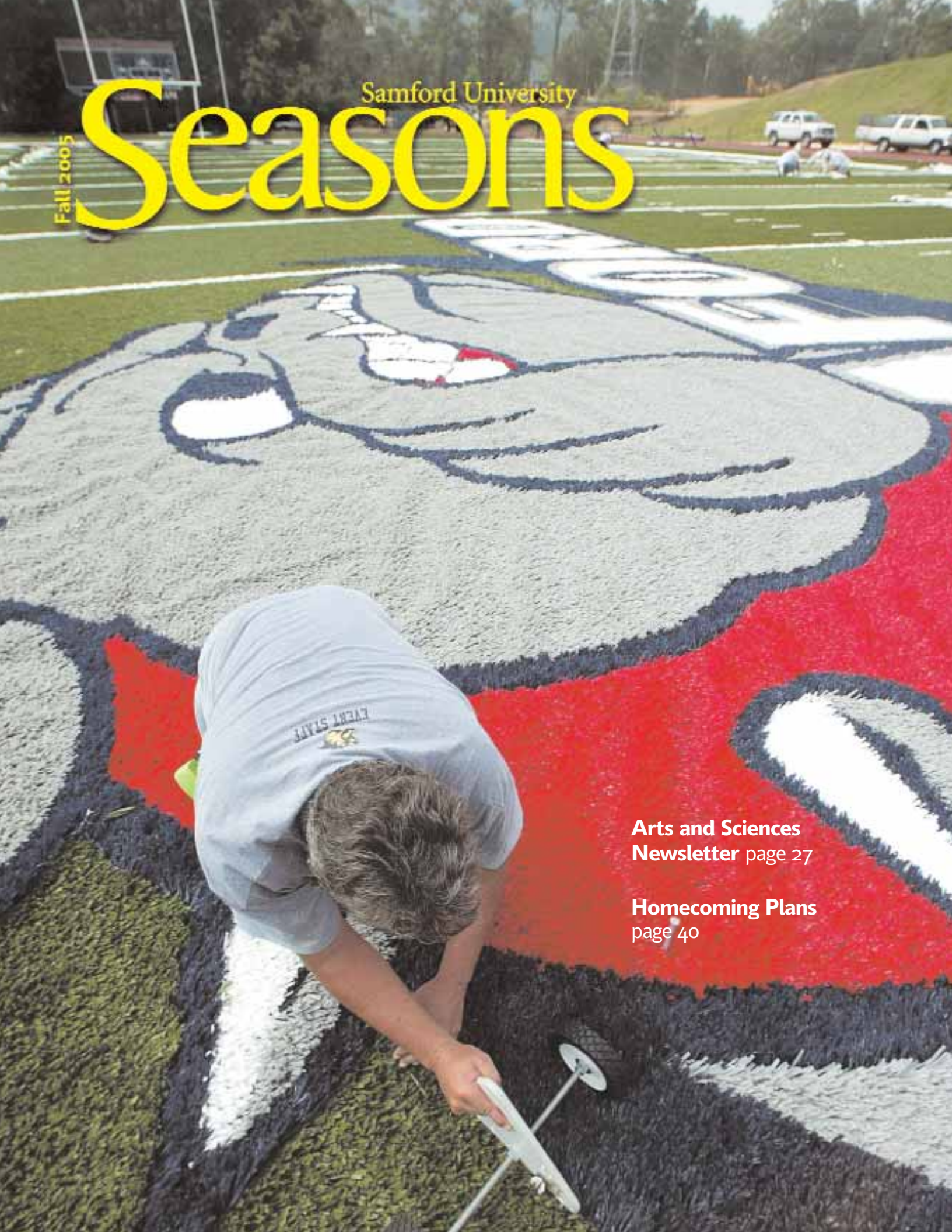


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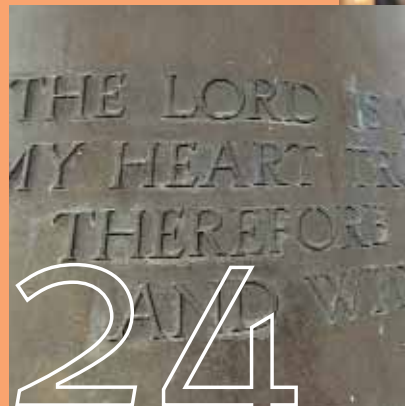
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Front cover: A workman cuts the green turf and prepares to install the Bulldog logo onto Seibert Stadium's new synthetic field.

'The World Is Better for It'

Far from home, comfortable in anonymous blue jeans and T-shirt for a day of driving, I met my Uncle Fred at an Indianapolis restaurant near his real estate office. He is in his 70's and manages a vigorous business schedule primarily in the northeast corner of that city. After a late afternoon dessert and a long conversation, we were about to part.

Suddenly, I had a dull awareness of a voice asking, "Dr. Corts?" Out of "uniform," thinking myself undercover that far from home, I turned, expecting to have been mistaken. There, an attractive young woman greeted me with a beautiful smile of recognition. It was Amy. She said, "I'm a junior at Samford, and I thought that was you. Then I saw your shirt that said 'Samford.' I'm just working here for the summer, and I'll be leaving soon to come back."

I had only returned the previous week from Birmingham, England, and the Centenary Congress of the Baptist

World Alliance. While in that country, I checked on the kitchen remodeling project at Daniel House, Samford's London study centre. I spoke with a firm in Edinburgh, Scotland, that manages global investments for Samford. At a breakfast during the congress, we discussed plans for Samford's new center in Germany. Later, I renewed acquaintance with a Romanian Baptist leader and reviewed operations of a school project in Liberia. Old friends who are missionaries in Europe told me of their fondness for some Samford graduates with whom they work.

Once back on U.S. soil, I had an e-mail conversation with the head of Lebanese Baptist efforts concerning the admission of two Lebanese students desiring to study at Samford. I sent some information to a Korean Baptist leader and friend of Samford, responded to an e-mail message from China, and received a query from a young Samford professional who was on a business trip to Colombia, South America.

Later in the day, an e-mail message arrived from a Samford sophomore, home for the summer in Azerbaijan, asking us to pray for them, and sharing some of the difficulties of the minority Christian community in that nation. I enjoyed a visit with the principal of Amman (Jordan) Baptist School, studying toward a master's degree on campus this summer and sharing perspectives from the Middle East.

"For God so loved the world . . ." the Bible tells us, and it records no divine preference for West over East, or North over South. In our time, a conscientious university is going to be involved with the entire world. And with divine help, "The world is better for it."



Thomas E. Corts
President

SAMFORD report

Trustees Approve New Residence Facility

The Samford University Board of Trustees Executive Committee approved construction of a new residence facility to house 80–100 undergraduate students at its July 19 meeting.

The new residence facility likely will be built on the west quadrant of the campus. Although specific plans for the facility have not been approved and no construction timetable has been set, the project will cost about \$4 million, according to University officials, and will allow Samford to accept 100 additional students.

The residence construction is another step to achieve goals announced in January 2003 as part of "The Promise for All Generations," a multiyear campus improvement plan. One of the goals was to increase undergraduate student enrollment by 400 students.

"We are unable to house our current undergraduate enrollment," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "This prudent and planned undergraduate growth will allow the University to meet the demand to serve more students."

About 200 additional residence spaces are necessary to serve current students, and 300 new residence beds will be essential to serve future enrollment growth, Corts added.

According to Garry Atkins, Samford's director of residence life, all available on-campus housing is reserved for the coming semester. More than 700 incoming freshmen have paid deposits for Fall 2005 enrollment. Each year, the admission office has to turn away students because of a lack of residence hall space, he said.

In response to a capital gift from James R. and Jody W. Wilson of Birmingham, trustees also approved naming a reading room in Harwell Goodwin Davis Library in memory of Wilson's parents, Acy William and Annie Louise Wilson.

Don Mott, Samford's vice president for facilities, reported that construction has begun on a new surface parking lot south of Seibert Stadium. The parking

area should be ready a few weeks after the fall term begins, he said.

Mott also reported plans are progressing toward the construction of a multipurpose athletics arena and student fitness complex, and for relocation and construction of a new varsity tennis complex. Preliminary plans for both projects were announced in April.

Philanthropic giving is the cornerstone of Samford's continued success, according to Michael D. Morgan, vice president for University relations. The University received \$11.7 million during the fiscal year completed on May 31.

"Thousands of individuals support Samford's distinctive mission of Christian higher education each year," Morgan told trustees.

"In the upcoming year, Samford will look to its alumni to join with parents, friends, corporations and Alabama Baptists to again raise at least \$11 million to operate and sustain the University. Additional giving will be required to fulfill the University's plans in capital investment as Samford seeks to meet an immediate need of \$53 million for near-term capital improvements," Morgan said.

