, producing an all-conference selection in Jill Peterfeso '00, but members of the inaugural swimming and diving teams placed women fifth and

men sixth in conference action. In their first seasons, both teams performed above average, establishing themselves as rising forces against conference foes.

As the winter sports season wound down, Rhodes' spring sports were off and running.

### GOLF

Agnes Surowka finished 21st in a field of 63 at the NCAA Division II/III golf championship in Orlando. One of two players selected for the tournament from the Eastern region, she beat her season average of 85 by two strokes.

### TRACK AND FIELD

During competition at the University of the South in February, both the men's and women's teams finished a strong second to Depauw University. Individual honors included senior Jason Walter's provisional and full qualifying for the NCAA tournament. Matt Wilkinson placed seventh in the javelin in the NCAA Division III track and field championships in Berea, OH, receiving All-American honors.

### TENNIS

Both tennis teams started the season with ITA South regional rankings, 15th for the men and fifth for the women. Rising junior Kasey Sweeney advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA Division III Tennis Championships, qualifying as an All-American.

### SOFTBALL

The Lady Lynx took part in history, attending the first SCAC softball tournament ever. In its second year, the team added several more road stops to a grueling schedule of away games, including a trip to Emory University in Atlanta. **R**



# RHODES ALUMNI

## Brian Mott Named Rhodes' Director Of Alumni

Brian Mott '88 has been named Rhodes' director of alumni. He succeeds Sally Jones '81 who held the post for five years before recently joining the Department of College Relations and Communications as coordinator for college relations.

Mott comes to his alma mater from the Memphis in May International Festival (MIM), where he served as artistic director for six years. Among his duties at MIM were developing and producing international cultural programming and managing the fine art poster and

volunteer programs.

He has also worked as special events coordinator at the Memphis Zoo and Aquarium, and for two years directed the Southern Opera Theatre, the education/out-reach arm of Opera Memphis.

Mott, who earned his B.A. in theater/

media at Rhodes, is a noted actor and director in Memphis community theater.



Brian Mott

Sally Jones

## Make Your Plans For Homecoming, Oct. 29-30, 1999

Make plans now to come back to campus for the last Homecoming of the millennium. Even if it's not your reunion year, come stroll down memory lane, meet old friends and take advantage of all the weekend has to offer.

Homecoming provides a host of exciting activities for people of all ages. Friday's schedule includes the Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon, the Academic Festival with current and retired faculty members and a chamber music recital in the Cloister. The day will end with an alumni and campus reception and dance in the Bryan Campus Life Center. Musical entertainment will feature the swing of The New

Memphis Hepcats and the rock 'n roll of The Bouffants.

On Saturday, get a jump on the day by participating in the Homerunning 5K race sponsored by Rhodes students. Afterward, come hear Rhodes' new president, Dr. Bill Troutt, at the Alumni Convocation. Class and alumni award recipients and this year's faculty portrait honorand will also be recognized at this time. Following the convocation, enjoy the annual Homecoming picnic before cheering on the Lynx as they face the Trinity Tigers at Fargason Field. As in years past, the fifth year reunion class will sponsor the "victory party" during the game.

On Saturday evening, mem-

bers of classes with years ending in '4 and '9 will celebrate reunion parties, and young alumni will have the opportunity to get together at a downtown hot spot.

While on campus, please take the opportunity to visit the Clough-Hanson Gallery, shop in the college bookstore and browse Burrow Library's exhibit of memorabilia from Homecomings past.

Homecoming weekend is always a busy one in Memphis, so please make your travel plans early. For information about hotel rates or Homecoming activities in general, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-264-LYNX or 843-3845 locally.



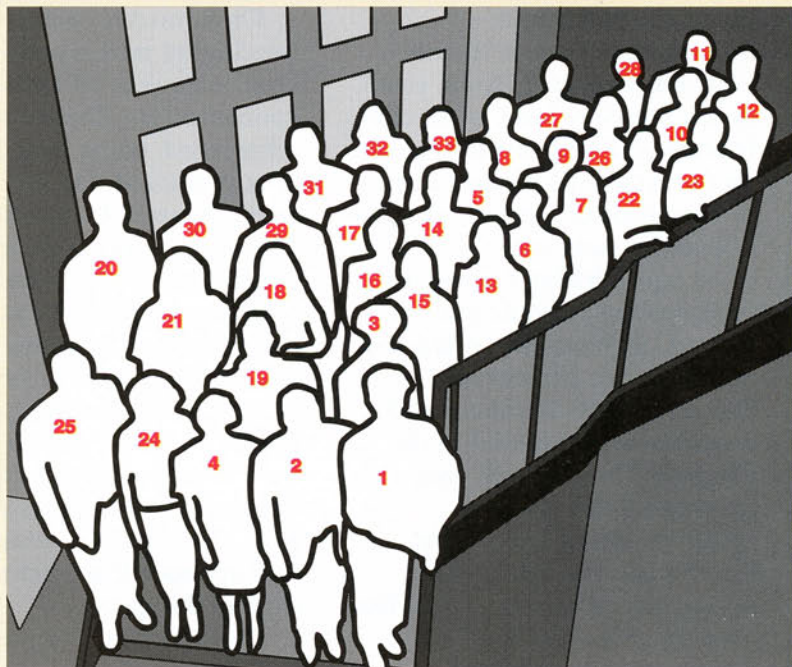
# Alumni And Their '99 Graduates



Kevin Barré

Three generations of Rhodes alumni gathered at commencement for a family photo in the Bryan Campus Life Center. They are:

1. Dudley Baker '99 2. Rick Baker '65
3. Olivia DeLoach Baker '67 4. Ellen Baker '94
5. Ben Ball '99 6. Jean Mac Locke Ball '75
7. Mary Reid Colter '99 8. Ron Colter '70
9. Ellen Lackey Colter '71 10. Emily Dodson '99
11. Frank Dodson '71 12. Cathie Yongue Dodson '72
13. Lee Engwall '99 14. Wyatt Engwall '69
15. Helen Houston '99 16. Ellen Sams Nichol '73
17. Ferrol Sams H'94
18. Kacey Johnson '99 19. Cyrus Johnson '34
20. W.T. Johnson '99 21. Erin Stukey Johnson '73
22. Dagon Percer '99 23. Elizabeth Gale Nelson '32
24. Neely Sharp '99 25. Lee Sharp '70
26. Laura Simpson '99 27. Joe Simpson '71
28. Shelton Cole Simpson '74 29. Robert Walker '99
30. Otey Walker '68 31. Scott Gregory '63
32. Ruth Decker Seal '64
33. Julie Decker '99





## R.J. Harper Named Top PGA Professional

R.J. Harper '78, director of golf at California's famed Pebble Beach, was recently named PGA Professional of the Year by the Northern California section of the

PGA of America.

Harper, who oversees the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and the links at Spanish Bay and Del Monte Golf Course, is

also tournament director of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and championship director of the upcoming U.S. Open Championship in summer 2000.

## Hampton Takes Post At SBA

Elbert Hampton '88 has been appointed deputy assistant administrator for congressional affairs at the Small Business Administration in Washington, DC.

He has served as a Senate aide to Al Gore as well as in the vice president's office, and for six years was a special assistant in the office of the secretary of defense.

## A Rose For Hoffmann

Shelley Hoffmann '96 has a new job as production coordinator for the nightly PBS *Charlie Rose Show* in New York.

## Walters Returns

Jane Walters '56, Tennessee commissioner of education for 4 1/2 years, has retired from Gov. Don Sundquist's cabinet. The former principal of Craigmont High School in Memphis has returned to her hometown to head the non-profit group Partners in Public Education, which helps raise funds for Memphis City Schools.

## Hall Featured

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall '65, who founded the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's oral history program 25 years ago, was featured in the April 4, 1999 edition of *The Chapel Hill News*.

## Sharp Writing

Todd Sharp '83 is currently a staff writer for *Chicken Soup for the Soul* on the PAX-TV network. Each episode of the hour-long anthology television series, based on the popular books, features various film and television actors starring in short dramatic works.

The show airs Tuesday evenings.