About \$5 million comes from Baptist churches in Alabama through the Alabama Baptist Convention, Morgan noted. ■

About the Class of 2009

Facts and figures on Samford's Class of 2009, this year's entering freshman class

Number—720

National Merit Finalists—10

Percentage from outside Alabama—65

States Represented—26

States with the largest number in the entering class (in order)—Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Indiana, Kentucky

Beck Taylor Named New Business Dean

Dr. Beck A. Taylor, former associate dean of the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University, has been named dean of the Samford University School of Business. He joined Samford Aug. 1 after eight years at Baylor. He was responsible for business school research and faculty development.

He replaced Dr. Marlene M. Reed, acting dean since fall 2003 who retired at the end of the 2004–05 academic year (see p. 26).



Dr. Beck Taylor

Taylor was selected following a national search and received an "enthusiastic recommendation" from the search committee and "strong, positive endorsements" from the school of business faculty, according to

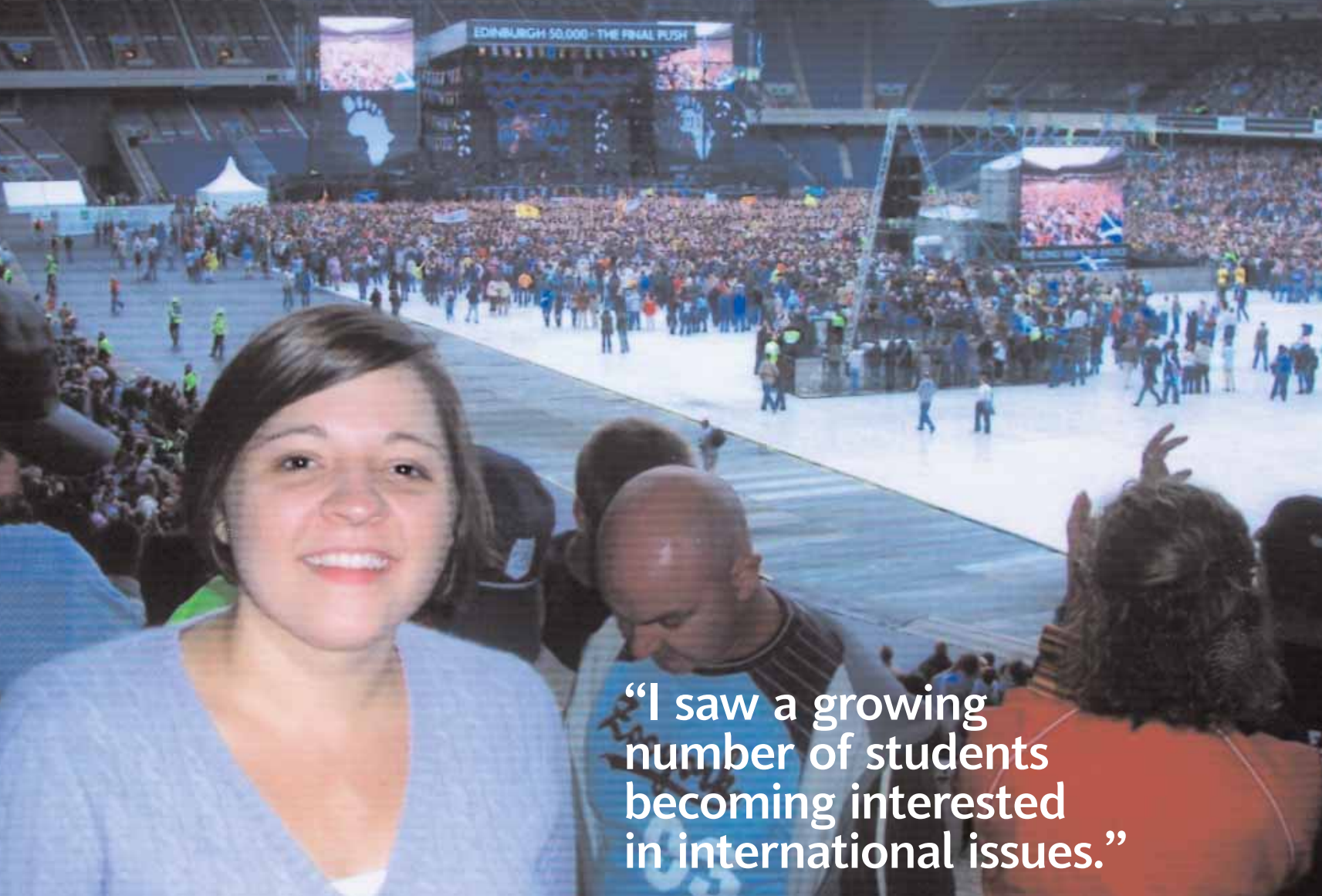
Samford Provost Brad Creed.

"Both President Corts and I are highly enthusiastic about Dr. Taylor's academic and professional credentials," Creed said. "He brings a high level of creative energy and administrative acumen to this very strategic role for Samford and the larger business community."

Since 1997, Taylor has served in several capacities in Baylor's business school. He has been W. H. Smith Professor of Economics and economics graduate programs director. During the 2002–03 academic year, he was a visiting scholar in human development and psychology at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Baylor in 1992 and later earned a doctorate in economics from Purdue University. He has written widely in professional journals and other publications.

"I am very excited to join the Samford family," Beck said. "Samford's School of Business is committed to educating its students with the most current curriculum, to providing opportunities for faculty to engage their respective disciplines in meaningful ways and to nurturing leaders who will bring fresh, values-based perspectives to the complex business environment." ■



“I saw a growing number of students becoming interested in international issues.”

McIntyre, right, was one of the three Baptist representatives from the U.S. delegation.



“I’m convinced that whatever skills God has given me, whatever intellect, I want to use that to help other people.”

After being invited, McIntyre was quickly thrust into the media extravaganza surrounding the summit. The night before her flight to Scotland, she attended a Live8 concert in Philadelphia with the other delegates. Then, once she arrived, she and other delegates visited such luminaries as George Clooney and Richard Curtis, who directed the G8-inspired movie *The Girl in the Cafe* and who was instrumental in instigating the Live8 concert.

“The really major thing that happened on the trip was the night before we left,” McIntyre said. “Two senior White House officials wanted to meet with us at 11 p.m. without the press, which is big, because anytime somebody came to talk to us, the press was there.”

The visit included John Simon of the National Security Council.

“They talked to us about President Bush’s previous policy, and then we got to ask some hardball questions . . . which is a really phenomenal opportunity. When do you ever get to talk to someone who is directly making the policy and who is telling Bush how much money to give?” said McIntyre.

At the summit, delegates received instruction in global activism, attended discussion groups and a “Long Walk to Justice” concert, and joined with others in making citizens’ presence felt as G8 leaders convened.

For the just-graduated political science major, a chance to ask questions of the president’s political advisers was an intellectual dream. She cites one course in particular during her Samford career—Third World Development—which she credits with changing her life and exposing her to the structural complexity involved in Third World poverty. The course, taught by former professor Lisa Sharlach, focused heavily on Africa—a fortuitous preparation for her surprise trip to Scotland.

McIntyre said her Christian faith is a big reason for her activism regarding social justice, poverty and hunger.

“It’s throughout the Scripture,” she said of the mandate. She cited Matthew 25, in which Jesus says that “whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me,” and Acts 4, which describes how believers shared their

resources and “no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.”

“We’re brothers and sisters in Christ with people in the Sudan,” she said. “I’m convinced that whatever skills God has given me, whatever intellect, I want to use that to help other people. I don’t want to waste it.”

The trip was also the perfect bridge between McIntyre’s education at Samford and her impending arrival at the University of Denver, where she is enrolled in the international studies program with a concentration in international development.

“You just don’t ever expect to have this opportunity,” McIntyre said of her G8 experience. “But I was thrilled because the topic was African development, and that’s the continent and area of development I was most interested in.”

McIntyre will study in Denver for the next two years and hopes to work simultaneously at an international development office.

“This is a lifelong commitment for me,” she said. ■

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Eleven organizations make up part of the ONE Campaign, a campaign to end hunger and poverty globally, including Bread for the World, which sent McIntyre as one of its delegates.



Fighting Poverty

by Barrett Hathcock

McIntyre’s Efforts Take Her to G8 Summit as Delegate

While the rest of the world watched on TV, Samford alumna Natalie McIntyre '05 was actually there—attending the G8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, as a delegate.

“It was amazing. It was electric—just all the different things we got to go to,” said the May graduate. “I kept having to pinch myself to realize what I was doing.”

McIntyre was selected by Bread for the World [BFW] as one of its 25 delegates to the “Group of Eight,” or G8 Summit, July 6–8. The G8 Summit brings leaders from the world’s wealthiest nations together to determine strategies for meeting global priorities. The focus of this year’s conference was African poverty.

A total of 150 delegates from the United

States attended. McIntyre said her invitation was a big surprise, but her activism probably accounted for it.

She has been volunteering with BFW for the last two years, and even started a chapter on the Samford campus. She oversaw letter-writing campaigns, hosted a large BFW event on campus and worked to educate other Samford students on hunger issues.

A Hope for Hunger campaign in which students gave up a meal in the cafeteria raised \$1,000 for BFW.

“I saw a growing number of students becoming interested in international issues,” she said. “This year, I really felt like it was world issues and hunger.”

Natalie McIntyre '05, above, attends a concert in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the eve of the G8 Summit. Fifty thousand people attended in honor of the 50,000 people who die every day from poverty-related issues.

The BIG ADVENTURE

Das Grosse Abenteuer

by William Nunnolley



Samford students, from left, David Thornton, Kristen Straw, Leah Creel, Dustin Humphreys and Justin Baas prepare to leave the language institute in scenic Bamberg, Germany, above, for their hike across Bavaria.

Samford Language Students Cap Study with Epic Summer Hike Through Germany

It was not a walk in the park, but for five hardy Samford University students, a hike from Bamberg to Darmstadt seemed the perfect way to cap off a month of summer study at a German language institute. After all, it was only 150 miles, and part of the distance could be covered by rail.

As a conclusion to a total-immersion course in the German language, Samford professor Terry Pickett mapped out a route that would take the hikers along some of central Germany's most scenic trails. That meant they would have some access to rail transportation but also would need to cover some stretches by foot. Part of the goal was to place the students in situations in which they would be forced to use their language skills.

Backpacking is popular in Europe, and Germans view hiking as the most wholesome activity in the world, according to Dr. Pickett. "Since the countryside is composed of villages every couple of miles, the very character of hiking changes," he said. Heavy backpacks aren't needed as they are in American backpacking, and numerous youth hostels eliminate the need for tents.

"The trails the group walked frequently

follow the Main River valley, which is flat," he said, "and even the mountain slopes that had to be negotiated during the first leg in the Hassberg National Park are much gentler than Birmingham's ridges."

The hikers included Justin Baas of Newburgh, Ind., Leah Creel of Vinton, Va., Dustin Humphreys of Niota, Tenn., Kristen Straw of Rogers, Ark., and David Thornton of Covington, Tenn.

They traveled some stretches by rail. But the problem was "the towns where we had reservations overnight were not towns in which a train would come," said Humphreys. That was by design, reminded Pickett. Altogether, the hikers covered approximately 50 miles on foot during their five-day trip.

Before the trek, the students spent most of their time in Bamberg, described by Pickett as "a delightful little city situated not far from the Czech border" in Bavaria. They lived with German families. Not much English is spoken, which provided the students a good learning situation.

"Each morning, they were awakened by the tolling of church bells throughout the

town," said Pickett. "Their walk to school took about 15 minutes. The scene was very different from home. Instead of cars and traffic, there were bicycles and throngs of pedestrians. The bakeries were crowded with people fetching fresh morning breakfast rolls or coffee."

The medieval town, with its narrow cobblestone streets, was founded by Henry II in 1016. It is nestled in a lush countryside and surrounded by castles, palaces and other points of interest, said Pickett.

Baas, Creel, Humphreys and Straw were placed in advanced classes in which

they spent four hours a day working on fluency in German. Thornton was a beginner in German, but his fluency in Spanish helped him make rapid progress in acquiring German.

After a month of concentrated study, the students were ready for *das grosse abenteuer*, or "the big adventure." When they told friends and family of their travel plans, however, some were skeptical.

"The reactions were the same," said Humphreys. "I would get a look as if they were thinking, 'Are you nuts?' Some would say, 'Do you know you can't hike that far?'"

Nevertheless, the group took off, with backpacks in hand, except for Humphreys, who made the mistake of bringing a suitcase that he would be forced to drag through the forests of central Germany. They took a train from Bamberg to the town of Ebern, where Humphreys noticed that "the train tracks literally ended." Off they walked.

Coming to a town around lunchtime, the students asked a woman for the location of an apothecary. She laughed and said, "Konigsberg," eight miles away. They got the same answer when they asked where they might get some lunch or catch a bus.

"We realized then that we were really going to be hiking all day," said Straw.

The next day, a combination of hiking and another train ride brought them to Schweinfurt, where they enjoyed a festival in the town square. The cele-

bration was dedicated to St. Johannes, for whom the local church was named.

Rothenfels was their third-day destination. "We asked where the youth hostel was," said Humphreys, "and found out it was up the hill." Straw noted that "our hostels were always on the top of hills."

When they reached the hostel, "the guy at the desk told us that Rothenfels was the smallest town in Bavaria," said Humphreys. "Everyone would look at us later in the restaurant as if they were thinking, 'Why are you here?'"

Day Four produced what Humphreys called "a good breakthrough." He noticed that "on the hike, when we would talk to the locals in German, we could understand them well and communicate back with no restraint."

The next day, they hiked to the town of Hoechst and caught a train to Darmstadt. Their hostel was beside a lake, so they indulged themselves in the sun and cool water, resting up for the long flight home.

Pickett viewed the course as a success and thought the concluding adventure was a good way to end their German stay. He wasn't surprised that local inhabitants were quick to help the students.

"A sight such as five young Samford students wandering through their country is sure to warm the cockles of every heart," he said. "That is why the group encountered locals eager to give directions."

One additional *abenteuer* remains before the course is complete, said Pickett: the final oral exam in the fall. ■



Graffiti Ministry Founders Hold Reunion, Look Back in Awe at Results

It started 30 years ago when 19 Samford students spent a week on New York City's lower east side renovating an abandoned storefront to serve as a Southern Baptist community center.

The ministry begun by members of a January Term class continues today, providing sustenance and learning to its neighborhood and touching countless lives for Jesus Christ. It spawned the East 7th Street Baptist Church and sponsored eight other churches. Its story of Christian outreach to an inner city neighborhood has been the subject of countless news stories and at least one book.

"It was something we did when we were foolish college kids and didn't know what we were biting off, but it's had such a lasting impact for Christ in this neighborhood," said Judge Karon Bowdre of Birmingham, one of the 19.

The ministry drew its name, Graffiti, from one of the neighborhood's most striking characteristics.

"It was a life-changing experience for me," recalled Esther Burroughs, who led the group as director of religious activities. "We prayed. God answered. He showed us so much more than we ever expected."

In June, 13 of the 19 went back to New York and held a reunion at the headquarters of what is now Graffiti Community Ministries. Taylor Field, Graffiti pastor, told the group its work had inspired more than 500,000 meals being served and more than 300,000 tutoring hours being provided to the neighborhood over the years, in addition to the spiritual gains produced.

Rex Hammock of Nashville, Tenn., said the group spent the weekend "in awe and shock" that

its efforts "affected so many lives and an entire neighborhood."

Becky Rice Yates of Hoover, Ala., recalled that Graffiti catapulted her "out of my comfort zone of Southern girl who grew up Baptist just like everybody else around me. . . . The people I met on the lower east side opened my eyes to a world that hurts, that knows intense disappointment, abandonment and despair." She returned newly aware of the need for urban ministry.

Even so, and despite spending her career with ministry-based companies, Yates said her passion for urban ministry faded over the years, replaced by family demands. She almost decided not to attend the reunion.

But she went and, like Hammock, was overwhelmed by what Graffiti had become. Instead of the small storefront, she saw a new building with a commercial kitchen to feed the community, a worship center, and facilities for tutoring, literacy classes, legal-advocacy areas for non-English speaking people, crisis and drug counseling and The Map—which located the eight other churches Graffiti had inspired across the city.

"In 1975, we were college kids who just wanted to take a trip to New York City and do something meaningful while we were there," she said. "But God had a plan that none of us could have anticipated—a plan to impact hundreds of thousands of lives." ■

This story includes some information from a July 11 story in Baptist Press.