German football players, left to right: Brent Keller, Daniel Keel, Kyle Ryan and Don Purvis

## Lynx In Germany

Lynx alumni Don Purvis '97 along with Brent Keller '98 and Daniel Keel and Kyle Ryan, both '99, played football for the Kempten Comets in Germany. this year

"This was my second year playing football in Germany," Purvis says. Last year I played for the Landsberg Express, and while I was there I became good friends with Gary Junginger, a German player there."

Junginger, named head

coach of the Kempten Comets this spring, called Purvis when he needed a receiver. He also needed a quarterback, so Purvis gave Keller a call.

"Brent and I arrived on the first of April and as we say, the passing connection lives on!"

The pair scored six touchdowns in five games.

Ryan and Keel, both defensive players Purvis also recommended "to keep it in the family," arrived in Germany May 20.



## Professor Gordon Southard Dies

Gordon Douglas Southard, professor emeritus of Spanish since 1984, died April 22, 1999 in Memphis. He was 81.

Dr. Southard joined the faculty in the spring of 1946. He received his A.B. degree from the College of Wooster, A.M. from State University of Iowa and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

At Rhodes, he was chair of the Spanish and Modern Languages Departments, developed and taught a course in English for international students and was for many years secretary-treasurer of the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

An elder at Evergreen Pres-



Gordon Southard

byterian Church, he leaves his wife of 59 years, Louise Harris Southard; a daughter, Christine Southard Darnall '71 of Pueblo, CO; a son, Douglas K. Southard '75 of Memphis; a sister, Jeannette Merrill of Toledo, OH; and three grandchildren.

## Crenshaw Named A 'Top Doctor'

Martha Crenshaw, a family practitioner in Stone Mountain, GA, was selected by *Atlanta* magazine as one of Atlanta's "top doctors." She was featured in the May 1999 issue spotlighting the "area's best physicians."

She will also be included in a book, *Top Doctors*, published by the non-profit Center for the Study of Services.

## Correction

Jerome Franklin '89 was given the wrong job title in the spring issue of *RHODES*. He is a commercial mortgage-backed securities analyst with Univest Financial Services in Memphis.

Candace Keirns, M.D. '73 is a senior investigator rather than a surgeon at the Instituto Nacional de la Nutrición in Mexico.

*RHODES* regrets these errors.

## Gail McClay Dies

Gail C. McClay, associate professor of education, died May 9, 1999. She was 62.

Dr. McClay came to Rhodes from her hometown of Jacksonville, FL, in 1976 as an adjunct professor, and was named assistant professor in 1981. She chaired the department from 1982 until her death. A member of numerous academic committees, she received the Charles E. Diehl Society Award for Faculty Service in 1992.

The author of two books on teaching, she founded the Rhodes Educational Assistance

Program (REAP) for students in need. She was a member of the Memphis Better Schools Committee and the Leadership Memphis class of 1986.

She held her B.S. degree from Upsala College, M.E. from the University of North Florida and Ph.D. from Washington State University.

She leaves her husband, Jim Gilbert; three daughters, Laurie Cavallaro and Kimberly Warren of Atlanta, and Lisa Mullikin of Memphis; three sons, Kevin Cavallaro of Memphis, George Cavallaro of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Brian Cavallaro of Jacksonville, FL, and a stepson, Justin Gilbert of Memphis.



Gail McClay



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By Andrew Shulman '00  
Valerie Witte '00  
Susan Hughes '01

**Rhodes International  
Alumni Association  
President**

Doug Fancher '64, Oxford, MS

**34** HARTE THOMAS,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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Memphian **Charles Crump** this spring received a 1999 Humanitarian Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice. The award recognized his role as a founder of Memphis Community Leadership Training in 1968 and for paving the way for the integration of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

**47** TOOF BROWN,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**B.J. Jones** recently visited Bhutan and Northern India. A retired geologist with Chevron Oil Corp., he lives in Encinitas, CA.

**52** NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Ben Shawhan** is serving as interim rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Victoria, TX.

**54** JO TAYLOR  
THRELKELD,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Anne Riley Bourne** of Camden, TN, recently received a leadership award from the American Cancer Society. A 27-year cancer survivor, she chairs the Cancer Survivors of Benton County.

**Pat Riegler Morehead** of Malden, MO, is chairman of the board of the Bootheel Youth Museum and a member of the advisory council of the Bootheel Educational Consortium.

**Sidney Vise** retired from Drury

College in Springfield, MO, this spring. He was a professor of music at the college.

**56** JIM TURNER,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2001

**Ann Barr Weems** has written her seventh book, *Putting the Amazing Back in Grace*, which will be out in the fall.

**57** JIM AND MARGARET  
ANN FAGAN EIKNER,  
CO-PRESIDENTS  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Charlene Jayroe Allen** has retired from the University of Memphis, where she taught in the English Department for 38 years.

**Don Parker** serves as chair of the Yale Divinity School board of advisors. He is president of Parker Consultants Inc. in Greenwich, CT.

**59** SARA JEAN JACKSON,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Jane Barker Konitz** has retired as director of Christian education at New Hackensack Reformed Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. She has been in education ministry for 40 years, the past 27 at NHRC. She also recently served as a delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, representing the regional synod of New York.

**Ed Stock** was recently elected president of the 3,800 alumni of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

**60** KIM BAXTER HENLEY,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Morris Reagan** retired from his radiation oncology practice in July. This fall he plans to teach chemistry at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson, MS.

**61** SALLY CROSS  
COLEMAN,  
SAM DRASH,  
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

Potter **Cynthia Bringle's** work was recently exhibited in a retrospective at the Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC.

**62** FRANK JACKSON,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Susan Huffman** and **Margaret Minyard Dement** recently traveled to Berlin and the former East German cities of Weimar, Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Potsdam, Wittenberg and the island of Rugen.

**64** MARGARET ROWE  
FANCHER, PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**John Dean** was named the 1998 Land Realtor of America by the Realtors Land Institute at its winter meeting in Atlanta. He is president and principal broker of Landmart Inc. and Dean Land & Realty Co. in Leland, MS, specializing in representing buyers and sellers of investment grade farmland throughout the South.

**Challace McMillin**, associate professor at James Madison University, was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award by the university's Alumni Association.

**Frances Freeman Paden** has been named the Charles Deering McCormick University Distinguished Lecturer at Northwestern University.

**65** LOU ELLYN HINDMAN  
GRIFFIN, PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Llewellyn Wood Bensfield**, a trustee of the National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington, DC, is chairing an effort to construct an \$18 million underground athletic center on the Cathedral Close. The mother of four, she is education coordinator for the Biotech-



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nology Industry Organization trade association. Her husband, Jim, practices law in Washington.

**Terri Skinner Chadwick** of Houston is a psychologist with ADAPT Counseling, working with sexually abused and reactive children and their families.

**Sterling "Jim" Greenwood**, Aspen, CO, was quoted in the article "Wild Nights at the Jerome" in the May 1999 issue of *Cowboys and Indians* magazine.

**Betty Cole Thompson** is an associate broker with McEneaney Associates Realtors in McLean, VA, and a member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club.

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**KRIS PRUITT,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Dell Bailey Kinlaw** is assistant director of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board in Columbia, SC.

**Bob Mehrle** of Lambert, MS, is a partner at Mid-South AgData, managing and analyzing site specific data in agriculture.

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**JANE BISHOP BRYSON,**  
**RON GIBSON, BOB MORRIS,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2003

**Ron Gibson** is a senior analyst programmer at Federal Express.

**Ellen Plants Massey** retired last August and is "busy doing everything that I didn't have time to do while working."

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**Mahlon DuPree** is a system specialist with Bergen Brunswig Corp. in Orange, CA.

**Ann Marie Hudson Hanlon** has a new job as the 7th grade chair and world history teacher at Wesleyan School in Atlanta.

**John Hille** is now vice president of advancement and marketing at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA.

Army Lt. Gen. **Claudia Kennedy**

was featured as one of five "Women Who Could Be President" in the February 7, 1999 issue of *Parade* magazine. The others who were featured were Hillary Rodham Clinton, Elizabeth Dole, Dianne Feinstein and Christine Todd Whitman.

**Jim Roper** is senior pastor at Maury City-Floyd's Chapel United Methodist Church in Maury City, TN.

**Bill Shepard** is working on his first novel which he hopes to release in the fall. He teaches at Georgian Hills Junior High School in Memphis.

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**RUTH ANN SADLER HANEY, PRESIDENT**  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Causandra Owens Bradley** has received her Ph.D. in educational psychology and research from the University of Memphis.

**Terry Hawkins**, chairman and CEO of OneSource Group Inc., a Clearwater, FL-based insurance broker, was featured in the Jan. 15, 1999 edition of the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

**Randall Mullins** was featured in the Feb. 14, 1999 edition of the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He is an ordained United Church of Christ minister living near Seattle who has gone on missions of mercy around the world.

**Cynthia Gladney Steele** works as director of development and volunteers at the Housing Crisis Center, an agency whose mission is to prevent homelessness in Dallas.

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**BETHA HUBBARD GILL, LAURIANN LINES HEISLER,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS

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**Jim Cogswell**, an art professor at the University of Michigan, had a recent show titled "The Anthropomorphic Alphabet" at the Maitland (FL) Art Center.

**Duncan Currey** and **Barbee Smith '72** live in Nashville, where he is a clinical psychologist with Evelyn Frye Clinical Associates, and

she is a study coordinator in the Adult Psychiatry Department at Vanderbilt University. SEE MARRIAGES

**Bob Doolittle** of Greensboro, NC, has been appointed medical director of the Guilford County School Health Alliance, a system of school-based clinics that will eventually deliver medical and psychological social services to more than 60,000 students.

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**BETTE DALE GARNER, ANN GOTSCHALL SHARP,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2002

**Marianne Mussett** has been elected vice president of Zonta Club of Toledo. A law librarian serving the federal judges there, she is also a volunteer wedding coordinator at her church and is learning to be a webmaster.

**Sylvia Thomas Williams** is working on a second bachelor's degree, in communications, at the University of Texas at Arlington. She has worked as a flight attendant with Delta Airlines for almost 26 years.

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**JAN MANNING SAMPLE,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Susan Witt** of Greenbrae, GA, is a distributor for Rexall Showcase International.

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**LARRY ANDERSON,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Ward Archer** received the 1999 Marketer of the Year award from the Memphis chapter of the American Marketing Association. He serves on the national board of the American Association of Advertising Agencies in New York and the National Advertising Review Board.

**Susan Clark** has been appointed a member of the Burch, Porter & Johnson law firm in Memphis.

**Houston Craddock**, Memphis, is product manager of Askew, Nixon, Ferguson Architects.



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VICKERS DEMETRIO  
JOHNSON, PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Marilyn Buford** is the national program leader for quantitative ecology research with the USDA Forest Service in Washington, DC.

**Paul and Wanda Webb Carruthers '78** live on a mountain overlooking the Blue Ridge Parkway in Roanoke, VA. Wanda received an honorable mention award for a short story she wrote, titled "Say Goodbye to Memphis," at the Virginia Highlands Festival Creative Writing contest.

**Nancy Ferrell** recently accepted a position as epidemiologist with the HIV/AIDS program of Public Health in Seattle and King County, WA. She works with the HIV Incidence Study, a research project in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA. It is one of five field studies in the U.S. funded to research LS-EIA, an HIV test that may determine whether a person has been recently infected. SEE MARRIAGES

**Arthur Kellermann**, director of the Center for Injury Control at Emory University, was interviewed on NBC and CBS national news regarding gun violence and the Littleton, CO, shootings.

## 77

MIKE CLARY,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Cathy Coates** of Miami has recently retired from FENDI. She is now traveling and doing volunteer work related to local history and the environment.

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BRUCE GUYTON,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Anne Herbers Farris** was an interviewer for a British Channel 4 documentary about President and Mrs. Clinton. The documentary, which has been nominated for a Broadcast Award in

England, will air in the U.S. on the Learning Channel this year. In addition, she contributes to a political column in the *Washington Post Sunday Magazine*.

**Carol Fuqua Koenig**, Brentwood, TN, owns a marketing consulting firm and a travel agency that specializes in group, inventive and leisure travel. She recently served as president of the Direct Marketing Association of Tennessee and vice president of fundraising for Edmundson Elementary School.

**Lisa Longmire** of Nashville has been promoted to oncology specialist with Rhone-Poulenc Rover Pharmaceuticals, where she has worked for the past 10 years.

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JOHN CHANDLER,  
GWEN JONES PARRISH,  
CO-PRESIDENTS  
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**Kelli Walker-Jones** is associate pastor at Highland United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC.

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DEBORAH LEGG  
SULLIVAN, GLORIA  
WHITE,  
CO-PRESIDENTS

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**Ray Methvin** is a music producer at Mercury Records in Nashville. He produced a Jenny Simpson album last year and a recent comedy project with Shane Caldwell.

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STACY ABERNETHY,  
KATHLEEN WILLS  
CHANDLER,  
CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2001

**Melissa Appleton**, Memphis, has been named director of the region's only adult AIDS clinic.

Jim and **Emily Parke Balch** of Little Rock co-own Jimily's Gourmet Provisions, a gourmet food/cheese shop/home meal replacement/catering business.

**Mike Olcott** has taken the position of research associate in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at Oregon State University.

**Stuart Seal** is vice president of marketing for Time Warner,

Southwest region, headquartered in San Antonio, TX. He manages the Road Runner High Speed on-line service.

**Elizabeth Bourne Webb** was named Outstanding Graduate Student in Social Work at the University of Southern Indiana. She will receive her graduate degree in August 1999.

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JIM TAYLOR,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Philip Howie** had a solo exhibit of sculpture and drawings at the AAA Gallery in New York City this spring. He has also exhibited at the Art Dealers Association of America and at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, NY.

**Greg Peters**, chief executive of Vignette Corp. in Austin, TX, was recently featured in an article in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

## 83

PERRY DEMENT,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2003

**John Adams** has been named director of equity research at Dain Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis. He leads the securities firm's analysts in seven cities.

Navy Lt. Commander **Russ Ashford** is head of the China research group at the U.S. Pacific Command at Pearl Harbor.

**J. Pat Beard** is the director of inside sales for Innovative Knowledge Products in Atlanta.

**John Bock** is teaching in the anthropology department at the University of New Mexico. He is also doing research in the Okavango Delta of Botswana on population, ecology and economic development among the indigenous peoples of the Okavango.

**Lewis Kalmbach** recently served as chair of an event for Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) at Union Square in San Francisco. The event raised \$65,000 to help AIDS patients remain with their pets for as long as possible.

**Scott Rye's** article, "Burn the



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Rebel Pirate," appeared in the June 1999 issue of *Civil War Times*, the journal of the American Civil War. The piece details a September 1861 raid on a suspected Confederate privateer at the Pensacola Navy Yard.

**Joe Sansone's** company, TMC Orthopedic Supplies Inc. in Bellaire, TX, was included in *Inc.* magazine's Inc. 500 list.

**Dennis Sossaman** is 1998-99 chair of the Tennessee Bar Association Divorce and Family Law Section. He is with the Lucas, Thompson, Ryan & Sossaman law firm in Memphis.

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**AMY DOVILLE, TRACY VEZINA PATTERSON,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS  
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**Richard Barnes** is associate general counsel at Scientific Atlanta Inc. SEE BIRTHS

**Edgar Howard** is an attorney/partner with the firm of Ford & Howard in Gadsden, AL.

**Joanna McIntosh** of Alexandria, VA, is leaving the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where she has been an attorney for almost six years, to become the vice president for international affairs at AT&T.

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**KAREN LARSON,**  
**BEV THOMAS**  
**WILLIAMS,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS

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**Livy Brien** has begun a private practice, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging, in Nashville. SEE BIRTHS

**Robin Newcomb Miller** of Germantown, TN, has started a home-based business called Sweet Celebrations, which specializes in custom-designed cakes and desserts. SEE BIRTHS

**Julia Weaver** recently started a consulting business, Healthy Community Consulting. Based in Denver, the company provides services to non-profit organizations, philanthropies and local governments.

**Christie Vallandingham Weir** is marketing program coordinator

for the Parts Plus Group Inc. in Memphis.

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**AMY DONAHO HOWELL,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Keith Compton** is a research associate for the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria.