Graffiti Ministry Participants, 1975

Steve Benfield, New York, N.Y.*
 Dick Bodenhamer, Vestavia Hills, Ala.*
 Esther Burroughs, Birmingham*
 Sybil Burton, Satellite Beach, Fla.
 Diane Breeden Hayden, Griffin, Ga.
 Julie Edwards Rayford, Richmond, Va.*
 Reby Fisher Lawler, San Antonio, Texas
 Gary Floyd, Vancouver, Wash.
 Jim Gamble, Mililani, Hawaii*
 Paul Garrard, Arlington, Va.*
 Joe Godfrey, Pleasant Grove, Ala.
 Rex Hammock, Nashville, Tenn.*
 Becky Hartzog, Winston-Salem, N.C.*
 Abigail Hastings, New York, N.Y.*
 Karon Owen Bowdre, Birmingham*
 Becky Rice Yates, Hoover, Ala.*
 Lynn Smith, Birmingham*
 Gary Strickland, Mauldin, S.C.*
 Mary Myn Ward Woolley, Alabaster, Ala.
 Karen Williams Dalton, Keswick, Va.**

*those at reunion

**attended reunion; did not go in 1975 but helped organize the trip as religious activities office assistant

Enjoying the June reunion of Graffiti Ministry alumni are, standing, from left, Dick Bodenhamer, Rex Hammock, Abigail Hastings, Karon Owen Bowdre, Becky Hartzog, Steve Benfield, Becky Rice Yates, Jim Gamble, Stephanie Strickland, Lynn Smith, Gary Strickland, and seated, Bob and Esther Burroughs.



Colin Dexter and Chief Inspector Morse

Noted Writer Shares Thoughts on his
Famous Fictional Detective by Betty Mullins

Oxford, the university town some 50-odd miles from London, is famous for its colleges founded during the Medieval period, its buildings of honey-colored stone and its spires. It has been home to many well-known scholars and writers, such as A. E. Housman, Lewis Carroll, C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. It is also home to Colin Dexter, the famous author and creator of Chief Inspector Morse of the Thames Valley Police and his loyal and long-suffering assistant, Detective Sergeant Lewis.

It has been my pleasure on three occasions to meet and talk with Colin Dexter, the latest over lunch this past summer at the Randolph Hotel. My husband, Bill, and I found him to be charming, gracious, clearly brilliant and a superb conversationalist. He is a highly regarded member of the Oxford community and a familiar figure to people there.



Professor Betty Mullins and her husband, Bill, right, visit Colin Dexter at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford.

Dexter, a Latin and Greek scholar, a graduate of Cambridge University and a teacher, moved to Oxford in the mid-1960s to work for the University Examination Board. He wrote 13 Morse novels, beginning with *Last Bus to Woodstock*, published in 1975, and ending with *The Remorseful Day*, in which Morse dies.

Dexter has won numerous awards for his novels: the Crime Writers Association [CWA] Silver Dagger twice, as well as the CWA Gold Dagger for *The Wench is Dead* and *The Way Through the Woods*. He received the Diamond Dagger from the CWA for his outstanding contributions to crime literature and in 2000 was awarded the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honors List.

In creating Morse, Dexter developed a complex character: one who read classics at Oxford but did not take a degree; one who has a lifelong passion for the music of Wagner and the writings of Housman; one who daily attacks the *Times of London* crosswords and prides himself on the skill and rapidity with which he completes them. But the literate Morse is moody, often melancholy, and at times an arrogant individual who drinks and smokes too much.

And yet, Morse is a character who is obviously brilliant and one who successfully solves the crimes that occur in Oxford and its environs, albeit through many twists and turns and initial mistakes. It is fascinating to see his thought processes as he contemplates the possible solutions to the crimes.

The Morse novels and subsequent films (shown in America on PBS) have become so popular that now one may take a "Morse Walk" in Oxford to visit the sites featured in the novels and films. These range from St. Mary Magdalene Church, whose tower was used in filming *The Service of All the Dead*, to the Randolph Hotel, where various Morse scenes were filmed. In addition, the Trout Inn in Wolvercote, Woodstock Road, Jericho and other sites around Oxford appear in Dexter's novels.



The Trout Inn and St. Mary Magdalene Church are prominent sites in Colin Dexter's novels about Chief Inspector Morse.

Many fictional detectives (and other characters) outlive their creators, but not so with the iconoclastic Inspector Morse. Sadly, with his death in *The Remorseful Day* and subsequently, the death of actor John Thaw, who played Morse to perfection, there will be no more Morse novels or films. But lovers of crime fiction and/or mystery novels may still be enriched by reading Dexter's novels. The best way to do this is chronologically, enabling the reader to see how Dexter used his profound talent, knowledge and insight to develop Morse's unforgettable character.

At my first meeting with Dexter, he shared with us that his "favorite of all the Morse books is book number two . . . that would be *Last Seen Wearing*." But he believed some of his best writing was in the last chapter of *The Remorseful Day* and asked me to read that chapter again to see if I agreed. I told him that not only would I do that, I would read all the novels again in chronological order. Having done that, I certainly agree with his assessment of the last chapter of *The Remorseful Day*.

Dexter never said why he chose to kill Morse off, although we did discuss that no one but Thaw could portray the inspector. He noted that Thaw was not ill at the time *The Remorseful Day* was published in 2000. Thaw died of esophagus cancer in 2002.

And so, is Colin Dexter actually Morse? In my view, he is. They have many similarities, including the love for Wagner and the fascination with crosswords. At our meeting last summer, he and his wife were just back from a visit to Vienna, where they enjoyed the opera. This summer, he headed to Switzerland for another lengthy dose of Wagner. ■

Betty Mullins is a member of the Samford history faculty. She and her husband, Bill, visited with author Colin Dexter during Betty's two semesters as professor-in-residence at Daniel House, Samford's London study centre.

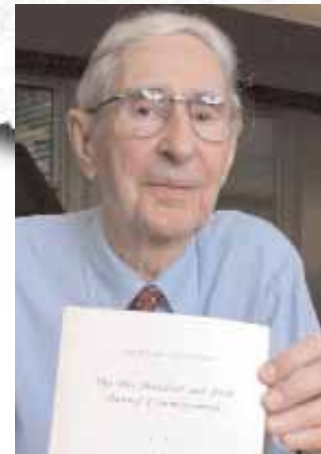


E.R.C. Calls 23 Howard Men

Group Will Report Mar. 24, 6 Seniors Among Reserves

Twenty-three male students are in the spotlight this week at Howard. They are members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps and will report to Fort McPherson March 24. Word came last week-end that this branch of the Army was being called, and hence, lingering good-byes and trips to the home town before next week's induction.

One of Howard's "favorites," Ray Atchison, is among those departing next Wednesday. Ray, a senior, is president of the Baptist Student Union, president of Pi Kappa Theta, honorary journalism fraternity, president of Kappa Phi Kappa, member of Trident and is outstanding in just about every organization on the campus.



Above: *The Crimson* of March 19, 1943 reports the early call-up of Howard students, including a young Ray Atchison, top left. At left: Atchison holds the program from his 1943 graduation that he missed. (*The Crimson* headline says six seniors were called, but there were actually five.)

They Thought They Would Be Able To Graduate, But the Army Had Other Ideas

by Mary Wimberley

Ray Atchison was hundreds of miles away from the Howard College campus when his name was called at commencement May 31, 1943.

"I suspect I was en route to the Aleutian Islands," said Atchison, who was making the trip courtesy of Uncle Sam. "My mother attended the ceremony and picked up my diploma for me."

The featured speaker was Alabama Gov. Chauncey Sparks, who received an honorary degree. He addressed a class of 76 graduates at Ruhama Baptist Church in East Lake, but Atchison and four other seniors were absent.

The five were among 23 Howard students who, as members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps [ERC], were summoned to active duty in March 1943, halfway through their last semester.

"When I signed up with the ERC in July of 1942, I thought I would be able to complete my senior year," recalled Atchison. It didn't work out that way,

although the seniors did eventually receive their degrees and accompanying diplomas.

Many of the 23 reported to Fort McPherson, Ga., for induction. Some were together during basic training at Camp Wolters near Fort Worth, Texas. After that, they went in various directions.

Through the years, Atchison frequently thought about the ERC and his college mates who had their college careers interrupted so unexpectedly at midsemester.

"What happened to the other Howard College men who were part of the ERC? Where did they end up?" he wondered recently.

According to a military Web site, the ERC existed as early as 1916. During the 1920s and '30s, it was used to augment the regular Army and to fill vacancies when needed. In 1941, the Officer/Enlisted Reserve Corps [ORC and ERC] existed simultaneously with the regular Army. After World War II, the two

reserve groups were combined to form the U.S. Army Reserve.

A front-page story in the March 19, 1943, issue of the student newspaper, *The Crimson*, lists the 23 departing students. Along with Atchison, the seniors were Grady Fullerton, Horace Hagood, Charles Niager and Hugh Quin.