**John Marr** has been appointed director for the Perry Foundation's Caribbean Marine Research Center in West Palm Beach, FL. He and his family now live in Jupiter Beach.

**Elizabeth McCraven**, Somerset, NJ, recently purchased a home and has started a company, CRK Media, which specializes in making internal corporate web sites, as well as web sites for small and medium-sized businesses.

**Mose Payne**, who previously worked as supervisor in the legal division at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee in Chattanooga, was recently promoted to the position of staff attorney at Blue Cross/Blue Shield Tennessee.

**Scott Sweetser** has been promoted to major in the U.S. Army. He is a senior fellow at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies in Germany. He recently completed a four month internship as a liaison officer to the Russian Separate Airborne Brigade in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

**John Telford** is senior vice president of commercial foreign exchange for the Americas at Thomas Cook Group in Toronto.

**Joel Williams** is a plastic surgeon at Williams Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Dalton, GA.

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**SAM BRIDEN,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
FALL 2002

**Laura McKinney**, who has finished her second year of law school at the University of Arizona, is clerking with the Pima County Attorney's Civil Division.

**David Porter** is a DRG coordinator with PBMC-E in Easley, SC.

**Dudley Boren Selinger** works at First American Bank in Nashville. In her spare time she works with her husband on their "fixer-upper home" and serves on the board of the American Diabetes Association.

**Mark Stamps** is president of Stamps Financial Associates in Franklin, TN.

**Al Taylor** has advanced to fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is the administrator of Milan (TN) General Hospital.

**Jennifer Thomas-Starck** is assistant director of the center for international studies at Boston College.

**Nate Tipton** received his M.A. in English literature from the University of Memphis and is now in the English Ph.D. program at the University of Mississippi. In the winter, he presented a paper on Thomas Mann and Allan Gurganus at the University of Louisville's 20th Century Literature Conference.

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**KATE ZEITLER VERGOS,**  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Lance Baker** works as assistant district attorney in Clarksville, TN. He and his wife Sherry have two children, Amber, 9, and William Addison, 2.

**Virginia Henley Matheny**, Memphis, is a senior member service sales representative for Harrah's Entertainment. SEE MARRIAGES

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**BOB COLEMAN, EILEEN RUFFIN WOOD,**  
CO-PRESIDENTS  
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**William Holden** recently received his M.S. degree in instruction and curriculum leadership from the University of Memphis. He is the proprietor/developer of GreenSkies Web Design Services in Memphis.

**Greg Krosnes** of Memphis



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played emcee Frankie Cavalier in the Circuit Playhouse production of *Pageant*.

**Russell Porter** is with Powell Tate, a Washington, DC, public affairs firm. Last year he received his M.A. degree in international economics and Latin American politics from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

**Becky Delugach Ruddle** is a Minneapolis Public Schools psychologist.

**Chuck and Elizabeth Orr Wade '91** live in Little Rock, where Chuck now works with Univest Financial Systems. Elizabeth recently completed her master of health administration degree at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock and is now teaching two evening classes for the master's program. SEE BIRTHS

**Wes Williams** is an attorney with Markow, Walker & Reeves in Ridgeland, MS.

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JOHANNA VANDEGRIFT  
LEHFELDT, PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Cay Chastain** has accepted a position as assistant professor of art history at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, where she will also direct the college art galleries. In addition, she has been appointed new artists review coordinator at the Center Gallery in the Nacoochee Valley. She previously taught at Piedmont College.

**Laura Harper** works as a sales manager for Hilton Hotels in San Diego.

**Michael James** recently accepted a position as account supervisor for Thompson & Baker, the public relations division of Memphis-based Thompson & Company. He was formerly associate publisher for the book division of Towery Publishing.

**Tony Jarnigan** is a senior computer specialist at Columbia Service Group in Atlanta.

**Marcus Kimbrough** is a trade marketing manager for Borden Foods in Chicago. He recently

finished his M.B.A. at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

**Rob Swords** has a fellowship in infectious disease medicine at the Medical College of South Carolina. SEE BIRTHS

**Joe Tamborello** graduated from the Florida State University College of Law and is an associate attorney with Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap in Orlando.

**Parri Tantillo** is a financial services professional for MassMutual/Levin Financial Group in Tampa, FL.

**Kirsten Williams Wade** has been appointed assistant training director for the Mississippi State Hospital psychology pre-doctoral internship program.

**Walker Wellford** has joined the commercial real estate firm of Grubb and Ellis in Atlanta.

**Dave Williams** is senior network engineer at AT&T Solutions in Durham, NC.

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MARJORIE THIGPEN  
CARTER, PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**David Agee** is national sales officer for Regions Bank in Birmingham.

**Dany Beylerian** is director of corporate relations at Eurasia Group in New York. SEE MARRIAGES

**John Borden** has been named a partner in Red Hot Law Group of Ashley, a law firm in Atlanta that specializes in the representation of high technology companies, including venture capital financing and intellectual property matters.

**Kay Sessoms Jacobi** has a new position as a clinical social worker in the Welfare to Work Program in Arlington County, VA.

**JoAnn Lynen** lives in Costa Rica where she is the director of operations at ILISA Languge School. SEE BIRTHS

**Seth McDaniel** joined Deloitte and Touche in Atlanta as a senior manager.

**Mike Miller** recently defended his doctoral dissertation, "A putative role for tissue transglutaminase in Alzheimer's Disease

Pathology" and has received his Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is currently working as an actor and model in Birmingham under the name Michael Leslie.

**Ann Nichol** received her law degree from the University of Oregon. She is an associate at Perkins Coie in Portland, OR, where she practices general litigation.

**Ray Rando** works for ESPS in San Diego, promoting and selling software to biopharmaceutical companies on the West Coast.

**Shilpa Reddy** recently left Capitol Hill and is now a program manager at the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

**Katie Jacobs Stanton** of Menlo Park, CA, is now working as international finance producer for Yahoo!, responsible for building and maintaining all Yahoo! finance sites worldwide.

**Ray Turcotte** is an associate in the commercial litigation section of Adams and Reese law firm in New Orleans. SEE BIRTHS

**Kim Wright** is now an assistant global vice president with Citicorp in New York.

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SCOTT PEATROSS,  
PRESIDENT  
NEXT REUNION:  
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**Greg Bateman** of Alexandria, VA, was recently promoted to business development manager for Enterprise Applications at Microsoft. He is responsible for knowledge management and business operations marketing for the Mid-Atlantic district.

**Kimberly Brawner** is marketing coordinator at Wang's International Inc. in Memphis.

**Erica Blank Bronson** is director of international trade development for the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

**Laura Cabanillas** is a senior systems analyst for Ellerbe Becket in Minneapolis. She recently finished her M.B.A. in



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information decision sciences and is "avidly pursuing my English equitation hobby, training for dressage shows and jumping."

**Kimberly Colyer Coleman** lives in Raleigh, NC. She recently received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Catherine Cooper** was recently promoted to the private banking department at AmSouth bank in Birmingham and has passed the series 7 securities exam.

**Rankin Payne Cox** is a supervisor for Intercept, Youth Villages' home-based counseling program in Memphis.

**Dana Peterson Forlano** is a senior tester for Ericsson Ltd.'s Intelligent Network in Great Britain. SEE MARRIAGES

**Allison Fuss** has a new position in the American history department at the U.S. Naval Academy. She was formerly an assistant professor of American history at Notre Dame.

**Steve Horn** has received his Ph.D. in New Testament from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Kelly Leach** recently received her M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. She has joined the Time Inc. unit of Time Warner as an associate marketing manager in New York.

**Jane Ann Lampton Moore** recently graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and is beginning a residency in the Department of Family Medicine at Duke University. SEE MARRIAGES

**Shelby Scott** recently graduated from the South Texas College of Law at Texas A&M University.

**Trey White** is a computer scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN.

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**LYNN CRABB,**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**NEXT REUNION:**  
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**Scott Alexander** is an attorney with Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld in Sacramento, CA.

**Doug Bacon** is executive direc-

tor for the Greenville, MS, Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Katie Braden** is a senior associate with Fierce and Isakowitz in Washington, D.C.

**Doug Brumley** is a freelance writer and proofreader for the *Nashville Scene*. He also maintains the official web site for the band Sixpence None the Richer.

**Lynn Crabb** is an academic adviser for the College of Engineering at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**Melissa de Celles** is a computer programmer at SAIC in Falls Church, VA.

**Chris Geiger** is an accounting manager at Comdata in Brentwood, TN.

**Katherine Gore** exhibited her work at the "New Artists One" show presented by Delta Axis and Marshall Arts in Memphis this past winter.

**Drew Henry** has been accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He is completing seminary in Argentina.

**Erin Hubbell** recently moved from Utah to Boulder, CO, where she teaches literacy at Mead Middle School.

**Paul and Amanda Gatlin Knapstein '94** live in Helena, AL. Paul is a teacher and coach at John Carroll High School, and Amanda is a senior staff accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick. SEE BIRTHS

**Caroline Knight** is assistant vice president in credit and market analytics at First Union in Charlotte, NC.

**John Little** is a financial consultant with Robinson-Humphrey in Hilton Head Island, SC.

**Ken Milman** will begin pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Texas at Austin this fall. SEE MARRIAGES

**Sean Nighbert** completed his M.F.A. in creative writing at Southwest Texas State University. He is currently director of the Macintosh Writing Lab at Southwest Texas State, where he teaches writing. He also teaches developmental writing at Austin Community College.

**Tara Odle** recently graduated from Texas Tech medical school in El Paso.

**Katherine Goodloe Peatross** is senior clinical manager at Dogwood Village, a section of Youth Villages in Memphis.

Navy Lt. **Art Record** was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for service as a legal assistance attorney and defense counsel. He currently lives in Washington, D.C., where he is a legal adviser in the office of the Judge Advocate General.

**Shelley Smith** of Savannah, GA, owns the Venus de Milo and Athena Gallery and is in the process of opening a wine and desert bar.

**Paula Porter Snyder** is director of financial management at Hubbard Health Care in Boone, NC.

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**NANCY TURNER,**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**NEXT REUNION:**  
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**Liz Boucher** is the MIT publications processor and reference assistant at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Institute Archives. She is completing her master's degree in library science at Simmons College.

**Samantha Burkett** has been promoted to council manager at the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville.

**Alan and Amanda Coe Burton** live in Stone Mountain, GA. Alan completed his master's degree in health promotion and works for the Peachtree Center Athletic Club. Amanda works for Andersen Consulting. SEE BIRTHS

**Chip Campbell** works as a fixed income portfolio manager for Trustco Capital Management in Atlanta. He graduated from the University of South Carolina law school in 1998.

**Marlene Cardoze** is a relationship manager, financial institutions, for Citibank in Panama City, Panama.

**J. Briggs Cormier** is a graduate teaching associate at the Ohio



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State University Department of Theatre.

**Doug Cornille** will attend the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in the fall.

**Carol Culpepper** has been promoted to marketing director at Towery Publishing in Memphis.

**Stacey Greenberg** recently received her master's degree in urban anthropology from the University of Memphis. She currently works as an account research analyst at Memphis Light, Gas and Water. SEE MARRIAGES

**Darin Hornsby** is a senior systems specialist in call center operations for Capital One in Richmond, VA.

**Andy Likes** is a news producer for KSDK-TV News Channel 5 in St. Louis. SEE MARRIAGES

**Rachel Wooldridge McCone** is director of career development at Hendrix College.

**Sean McCrary** is assistant vice president at Collins Associates, a reinsurance broker, in Dallas.

**Rossanna Punzalan** is an area director for the Department of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs at Rutgers College.

**Greg Stewart** is a resident in orthopedic surgery at the University of Mississippi. SEE BIRTHS

**Mark Strickland** recently passed the CPA exam and is associated with Marston-Gordon in Memphis.

**Valerie Webb** is an attorney at Bass & Sims in Nashville.

**Scott Wells** and **Amy Hall '96** live in Austin, TX. Scott is a senior software engineer for Vignette, an Internet software company, and Amy is a production editor for Publishers Resource Group.

**Ashley White** is director of international marketing at Tyson Foods Inc.

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CLYDE HENDERSON,  
PRESIDENT  
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**Daniel Bowker** received a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Kentucky, where he now works as a teaching assistant.

**Susannah Bowles** has been appointed director of collections and programs for the Peoria, IL, Historical Society.

**Aaron Brenner** is director of Projecto Derecto Del Corazon, the Donna Cultural Arts Center, which he established. In 1998 he was named Donna, TX, District Teacher of the Year.

**Jorge de Castro**, a project consultant at Intersky Inc., plans to pursue his M.B.A. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall.

**Brian Coldren** is assistant director of campus recreation at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

**Ronald Coleridge** works at the Latin American division of Standard Chartered Bank in Miami.

**Andrea Dexter** teaches kindergarten at Mountain Brook Elementary School in Birmingham.

**Eddie Dieppa** is a CPA at Morrison, Brown, Argis and Co. in Miami.

**Julie Walker Eaton** was recently promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director of admissions at Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

**Elisabeth Estes** has joined Fitzgerald & Co. in Atlanta as director of communications.

**Melinda Ewert-Kincses** works at Mercedes-Benz Lease Finanz in Stuttgart, Germany. She and husband Wilhelm-Emil live in Tübingen.

**Katy Garrett** graduated from the University of North Carolina Dental School this spring and is practicing dentistry in Cary, NC.

**Dipak Ghosh** is manager of application support at re:Member Data Services Inc. in Indianapolis.

**Hillary Gottemoeller** works at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in East

Memphis, teaching social and competitive ballroom dancing. She and partner Jay Huff are the current champions in the American Closed Smooth Dances for the southern regions. She also designs and makes costumes for amateur and professional competitors.

**Donna Halloran** has graduated from the University of Texas-San Antonio medical school and will begin a residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University.

**Buck Knott** is a financial analyst at Suntrust Banks Inc. in Atlanta.

**Adin Lara** has joined the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell as an associate in its Nashville office.

**Christy McDowell** works in the foster care department of Youth Villages in Nashville.

**Camille Napier** will enter Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in the fall to pursue an M.Ed. degree and teaching certification in middle school language arts.

**Laura Lyons Orthoefer** is a financial planning associate and service coordinator at Asset Planning Corp. in Knoxville. She is a certified financial planner candidate enrolled in the College of Financial Planning's CFP curriculum.

**Judd Peak** is an attorney with Bateman, Gibson & Childers in Memphis.

Attorney **Keith Rivers** works in Knoxville, TN, for the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Shelby Scott** recently earned her J.D. degree from Texas A&M University.

**Carrie Shollmier** is a loan officer in executive banking at First Tennessee, Memphis.

**Teresa Tenpenny** is doing her residency in family practice at Deaconess hospital in St. Louis. She received her M.D. degree from the University of Arkansas Medical School.

**Stephanie Wesson Thompson** is an applications specialist in the product management department of Computational Systems Inc. in Knoxville.



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**Chris Williams** is an environmental scientist at Bhatte Environmental Associates Inc. in Birmingham.

**Ron Workman** recently began a general surgery residency. He graduated from Vanderbilt School of Medicine this spring. SEE MARRIAGES

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**Matt Bettridge** has returned to Memphis after a two-year stint in the Peace Corps teaching AIDS awareness in Malawi. SEE MARRIAGES

**Myles Bogner** is a computer science research assistant at the University of Memphis.

**Heather Hamby Bonnett** is a program coordinator at the American Prostate Cancer Center in Atlanta.

**Neil and Courtney Poole Brunetz '97** live in Knoxville, where he is in law school and she is marketing manager for the Tennessee State Soccer Association.

**Ravi Chauhan** recently graduated from the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Medicine, where he is doing his residency in surgery. SEE MARRIAGES

**Rob Downey**, Memphis, is lease administrator in ServiceMaster's real estate department.

**Derek and Julie Walker Eaton '95** live in Memphis. Derek is in dental school at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, and Julie is pursuing her master's degree in leadership and policy studies at the University of Memphis and working in the admissions office at Christian Brothers University.

**Phuong Nguyen Fay** of Hermitage, TN, works as a quality assurance analyst at Healthcare Management Systems Inc. She and her husband Eric are youth advisers for their church and active in Hands on Nashville.