The nonseniors included freshman class president Gerald Walker and sophomore class president Craton McEachern, as well as Hudson Baggett, Robert Henry Ballard, Alan W. Bee, Bob Cannon, Jackson D. Dasher, Alvin Austin Dean (who later became a Samford trustee), Abe Epsman, Alton E. Fortner, Jesse L. Herring, William L. Hicks, John W. Key, James E. Marsh, Jr., Carl J. Said, James A. Stuart, William M. Tyler and Samuel A. Wade.

Four of the five seniors are still living. Quin died in 2001.

The Seniors

At the time of his induction, Atchison, described as "one of Howard's favorites," was president of three campus groups—the Baptist Student Union, Pi Kappa Theta journalism honor society and Kappa Phi Kappa—and a member of many more. He went to Camp Wolters in Texas for basic training.

"Hudson Baggett was also at Camp Wolters," remembered Atchison, referring to the late editor of *The Alabama Baptist*, who was a sophomore when called to duty. Baggett, who was wounded at Anzio Beach, Italy, completed his studies at Howard after the war and graduated in 1947.

Atchison was stationed primarily at Atka Island in the Aleutian Islands and then in Anchorage, Alaska, where he was in charge of a message center and 24 civilian women typists. Although war is serious business, there were lighthearted times, such as when movie star Olivia de Havilland visited the base on Atka Island. He still has the photo she autographed for him. It is signed, "To Atchie," a nickname given to him by Army pals.

Atchison went on to earn a master's and a Ph.D. in English. He returned to Samford to teach for 45 years before retiring in 1992. He and his wife, Doris Teague Atchison '48, M.B.A. '69, live near the Samford

campus. They have two children, both Samford graduates: Dr. Paul Atchison '82 and Faith Jansen '78, who is married to alumnus Jerry Jansen, M.B.A. '80; and four grandsons. The oldest grandson, John Jansen, will be a Samford freshman this fall.

Grady Fullerton still prizes the diploma that his dad collected for him at graduation. "When they called my name, he walked down the aisle and picked it up for me, my mother told me later," recalled Fullerton, who now lives in Acworth, Ga.

A business and economics major, he remembers being disappointed that he couldn't complete his senior year. "Samford was very gracious and awarded me my degree."

After basic training at Fort Wolters, he joined a "replacement pool" in North Africa and Italy. "I waded in at Salerno," he said, referring to the site that was prominent in the Allied invasion of Italy.

Upon discharge from the Army, he earned an M.B.A. at the University of Alabama and became a certified public accountant. He taught accounting at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was chief finan-

cial officer for the city of Birmingham and an accountant in Harris County, Texas. He and his wife, Ruth, also a 1943 graduate, have three children.

Horace Hagood also was disappointed at being called out two months before graduation. "I don't know why they changed it," he said of his understanding that he would be able to graduate. "My mother and dad picked up my diploma for me."

His wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Glover, who died five years ago, was also in the 1943 graduating class. He was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa education society and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Hagood, who was assigned to the Army Air Corps, was commissioned a second lieutenant through Officer Candidate School. After he and Mary Elizabeth married in 1943, she joined him in South Dakota, where he taught radio for the Air Corps and she worked at the air base in Sioux Falls. "We had it pretty good," he recalled.

They both pursued teaching careers. He taught at Brighton High School, and also worked for the post office and Internal Revenue Service. Their daughter, Sally Hagood Fulton, earned an M.B.A. in 1983. Her husband, Don Fulton, is a 1969 graduate.

Charles Niager learned that he had received his degree by way of the postal service. "The school wrote me a letter and said they were giving me my degree. That was in 1944 or 1945. They mailed me my diploma," he said. Niager's brother, Roy Jones Niager, had graduated in 1942.

Primarily an infantryman, he spent nine months in a specialized training program at a junior college in Steventville, Texas. After being wounded in March 1945 while with the 99th Infantry Division in Europe, he was hospitalized for six months.

A business major, Niager became an accountant and controller in Athens, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn., where he and his wife, Willene, have lived since 1965. He retired in 1984.

The Niager brothers' diplomas represent only one generation of a Samford family tree. Their father, a Baptist minister, graduated in 1920. One of Charles Niager's five children, Paul David, graduated in 1980.

Hugh Quin, who had been Lambda Chi Alpha vice president, assistant editor of the *Entre Nous*, a track star and assistant sports editor of *The Crimson*, died in 2001. According to his daughter, Dale Quin, a 1977 graduate who earned a master's in 1982, he served mostly in North Africa and Italy. He retired after a career with U.S. Steel. ■



Atchison, second from left, and his fellow troops were a long way from the U.S. on Atka Island, but not so far that he couldn't get an autographed photo from movie star Olivia de Havilland when she visited his base.

Right: Some doubted that the Veterans Intramural Basketball Team could finish the 1945–46 season. The team not only finished; it won the intramural championship and fielded the tournament's leading scorer (Denny). Front row are (last names only) Brown, Davis, Gibson and Hall; (back row) Sloan, Keller and Denny.



The U.S. Navy's V-12 training program at Howard College lowered its flag for the last time in 1945, with the hope that it would "never again be used in wartime." Here, unidentified students join President Davis (second from left) and V-12 program commanding officer Lt. Charles A. Schade (third from left). The V-12 flag remains in the Special Collection department of University Library.



Above: Shortly after the end of the V-12 program, female students who had surrendered Smith Hall to the Navy for the duration of the war returned with brooms and mops to reclaim their old dorm.

The Greatest Generation Comes Home

Below: After the war, the old V-12 barracks were converted to housing for single veterans.



Above: The sailors of the V-12 program had become part of the Howard College family by the end of the war, and their farewell was bittersweet. They had forever changed the culture of the college and set the stage for dramatic postwar growth. Here, a departing sailor bids farewell to his Howard "sister."



"Yes, victory in Japan has brought us that goal for which we have strived so long—the end of this era of destruction. There is great tumult, confusion and excitement in our minds and hearts as we anxiously stand on the threshold of a new world. Also in our hearts there is a quiet serenity because we know that even as Howard has held her own in a war-torn world, she is at her best in the business of education for life."

The mood at Howard College at the end of WWII is captured in the above note in the 1945 *Entre Nous*, Samford University's yearbook. Howard had been hit especially hard by the demands of war, losing so many students early in the war that it was in danger of closing by 1942. A military training program seemed to be the only way to keep the doors open, and when President Harwell Goodwin Davis secured a U.S. Navy V-12 training program in 1943, it did a great deal more than maintain the status quo. Thanks to the program, which paid Howard for its services, the college went from enormous debt and near foreclosure before the war to massive surpluses afterward. By war's end, the college was well positioned to get on with the work of "education for life."

Veterans, both men and women, began returning to Howard immediately after the end of the war, thanks in large measure to the GI Bill. This brought to the college not only students and dollars, but also a more worldly perspective than the college had known, as well as new challenges in housing and other campus facilities.

The financial surplus created by the V-12 program and sustained by the GI Bill allowed Howard to explore the creation of a new campus in Homewood. That dream was realized by 1957, only a little more than a decade after the greatest generation came home. ■

Left: By the late 1940s, returning veterans, many with families in tow, were transforming the culture of Howard College. This photo, circa 1947, shows a family game of cards in the married veterans' apartments.

Local History Museum Honors Reconstruction-Era Trustee



John Washington Inzer, a trustee of Howard College from 1871 to 1888, expected Alabama to secede from the Union. At the age of 26, the youngest member of the Alabama Secession Convention of 1861 had expected the division his entire adult life. But, as a “cooperationist,” Inzer opposed secession except in concert with other Southern states. “I told the people of St. Clair while canvassing the county that I was in favor of cooperation,” he informed the convention, “but said that if Alabama should secede, separate and alone, I would go with her and stand by her in every peril, even to the cannon’s mouth, and now I repeat it. I am for Alabama under any and all circumstances.”

Inzer kept his promises, voting to preserve the Union but ultimately signing the Ordinance of Secession and enlisting as a private in the 5th Alabama Battalion Infantry. He rose through the ranks to become a lieutenant colonel and kept a journal of his experiences on the battlefields of Shiloh, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He continued his journal even at the federal military prison at Johnson’s Island,

Ohio, from his capture in late 1863 through his release in the summer of 1865.

Inzer returned to Alabama after the war, served as a probate judge and state legislator, and joined the Howard College Board of Trustees in 1871 when the college was, in essence, a military academy led by fellow Confederate veteran James Murfee. Inzer served the college through troubled times and departed the board in 1888 after seeing the college through its relocation from Marion, Ala., to the East Lake community of Birmingham.

Inzer died at the age of 93 in 1928, but his family retained his Ashville, Ala., home, a Greek Revival townhouse completed in 1852 and now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. When Inzer’s last granddaughter died in 1987, the family deeded the property to the St. Clair Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the condition that the house be used as museum honoring Inzer.

Edwin Camp, chairman of the John W. Inzer Museum’s board of directors, said that although the nonprofit museum has been open to visitors since the 1990s, it is not yet complete. State and local grants supported the initial stages of a restoration expected to



total \$200,000, but Camp noted that the prospect of further grants has dwindled along with the state’s financial health, leaving six rooms of the house awaiting restoration.

Samford’s connection to Inzer and the museum that honors him might have been overlooked if Edwin Camp had not found a fellow history buff in his cousin Scott Camp, who serves Samford’s University relations division as senior graphic designer. Seeking to help his cousin’s preservation efforts, Scott Camp sought advice from University Library archivist Elizabeth Wells.

She recalled conversations with St. Clair county historian Mattie Lou Teague Crow, editor of Inzer’s journals, and recognized Inzer’s connection to Samford. Since then, Wells and Scott Camp have been exploring the history of this relationship, discovering, among other things, that the Inzer family continued to serve Howard College. James Washington Inzer, John Washington’s young cousin, was a distinguished alumnus, trustee and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alabama. The younger Inzer also proposed that the administration building on Howard College’s new campus in Homewood carry the name of trustee Frank Park Samford. And so the story of John Washington Inzer comes full circle, to the Samford Hall office of Scott Camp.

Such threads make up the fabric of Samford’s history, and although following them through their twisting courses can be both time consuming and frustrating, that process has much to offer. “People such as Judge Inzer are a part of Samford’s history and heritage,” Wells said. “Through their historical documents, artifacts and stories, we better understand our institution.”

The John Washington Inzer Museum is located on U.S. Highway 231, one block south of Courthouse Square in Ashville. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends, April through September, and by request anytime. For information, call Edwin Camp at (205) 655-3562 or Benjamin Hestley at (205) 338-2412. ■

The John Washington Inzer Museum in Ashville, Ala., is a typical example of a 19th-century Greek Revival townhouse. The dining room, far left, and ladies parlor, left, hold original 19th century furnishings.

Billy Gamble: Jack of all Trades, Master of Most

by Jack Brymer

Billy Gamble took a roundabout route to the Samford School of Business faculty. In fact, when he first arrived at Samford—as superintendent of the physical plant in 1963—he didn't even have a college degree.

By 1975, he had earned a bachelor's and two master's degrees—all at night—and he became Samford's first full-time instructor of information systems. When he retired from the faculty in 1988, he had received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Samford Rotaract Club and Distinguished Professor Award from Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. Later, he received the School of Business Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Teaching represented Gamble's third career. He spent 22 years in the U.S. Navy before retiring as a chief warrant officer. Then he served 10 years as physical plant superintendent and two more as the architect's representative for the construction of Wright Center at Samford.

While Gamble's career route might seem unusual, in his mind, each step followed a logical progression. As physical plant superintendent, he was on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was much like his military career, part of which was spent in the submarine service. In both vocations, he took advantage of every opportunity to study and learn.

This, in turn, led to his teaching career.

Where is he now?

He and his wife, Stella, are enjoying a busy retirement as genealogists, an activity Billy is glad to get back to after recent health problems. They live in Hoover, Ala.

Billy and Stella Gamble spend much of their time these days working on genealogy.



Gamble was born and grew up on a farm on Pine Mountain near Reamlap, Ala., in Blount County. In 1941, he graduated from Blount County High School in Oneonta, where he met Stella Ingram. He and his future wife rode the same school bus together.

Following graduation, he completed a farm crop started by his eldest brother, who was recalled to the U.S. Army in early 1941. Later that fall, Gamble convinced his mother to permit him to join the Navy, which he did on Dec. 2, 1941, just three days before his 18th birthday. Five days later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and America was at war.

The demands of the war and Gamble's tenacious eagerness to learn took him on a whirlwind tour of training shortly after boot camp. Within a year, he had completed electrical school in Detroit, Mich., Gyro Compass School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Submarine School at New London, Conn. He went to sea aboard the submarine USS R-6.

By the time he was 19, Gamble had been promoted to the rank of 1st class and made the senior electrician on board the R-6. Early in 1944, he was assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS Sea Cat and headed to the South Pacific. The submarine made numerous patrols into the Yellow Sea, China Sea and the Sea of Japan. The Sea Cat was headed toward the Curel Islands just north of Japan to participate in shore bombardment when the war ended. It was one of 12 submarines in Tokyo Bay near the USS Missouri when the surrender was signed Sept. 2, 1945.

"We were pleased that bombardment mission was cancelled," he recalled.

Gamble completed his enlistment Dec. 4, 1946. He and Stella were married two weeks later. Shortly thereafter, he re-entered the Navy while he could retain his rank of chief petty officer. Following his Navy retirement, the family, which by then included son William David and daughter Susan Mary, returned to Birmingham.

Almost immediately, he became employed at Samford in August of 1963 as superintendent of the physical plant. Life on a submarine prepared him well for his work as plant manager at Samford.

"You are called on 24 hours a day for all manner of problems," he said. Occasional callers could be unreasonable, he recalled, but he developed a method for handling these.

"I would hang up the phone, go straight to their office and confront them eye-to-eye about the situation," he said. It worked, apparently, because people appreciated a supervisor who could rescue them from an assortment of unexpected calamities.

Over the years, Gamble fielded his share of unusual requests, such as a 7 a.m. call one

Sunday from Mrs. Leslie Wright, wife of the Samford president, for help with the burial of the school mascot, Beauregard. The unfortunate pup had died from heat stroke after an early season football game the day before.

The Samford job provided Gamble with the opportunity to earn his college degree at night. "I never sat in a day class," he said. He went on to earn a master's degree in vocational education plus a master of business administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Gamble then joined the faculty. He proved to be a gifted and enthusiastic teacher, winning the Rotaract award during his second year of teaching. In addition to a full load of courses, he developed the first career placement office in the School of Business that evolved into the University Career Development Office.

But Gamble never could get totally removed from his days as a problem-solver. One such incident occurred when he was on vacation at Daniel House, Samford's London centre. The basement, which houses the kitchen and laundry, flooded. A frantic call went out for plumbing help. But standing water was no challenge to a former submarine mechanic. Gamble removed his shoes and waded into the deep, only to discover a sock stuck in the drain.

Gamble is 81 now. Despite a recent near-death experience with an aortic graft enteric fistula, which resulted in a leg amputation due to poor blood circulation, he continues his lifelong positive attitude. He can still be found on campus at least once a month attending the retired faculty luncheon for which he sends monthly notices.

He recalls his tenure at Samford as "always very satisfying."

Stella helped point Billy toward his fourth "career," genealogy. She earned a bachelor's in history from Samford in 1978 and became interested in family ancestry. Billy came to share her interest after his retirement from the faculty. They already have published three family genealogy books, including *The Gamble Family: From the Laurens District of South Carolina that Settled in the Foothills of Alabama*.

"Much of our time now is spent in court-houses, libraries, graveyards and corresponding with other like-minded people trying to learn as much as they can about their ancestors," he said. ■

Ralph Beeson statue greets visitors to Centennial Walk.



1 Beeson Statue—The life-sized statue of Samford benefactor Ralph Waldo Beeson, seated at one end of a park bench at the start of Centennial Walk, may be Samford's most photographed spot. Sculptor Glynn Acree created this popular statue, which honors a man who donated more than \$75 million to Samford during his lifetime and after his death.

Stroll up Centennial Walk to Davis Library. Turn right along the sidewalk and pass the fountain. Turn left and walk to the side of Robinson Hall.

2 Justice and Mercy—Standing in the courtyard between Robinson Hall and the Law Library, this statue expresses law library benefactor Lucille Stewart Beeson's philosophy, "Seek wisdom to temper justice with compassion." Acree created this statue also, from an idea generated by Samford President Thomas Corts.

Retrace your steps to the front of Davis Library and enter the main doors.

3 Library Art—Just inside the door sits a bust of Harwell Goodwin Davis, Samford's president from 1939 until 1957 and the man who led the school from East Lake to its present campus. George Koski, former head of the music department, sculpted the bust. Over the years, it has taken on a darker color, except for the nose, which remains bright because of students rubbing it for good luck over the years.

Various pieces of art adorn the library walls. "Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of

Bach," painted by Connie Erickson in 1995 and donated by Dr. and Mrs. Corts, hangs on the second floor. Nearby is artist He Qi's work, *Messiah*, which combines Chinese and Western cultural customs and artistic techniques.