**Ryan Feeney** recently graduated from the University of Mississippi Law School. SEE

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**Thu Hoang** of San Antonio recently graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law.

**Albert Johnson** signed with the Hague Jumpers basketball team in The Netherlands earlier this year.

**Sara Kraabel** is a research technician in the Department of Radiology at Duke University Medical Center.

**Emily Kurzeka** is an assistant publicist with Dennis Davidson Associates in Los Angeles, where she has been doing international publicity for movies for two years. She is moving to Asia to teach English as a second language in August.

**Jennifer Larson** is associate director of public relations for the Church Health Center in Memphis.

**Christy McFarland** is the urban missions coordinator for Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis.

**Phuong Kim Nguyen** will attend the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Pharmacy in the fall.

**Athena Petropoulos** received her M.F.A. in graphic design from Indiana State University in Terre Haute this spring.

**Corey Saba** recently completed her first year of veterinary school at Louisiana State University.

**Christie Smith** is teaching K-5 science lab at Snowden School in Memphis.

**E. Smith** is an associate with PwC in Atlanta.

**Jennifer Warren** is a network marketing and compliance coordinator at McKesson HBOC in San Francisco.

**Cort and Robin Followell Winsett '95** have moved to Nashville, where Cort is executive director at Winsett-Simmonds, and Robin is with First American Bank.

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CATHERINE CARTER  
PERRY, ALISON  
SANTILLO WOODROW,  
CO-PRESIDENTS

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**Leslie Abernathy** will attend the University of Denver College of

Law in the fall.

**Amy Alderson** is an assistant to the chief of staff for U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ). She previously worked with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

**Julie Battacharya** will begin her third year of law school at the University of Memphis this fall. She is managing editor of the Law Review and after graduation will clerk for the Hon. William C. Koch, Tennessee Court of Appeals.

**Allen Boudreaux**, a rising third-year law student at Tulane Law School, has been elected president of the Tulane Graduate and Professional Student Government. He is the founding editor-in-chief of the *Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property*.

**Heather Coleman** recently received a master of music degree in vocal performance from the Boston Conservatory.

**Rachel Day** is a security analyst at Mastrapasqua & Associates in Nashville. SEE MARRIAGES

**David Dunlap** teaches business English at Corporate Communications in Budapest, Hungary.

Army Lt. **Ben Gohman** spent the winter in Central America helping with the relief effort in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

**Chris Landis** is a residential case manager at Children's Community Services Agency in Memphis.

**Christina St. Clair Lynch** is director of quality management for ComTrans in Phoenix. ComTrans works in conjunction with a crisis center to provide behavioral health services to the indigent population of Phoenix. SEE MARRIAGES

**Rob Marus** received a second place award in the 1998 Associated Church Press awards competition for a recent article regarding a lawsuit filed by the ACLU against the city of Republic, MO, because of Republic's refusal to remove a Christian symbol from its city logo.

**Holly Miller** is with the Randolph Partnership Inc. public relations agency in Atlanta.

**Mollie Mills**, education outreach



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coordinator at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, plans to take classes at Watkins Film School in the fall, where she will pursue a certificate in film production.

**Sadler Norris** is with UNUM Life Insurance in Nashville.

**David Norton** is an analyst with Univest Financial Services in Memphis.

**Chris Nunn**, Memphis, is a CPA with KPMG Peat Marwick.

**Anthea Perkerson** is a trade assistant for the Canadian consulate in Atlanta.

**Broke Porter** exhibited her work at the "New Artists One" show presented by Delta Axis and Marshall Arts in Memphis this past winter.

**Joy Richmond**, Memphis, is an investment analyst at First Tennessee Bank. She recently graduated from the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending.

**Jennifer Smith** has a new job as a research chemist at Luminex Corporation in Austin, TX.

**Rebekah Sobel** of Richmond, VA, is a branch manager at First Market Bank.

**Josh and Ginger Crouch Spickler** live in Memphis. Ginger, an associate equity analyst at Morgan Keegan, was recently promoted to associate vice president. Josh is a law clerk for a judge in the Division 5 Circuit Court in Shelby County. He will begin his third year of law school in the fall.

**Ann Michelle Stanley** will attend Harvard University School of Public Health this fall, pursuing a doctor of science degree in the environmental science and engineering program.

**Charlotte Turnipseed** is an auction coordinator at State of the Art, an art auction company in Nashville.

**Beth Walls** is an investment administrator with the Capital Group in Los Angeles.

**Heather Tyler** is lead sales representative for Chicago's Shakespeare Repertory Theater.

**John Weeden** was the curator for the "New Artists One" show presented by Delta Axis and

Marshall Arts this past winter in Memphis.

**Suzie Wells**, who recently received her M.B.A. from Louisiana State University, now works as a staff auditor at the United Parcel Service headquarters in Atlanta.

**Katherine Wooten** was promoted from counselor to placement specialist at Youth Villages in Memphis.

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DAMON NORCROSS,  
MICHAEL FABER,  
CO-PRESIDENTS  
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**Danette Anding** teaches second grade at Oakhaven Elementary School in Memphis.

**Amy Anthony** joined the staff of Sossaman Bateman & Associates in Memphis, where she monitors the development of creative materials and works with all account service support staff.

**Scarlett Caldwell** is working for the Shelby County Department of Children's Services in Birmingham, AL.

**Catherine Cook** is a meeting services coordinator at Travel Technology Group in Chicago.

**Randy Ford** recently began physical therapy school at Louisiana State University.

**Laura Goza** is an English teacher and theater director at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson, MS.

**Beth Haag** attends the University of Memphis graduate school in sociology and works at the Center for Research on Women.

**Sarah Koehler** is a development assistant at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis. She previously worked as an editor in the equity research department at Morgan Keegan.

**Gerritt Lageman** was recently admitted to a Ph.D. program in physics at Stanford University.

**Sally Landham** works at Breckenridge Brewery in Memphis while pursuing her M.B.A. at the University of Memphis.

**Clayton Littlejohn** received a full fellowship to the Ph.D. program

in philosophy at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

**Kate Maffel** is an account associate at Oden Marketing & Design in Memphis.

**Maggie McDonald** will pursue her master's degree in social work at Washington University in St. Louis. She plans to concentrate in social and economic development, specializing in social service management.

**Susan Meredith**, a graduate student at the University of Georgia, will work at Arthur Andersen in Atlanta this fall.

**Kathy Muth** has joined the staff at Rhodes' Burrow Library as the day circulation supervisor.

**Chad Myers**, Memphis, has joined Morgan Keegan as an associate, fixed income banking.

**Ryan Prewitt** is with Infospace.com in San Francisco.

Navy Ensign **Kristen Richards** was commissioned as a naval officer this spring. She completed Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, FL.

**Tehsin Syed** is an application developer at Cerner Corp. in Kansas City, MO.

**Lan To** works with Eagle Rock in Colorado, a free residence school for students who are unsuccessful in traditional high schools.

**Emery Van Hook** works for Dickie Brennan & Co. in New Orleans.

**Angie Wellford** will complete the master's in accounting program at Rhodes in December and plans to work at KPMG in January.

**Fred Wix** is a financial installation specialist at Health Care Management Systems in Nashville.



## Marriages

'57 **Margaret "Peg" Jones Carter** to Francis M. "Bud" Morris, Feb. 14, 1999.

'59 **Elizabeth Stafford** to **Fyke Farmer**, March 15, 1997.

'72 **Dorothy Barbee Smith** to **M. Duncan Currey '71**, March 15, 1999, Nashville.

'76 **Nancy Ferrell** to Michael John Yde, Feb. 14, 1999, Alberta, Canada.

'87 **Alan Harris** to Carrie Hope Frazier, April 17, 1999, Houston.

'88 **Virginia B. Henley** to Joey Darin Matheny, April 10, 1999.

'89 **Anna-Catherine Wylie** to Paul E. Super, March 1998.

'91 **Margaret D. Campbell** to Joel Griffith, Sept. 19, 1998.

'91 **Dany Beylerian** to Felicia Swindells, May 15, 1999.

'91 **Kristal Marlow** to **Craig Gibson '90**, May 29, 1999, Memphis.

'91 **Courtney Ward** to Jerry Chavez, June 12, 1999, Austin, TX.

'92 **Patrick Gamble** to Anne Latané Lewis, June 5, 1999, Memphis.

'92 **Jane Ann Lampton** to Alan Rather Moore, June 5, 1999.

'92 **Dana Peterson** to Chris Forlano, Sept. 24, 1998.

'92 **Bradley Andrews Todd** to Elizabeth Coleman, April 10, 1999, Johns Island, SC.

'93 **Ken Milman** to Marcy Berlanstein, March 1999.

'93 **Marlinee Clark** to Eric Iverson, Feb. 13, 1999.

'93 **Julie A. Montgomery** to Dan C. Wood, Oct. 10, 1998.

'94 **Stacey Greenberg** to Warren Oster, March 14, 1999.

'94 **Pace M. Harrison** to Jeff Clark, May 22, 1999, Sevierville, TN.

'94 **Rakshanda M. Hussain** to Matthew Thomas Young, March 6, 1999.

'94 **Andy Likes** to Brandy Marshall, Oct. 17, 1998.

'94 **Mary Elizabeth Neville** to **John Richard Martin '95**, Dec. 19, 1998.

'94 **Patricia R. Whitehurst** to Eric Felton Johnson, Feb. 20, 1999.

'95 **Molly E. Caldwell** to Andrew Keller Crosby, March 27, 1999, Dallas.

'95 **Maria Cawood** to Paul Edward Wright, Jan. 16, 1999.

'95 **Jay M. Ezelle** to Caroline Travis Turner, April 10, 1999, Tuscaloosa, AL.

'95 **Kimberly Farmer** to **Richard Finch '96**, May 1, 1999, Memphis.

'95 **Ron Workman** to Liz Gundy, May 29, 1999.

'95 **Sarah Sears** to Hakan Egeli, May 7, 1999, Birmingham.

'96 **Ravi Chauhan** to Heather Evangeline Pearson, May 15, 1999, Memphis.

'96 **Ryan Feeney** to Sandra Holzhauser, Dec. 19, 1998.

'96 **Jennifer Foster** to **Joe Mills '94**, May 8, 1999, Nashville.

'96 **Sarah Frinks** to **Jon Michael Morgan**, April 17, 1999, Tallahassee, FL.

'96 **Marce Moreno** to **Matt Btridge**, July 10, 1999, Memphis.

'96 **Cassandra Whetsell** to John Theodore Runnels, October 1998, Atlanta.

'96 **Jill Schenk** to Kingsley Rutters, Dec. 19, 1998, Knoxville, TN.

'97 **Barbara J. Bear** to Jim Brice Kinney, April 17, 1999, Memphis.

'97 **Rachel Day** to Aaron White, July 31, 1999.

'97 **Kelly Mallett** to **Rocky Hidalgo '96**, May 30, 1998.

'97 **Amy Riddle** to **David McCollum**, June 19, 1999.

'97 **Alison Santillo** to David Woodrow, July 31, 1999.

'97 **Christina St. Clair** to David Lynch, March 6, 1999.

'98 **Amanda L. Grebe** to Patrick Michael Tamburrino, June 5, 1999, Joplin, MO.

'98 **Allen Bernard Groves** to Victoria Lee Wessels, May 29, 1999, Slidell, LA.

'98 **Nicole Horvath** to Anthony Patrick Roy, July 11, 1998.

'98 **Audrey K. O'Donnell** to **J. Eric Patrick '97**, March 13, 1999, Nashville.

## Births

'77 **Kelley Hinman** and Callan White-Hinman, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, July 25, 1998.

'79 **Nathan** and **Margaret Bane Schatzman**, a son, William Elliot, Jan. 22, 1999.

'80 **Joel** and **Kaycee Strickland Hansel**, a daughter, Susanna Kathryn Hansel, Feb. 22, 1999.

'80 **Robert** and **Amy Shankman**, a daughter, Celia May, March 5, 1999.

'82 **John** and **Laura Hollandsworth Jernigan '84**, a son, William Davis, Feb. 7, 1999.

'82 **Andy** and **Anca Marr**, a daughter, Andrea Grace, Aug. 21, 1998.

'84 **Richard** and **Bridget Barnes**, a son, Richard Tucker, March 12, 1999.

'84 **Price** and **Johanna Glenn Gillenwater**, a daughter, Georgia Glenn, Oct. 2, 1998.

'84 **Pete** and **LeVan Kimbrell McClain '86**, a son, William Samuel, Jan. 7, 1998.

'84 **Edmund Plass** and **Barbara Schweizer**, a son, Jonathan Schweizer Plass, April 23, 1999.

'84 **Todd** and **Mary Elizabeth Tapp**, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, Jan. 27, 1998.

'85 **Livy** and **Robyn Brien**, a daughter, Elizabeth Corinne, Dec. 20, 1998.

'85 **Neal** and **Amy Hazelwood McAtee '86**, a son, William Neal Jr., May 4, 1998.

'85 **Stephen** and **Robin Newcomb Miller**, a son, Henry Terrell II, Jan. 6, 1999.

'85 **Rand** and **Kelley Ashby Paul**, a son, Robert Ashby, April 7, 1999.

'85 **Virgil** and **Donna Starks**, a daughter, Anastasia Lea, March 2, 1998.

'86 **David Dietrich** and Cheryl Bowers, a son, Jacob Bowers Dietrich, March 4, 1999.

'86 **Matt** and **Patti Marsden**, a son, Jacob Andrew, Feb. 15, 1998.

'87 **Robert** and **Melinda Gard Henson**, a son, Devin Andrew, Sept. 13, 1998.

'87 **Cary** and **Wendy Tallent**



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**Rotter**, a son, Jacob Charles, March 3, 1999.

'88 **Scott and Michelle Rogan Cowan**, a son, Quinn Michael George, Sept. 22, 1998.

'88 **Guy and Tobi Lefebvre-Ballard**, a daughter, Clarisse Maïence Eloïse, May 9, 1999.

'88 **Chris and Hope Lewis**, a daughter, Kayley Grace, Nov. 8, 1998.

'88 **Bo and Anna Young**, a daughter, Mollie Wilkerson, April 23, 1999.

'89 **Dan and Robin Bearden Gibson**, a son, Daniel Nevin, Nov. 17, 1998.

'89 **Scott and Nancy Brown King '90**, a son, William Scott, April 16, 1999.

'89 **Thomas and Virginia Nisbet Kittleman**, a daughter, Ashton Grace, Dec. 13, 1997.

'89 **Chuck and Elizabeth Orr Wade '91**, a son, Ross Alexander, July 21, 1998.

'89 **Don and Beth Haverkamp Willingham**, a daughter, Allison Lehmann, March 8, 1999.

'90 **Larry and Shellie Ruoff Creson**, a daughter, Julia Barkley, July 1998.

'90 **Perry and Cheryl Anderson LeBlanc**, a daughter, Madeline Grace, April 14, 1999.

'90 **Rob and Stephanie Swords**, a daughter, Annelise Delaney, Feb. 27, 1999.

'91 **John and Lisa Borden**, a daughter, Abigail Emily, June 15, 1999.

'91 **Rich Bullington and Kaleigh Donnelly '92**, a son, Roland Lindsay Donnelly-Bullington, April 6, 1999.

'91 **Robert and Kerri West Barclay**, a son, Ryan Alexander, Dec. 30, 1998.

'91 **Manuel Joaquin and JoAnn Lynen**, a son, David Heitkamp Nicaragua Lynen, Jan. 29, 1999.

'91 **Ray and Tammy Turcotte**, a daughter, Delaney Elizabeth, Feb. 9, 1999.

'92 **Brad and Amy Hill Dickerson '94**, a son, Braden Hill, April 29, 1999.

'92 **Hill and Maria Ray Goodspeed**, a son, Connor Patrick,

Dec. 29, 1997.

'92 **Michael Low and Vikkie Holland**, a son, Chapin Boer Low, May 19, 1999.

'92 **Kevin and Christine Kennedy Tilley '90**, a son, Jackson Reed, March 31, 1999.

'93 **Andy and Irmtraud Cowell**, a daughter, Sophia Dessie Rose, June 8, 1999.

'93 **Shea and Laura Jones Kent**, a son, Garrison Eastin, April 20, 1999.