The Alabama Men's Hall of Fame on the third floor features bronze plaques of men recognized by the hall since its founding in 1987.

On the lower level of the library, Special Collection houses color lithographs, rare books, aquatints, drawings and early maps donated by William H. Brantley, Jr., in 1963. Special Collection also has art and artifacts donated by missionaries who served around the world.

Leave the library through the main doors and turn right. After passing Beeson University Center, turn left, go past Beeson Divinity Hall, turn right and watch for the gallery entrance on the left.

4 Wright Center Gallery—The Samford Art Gallery hosts a variety of shows each year, changing about once a month. Gallery hours are Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



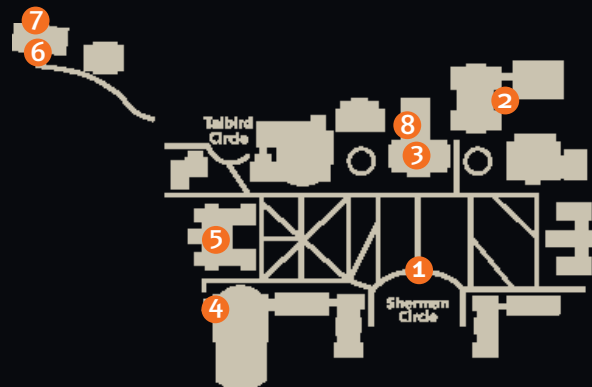
Harwell Davis bust

TAKE A WALKING TOUR OF SAMFORD CAMPUS ART

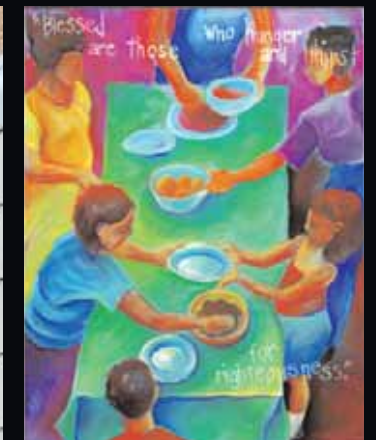
From murals created using the techniques of Renaissance masters to a unique sculpture of the Angel of Mercy staying Justicia's swift sword, Samford offers an abundance of campus art to enjoy. Towering above it all is one of North America's largest carillons, a 60-bell instrument that provides late-afternoon miniconcerts and music for special occasions.

The Samford campus has been called one of the nation's most beautiful, with its striking Georgian-Colonial architecture and meticulous landscaping. Within the buildings and at various points around the campus, paintings and public statues lend an artistic touch.

These works can be enjoyed on a walking tour. Those familiar with the campus won't need these directions. But for those who are not, here's one route to follow, starting at the entrance to Centennial Walk near the north end of Sherman Circle.



Justice and Mercy



Samford Art Gallery Show

Leave the gallery and turn left along the sidewalk, and then turn right and take the steps to the entrance of Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel.

5 Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel—This campus showplace was completed in 1995 as the chapel for Beeson Divinity School. The focal point is a dome mural 90 feet high, featuring Jesus and his followers, titled *The Great Cloud of Witnesses*. Murals adorn the walls of the chapel, and busts of six 20th-century Christian martyrs rest on pedestals. All of these works were done by Romanian artist Petru Botezatu.

Behind the choir loft stands a magnificent Letourneau organ. An inlaid bronze floor plaque near the pulpit honors the two men for whom Beeson Divinity School is named, Ralph Beeson and his father, John Wesley Beeson.

The chapel was named for Samford benefactor and longtime trustee Andrew Gerow Hodges in 2002.

Leave the front entrance of Hodges Chapel and turn right up the hill. At the four-way intersection, cross the street, turn left and follow Dawson Drive to the front of the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts.

6 Healing Angel—The best known symbol of Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, this statue was created in Italy by sculptor Urbano Buratti using drawings by a Birmingham artist and Samford alumnus, Tim Britton, known professionally as Constantine Breton. Inspired by a series of angels by 17th-century sculptor Giovanni Bernini, the statue was dedicated at the opening of the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts in 1988.



Nursing's Healing Angel

Jeffrey Mims' murals of Jesus healing a blind man, below, and, from top, Jesus raising a dead boy to life, apostles Peter and John giving a crippled man the ability to walk, and Moses striking a rock for water in the desert.



Petru Botezatu's *Great Cloud of Witnesses* in Hodges Chapel dome



Enter the healing arts center behind the statue and go the second floor. Enter the rotunda. Then climb the stairs for a closer look.

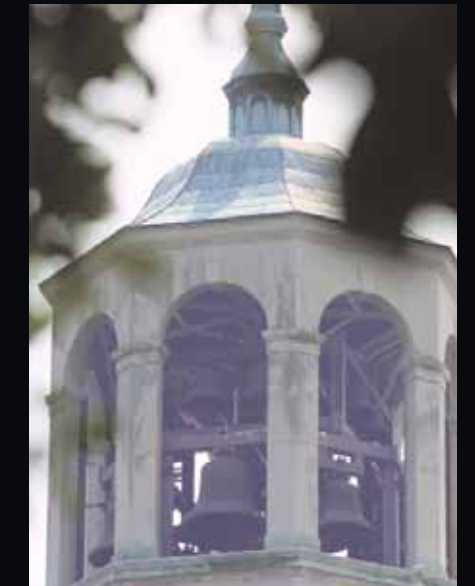
7 Rotunda Murals—Encircling the rotunda are four 5' x 8' murals depicting healing scenes from the Bible. Painted by North Carolina artist Jeffrey Mims in 1987–88, they represent Moses striking a rock for water in the desert, Jesus healing a blind man, Jesus raising a dead boy to life, and apostles Peter and John bestowing the ability to walk on a crippled man. Mims patterned his technique after the classical realism of such masters as Raphael and Michelangelo, and did more than 60 individual studies from live models for the murals.

The murals, like the Healing Angel, were unveiled at the dedication of the healing arts center in 1988.

8 Rushton Memorial Carillon—You won't have to walk far to hear the massive instrument located atop Davis Library. Just listen. Carillonneur Stephen Knight (see p.24) has played daily concerts for more than 30 years, and of course, the carillon is the source of the quarter-hour chimes on campus.

Dedicated in 1968, the carillon originally hung in the steeple of Reid Chapel and was comprised of 49 bells. In 1979, it was moved to Davis Library and 11 bells were added, the largest weighing more than 5,000 pounds. Each bell is adorned with a Bible verse or quotation from literature. The instrument is named for its donor, Col. William J. Rushton. ■

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Rushton Memorial Carillon

Sound Is All He Sees

by Emily Heiple

"You could say this is an exercise spiritually, mentally and physically," chuckles Stephen Knight, as he takes a breath and removes the special shoes needed for playing his instrument. Knight is Samford University's carillonneur.

Knight was born in 1944 with just enough sight to read large print. As he aged, he developed cataracts in both eyes, leaving him without sight. He attended the Perkins School for the Blind, the same school at which Anne Sullivan taught Helen Keller.

"There, I learned music braille and won the Samuel P. Hayes award for music," Knight said.

"Some of my favorite composers are Mozart, Handel, Debussy, Schubert, Chopin and Schumann, and just a lot of 20th century music," he said. "I started to become interested in contemporary music in eighth grade."

Just watching Knight play the Rushton Memorial Carillon is enough to make anyone feel fatigued, not to mention the hike up several flights of stairs to reach the instrument.



Stephen Knight prepares to play the 60-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon.

A couple of afternoons each week, Knight leaves his office in the music building and makes his way across Samford's quadrangle to Davis Library. He rides the elevator to the fourth floor, enters a cold, musty stairwell and climbs several more flights of twisting staircases.

The carillon is located at the top of the bell tower. Some of the instrument's 60 bells can be seen from ground level. Knight plays the carillon in a small, white room just below the belfry. It holds a tall, wooden console with keys and pedals attached to the bells by metal wires.

Knight walks into the room, props open a hatch that leads up to the bells and puts on special shoes needed to play the pedals. Sitting on a bench, he places his feet on the pedals and his hands on the keys, like a pianist preparing to perform.

The keys resemble wooden rods protruding from the main frame of the instrument. Metal

wires attached to the rods and pedals rise out of the wooden frame and through the ceiling to the carillon above. Each wire is attached to a bell clapper. When Knight presses down on the rods and pedals, they pull the wires that ring the bells. For Knight, the sound evokes childhood memories of the end of Sunday church service.

"Samford's carillon is mechanically connected to baton keys," said Knight. "I use loosely closed fists to perform, as well as toes to tap the pedals."