'93 **Paul and Amanda Gatlin Knapstein '94**, a daughter, Eva Caroline, Oct. 30, 1998.

'93 **Jim and Kerri Perry '94**, a son, James Murray, IV, Sept. 5, 1998.

'94 **Alan and Amanda Coe Burton**, a son, Vaud Alexander, May 17, 1999.

'94 **John and Heather Fahey**, a daughter, Lane Ashton, July 31, 1998.

'94 **Scott and Lane Franklin**, a daughter, Hayes Elizabeth, Nov. 10, 1998.

'94 **Matthew Middleton and Erika Ragan-Middleton**, a son, Alex Christian, April 30, 1998.

'94 **Bill and Kristin Horton Ritter**, a daughter, Anne Helen, Jan. 7, 1999.

'94 **Greg and Amber Stewart**, a daughter, Mary Keaton, July 8, 1998.

'94 **Brad and Michelle McCormick Wyatt**, James Chase, June 9, 1999.

'95 **Drew and Davis Laughlin McIntyre**, a son, Andrews Newman, Jr., Nov. 10, 1998.

## Obituaries

'30 **Effie W. Porter** of Memphis, May 26, 1999. A retired school teacher for Memphis City Schools, she was selected as the Women's Executive Council's Business Woman of the Year in 1972. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Altruism Club, Beethoven Club and Opera Club. She leaves five grandchildren, a great niece and a cousin.

'31 **Mary Helen Freeman Beale** of

Montgomery, AL, Feb. 11, 1999. She was a volunteer with the United Way.

'31 **Franklin E. Glass** of Dayton, TN, Feb. 24, 1999. A retired attorney, he leaves his wife, Mary Stewart Glass '31, and three children, Franklin Glass, Mary Winifred Glass Rogers '52 and Charles Glass.

'32 **Pat. M. Barrett** of Lexington, TN, Dec. 24, 1998. Founder of the Barrett Law Firm, he received the Life Achievement Award from the Cumberland School of Law in 1995. He served as Holmes County's first elected county prosecuting attorney for 35 years and as Holmes County Board of Supervisors' board attorney for 26 years. The widower of Sarah Stephens Barrett, he leaves two sons; two daughters; and 15 grandchildren.

'33 **Meta Russell Beal** of Memphis, March 11, 1999. A Member of St. John's Episcopal Church, she also belonged to the Woman's Club, the Little Book Club and Colonial Dames. She leaves two sons; two sisters; and a grandchild.

'36 **Jerry M. Porter** of Memphis, April 18, 1999. Retired president of Rex Oil Co. in Florida, he leaves his wife, Jane Hulen Porter; a daughter; a son; a stepdaughter; a sister; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

'36 **Norma Lee Willey** of Memphis, May 17, 1999. Chairman of fund-raising for the Symphony Ball and board of associates member of the Garden Club of America, she volunteered at the Neighborhood Christian Center, MIFA and the Church Health Center. She received the Norfleet Trophy, the Zone IX Award for Creative Leadership and the Outstanding Christian Service Award. The widow of W. Howard Willey Jr., she leaves a daughter; two sons; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

'37 **Allete Gates Caldwell** of Memphis, March 21, 1999. A former advertising manager for



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Levy's, she leaves her husband, Jerome L. Caldwell; a daughter; and four sons.

'38 **Edward R. Atkinson Sr.** of Clarksville, TN, Feb. 18, 1999. A member of the U.S. Army Marine Corps during World War II, he was also a flight surgeon with the Army Air Corps. A pediatrician, he co-founded the Children's Clinic, was chief of staff at Clarksville Memorial Hospital and was a member of the hospital's ethics committee. He co-founded the Clarksville-Montgomery County Council of Community Services and was a member of the Montgomery County Board of Health and the United Way board of directors. A deacon, elder and trustee of First Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife, Anna Kathryn Wall Atkinson; two sons, Edward Rudolph Atkinson, Jr. '67 and William Hunter Atkinson '72; and a daughter, Elizabeth Atkinson Gibson '68; a sister; and two grandchildren.

'38 **Eugenia Tully Farrell** of Memphis, May 20, 1999. A communicant of St. Louis Catholic Church and the widow of Henry Patrick Farrell, she leaves one daughter, Genie White; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

'39 **J. Richard Barnes** of Memphis, Dec. 31, 1998. A member of Buntyn Presbyterian Church, he leaves a son, Richard F.D. Barnes; a sister; and a brother.

'39 **W. Edward French** of Memphis, April 10, 1999. A World War II Army veteran, he served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps. He was former president of both the Memphis Surgical Society and the Department of Surgery at Baptist Memorial Hospital. A member of Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife of 57 years, Betsy Fowler French '39; three daughters; a brother; and six grandchildren.

'40 **John W. Baird** Memphis, May 8, 1999. A naval flight

surgeon in the Pacific during World War II, he taught for 25 years at the University of Tennessee, Memphis as associate professor of dermatology. He co-founded the Flying Physicians Association and the North American Clinical Dermatology Society. He was also a member of Cutaneous Therapy Society, and he owned and flew private planes from 1953-89. He leaves his wife, Florence de Luca Baird.

'41 **Frank Z. Jemison Sr.** of Memphis, Feb. 22, 1999. Realtor, builder and chairman of the board of Jemison Inc., he developed the first co-op apartment system. A lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife, Peggy Boyce Jemison; a daughter; two sons; seven grandchildren; a sister, Joy Jemison Thierman; and two brothers, W.D. Jemison Jr. '40 and John M. Jemison '44.

'42 **Frances Fulmer Barnes** of Memphis, March 5, 1999. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps during World War II and was a retired Memphis City Schools teacher. A member of Buntyn Presbyterian Church and the widow of James Richard Barnes, she leaves one son, Richard F.D. Barnes; a sister; and a brother.

'43 **J. Winston Cocke** of Hernando, MS, April 17, 1999. Retired service manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and a member of Hernando Church of Christ, he leaves his wife, June W. Cocke; three daughters; a son; two brothers and four grandchildren.

'43 **Joseph McGehee** of Conroe, TX, March 1, 1999. A retired Presbyterian minister, he served seven churches in 40 years. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Coline "Toto" McGehee; a son; a daughter; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

'44 **Harry L. Frissell** of Beaumont, TX, Sept. 22, 1997. He was former head of the English department at Lamar College, where he taught for 26 years be-

fore retiring in 1984. He leaves his wife, Mary Worrall Frissell; a daughter; two sons; and four grandchildren.

'46 **Ann Bradshaw Portlock** of Winter Haven, FL, June 11, 1998. She leaves her husband, Sam W. Portlock, two daughters; and four sons.

'47 **Martha Pittman Huey** of Hughes, AR, January 1999. She was self-employed as a voice and piano teacher.

'48 **Daymon G. Sutton** of Birmingham, Feb. 8, 1999. A World War II Navy veteran, he worked with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for 33 years. A member of the Church of Christ, he leaves his wife, Ruthie Sutton; two daughters; two sons; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

'49 **Dudley R. Cannon Sr.** of Memphis, Aug. 3, 1995. He leaves his wife, Sandra Cannon '49; and a daughter, Mary Dale '91.

'49 **Jo Ann Hancock Hassell** of Hernando, MS, May 10, 1999. A member of Hernando Baptist Church and the widow of James Bowe Hassell, she leaves four daughters; a son; a sister, Bettye Hancock Drew '47; and seven grandchildren.

'49 **Donald Walton** of Memphis, Jan. 31, 1997. He leaves his wife, Shela.

'50 **Carrie Mae Johnson Friesen** of Shawnee Mission, KS, May 14, 1999. Organizer of the Junior Tennis League and an avid bridge player, she leaves her husband, Will; three daughters; a son; and two brothers, Curtis Johnson '36, Roy Johnson, and Robert Johnson.

'58 **Sara Lee Ford Brown** of Deland, FL, May 20, 1999. An elder at First Presbyterian Church, she leaves her husband, Dr. William David Brown '50; a daughter; two sons; six grandchildren; her mother, Lyllian R. Ford; and, three sisters, Anne C. Robinson '60, Mary L. Herron '61, and Martha J. Taylor.



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