For most people, this activity may not seem to require much effort, and Knight makes playing the carillon appear almost effortless. But a measure of physical strength is needed to play the instrument for any period of time, because it is completely mechanical and the performer is unaided by electronics.

For a time, Knight held on to the hope that he might regain some of his vision. But after several consultations in New York City and Atlanta, an eye operation failed. He remained without vision, but the problem did not prevent him from accomplishing his goal of becoming a musician.

He earned a bachelor's degree in music and piano from the University of Alabama, and a master's degree in organ from the University of Michigan. He studied at La Schola Cantorum in Paris, where he received a superior degree, and at the Mechelen School in Belgium, where he earned a degree in carillon.

Later, after he had been at Samford for four years, he won a composition prize from the Mechelen School.

"I use braille and tape recordings of other people's interpretations of music to help speed the process of learning a new song," he said. "Although I don't like to copy people's interpretations, it's good to be able to hear them."

The Rushton Memorial Carillon at Samford University is the largest in Alabama and one of the largest in North America. It is named for Col. William J. Rushton, whose generosity funded the instrument at Samford.

Casting of the carillon bells began during the fall of 1967. After the dedication by Rick Watson, Samford's first carillonneur, in May of 1968, Knight became Watson's first carillon student. Samford's carillon originally contained 49 bells and hung in the tower of Reid Chapel, but it was enlarged and moved to its present location in 1979.

Knight may not be able to see the bells, rods and wires, or even the sheet music that he plays. But his passion for the carillon has enabled him to share the joy of beautiful music with the Samford campus and nearby Shades Valley for more than three decades. ■

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Reed Has Plenty of Cases Yet to Write in Retirement

Business professor Marlene Reed announced her retirement in May after 24 years in the Samford School of Business, the last two as acting dean. But she doesn't believe she will have any trouble staying busy once she leaves.

She already has been nominated as program chair-elect of the North American Case Research Association, which will lead her to the organization presidency in two years. That opportunity came her way in July as she led a conference on case writing in Michigan.

"My plans upon retirement were to continue to write and attend the professional meetings that have become so important to me," she said.

Case writing is important, said Dr. Reed, because it shows students examples of the application of theory in real business situations.

"When I found a gap in one of my classes—usually entrepreneurship—I searched until I found a company that had dealt with a similar problem," she said. "Then I asked a high-level official in the organization, usually the president, if I could interview him or her and write a case about the experience of that company dealing with the particular situation."

Reed conducted several interviews and also consulted secondary sources such as newspapers or journals before writing a case.

She generally focused on Alabama businesses in her cases but also produced case studies of European businesses that found their way into U.S. textbooks and journals. Several of these deal with Eastern European businesses that struggled to change from a communist economy to a free market.

Reed, who was named the Margaret Gage Bush University Professor in 2003, joined Samford in

Dr. Marlene Reed and her husband, Bill, will retire to her hometown of Crawford, Texas.

1981. She was named Alabama Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1994.

Have the School of Business and its students changed during her tenure?

"I think our students always have been entrepreneurial," she said, "but they seem to be even more interested today in starting their own businesses. I find many of them are writing business plans for taking over a family business and looking at ways to improve the operations."

Two high points of her tenure have been Samford's acquisition of Daniel House as a London study centre in 1984 and the business school accreditation by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business in 1999.

"We already knew we were good," she said of the AACSB recognition, "but it was nice to have that external affirmation."

When former Dean Carl Gooding retired during the summer of 2003, Provost Brad Creed appointed Reed acting dean. As she readied for retirement this summer, Dr. Creed called her "a gifted teacher, a recognized professional in her field and a leader in the community." He also noted that "with her boundless energy and tireless enthusiasm, she can work circles around most people half her age."

Others recognize those traits as well. When her alma mater, Baylor University, discovered she was retiring and returning to her home of Crawford, Texas, the business school asked her to teach a course in the spring.

Oh, and one more thing, would she accompany a group of 28 business honor students to Prague, Czechoslovakia, in November?

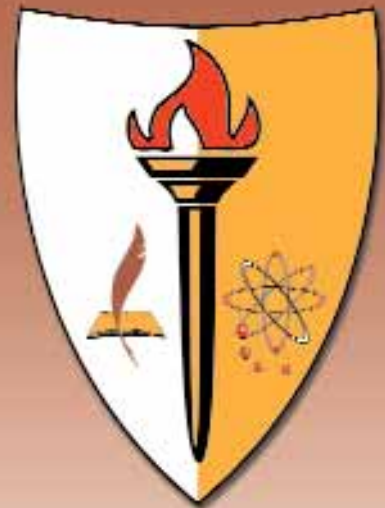
Reed said yes. As she pointed out, she won't have any trouble staying busy in retirement. ■





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A Newsletter of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences





Donations Support Growing Undergraduate Research Program

by David Chapman

As part of their research on Alabama prisons, history professor Jonathan Bass and Erin Stewart review records at the Bessemer jail.

When students are asked what they did with their summer vacations, they often talk about trips to the beach and summer jobs. However, some students at Samford spent the summer engaged in advanced research projects.

Through the Samford Undergraduate Research Program, students spend a summer working with faculty mentors on an individualized project. Since many students depend on summer income to pay for their education, the program is being subsidized through donations from alumni, faculty, staff, students and other supporters. This support provides needed research supplies, and compensates both students and faculty for their participation in the program.

The program began in 2004 with one student. This year, thanks to several generous donors, Samford has expanded the program to include six students: Sharon Pierce (psychology), Ashley Sharpe (sociology), Bart Masters (physics), Erin Stewart (history), Joy Roberson (chemistry) and James Patrick Weaver (biology). These students talk enthusiastically about topics such as optical pyrometers, statistically significant indicators of prosocial behavior, ultraviolet spectroscopy, coping

mechanism inventories and the effects of brassinosteroids on sexual characteristics of fish.

What prompts these students to commit to a summer of research? "I'm a curious person," explained Sharon Pierce. "When something is presented in class, I start thinking, 'Why is that? How can I research that further?' Summer research has been a great way to explore these ideas."

Bart Masters notes that this summer was his first experience with the practical aspects of physics. "I had never learned physics outside a classroom until this summer," he said. "That's why this has been such an invaluable experience. It's given me a chance to see what a scientist does before I make the decision about going to graduate school."

The ability to research a complex problem and document that research is one of the most valuable skills any student can possess. Despite the widely recognized value of undergraduate research—not only for students, but for faculty and the University as a whole—only a fraction of American undergraduate students have an opportunity to engage in extended research projects. Not so at Samford, where the attention to undergraduate research has grown

steadily over the past decade. Each year, Samford sends one of the largest contingents of any university in America to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

"I like this project [adsorption of alkanethiol in binary SAMs] because it opens the door to independent research," explained Joy Roberson. "It's not so limited as doing projects in organic chemistry where everything is done by the book. There are so many options. I can say, 'Let's try this today and see how it works.'"

What would Roberson have been doing if she didn't have this opportunity? "What I did last summer, I guess," she said. "Working at Walgreens."

To learn more about how to support Samford undergraduate research scholars, contact Ron Wilson at (205) 726-4200.

On the preceding page: Patrick Weaver investigates the effects of steroids on fish development with Professor Mike Howell.

Things We Don't Have to Do



When I think back over last year, I realize that I spent a lot of time doing things that I don't have to do. The primary business of a dean is to ensure that students are getting the best education possible, and certainly most of my time is spent on faculty recruitment, faculty development and resource management. Still, there are other tasks that come my way that don't seem to fall under my job description.

Last year, I wrote an application to bring a visiting Fulbright professor to campus. Salwa Cherif arrived in October as Samford's first ever Fulbright in residence. The Fulbright reviewers were very concerned that Dr. Cherif appear in many public venues as well as on campus, so we arranged for several off-campus appearances. We felt that promoting dialogue with the Muslim world was vital at this point in our nation's history.

We also hosted a visiting professor from Sweden in the fall. Filip Sebek was sent by the Swedish government to learn more about effective teaching methods. Samford's reputation as an outstanding teaching institution has brought many such visitors our way. We are proud of this reputation, but as anyone knows who has had houseguests, such visits do impose additional obligations on the host.

Let me quickly add that Samford also has earned a reputation for its hospitality toward visiting speakers and faculty members. The above visits would not have been possible without the assistance of Mary McCullough, who served as Salwa Cherif's host, and Bryan Johnson, who arranged her lecture schedule. Filip Sebek received a warm welcome from our Department of

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Mathematics and Computer Science faculty. Steve Donaldson, Greg Kawell and others went out of their way to assist Filip's family. Absolutely crucial to the success of both visits was the work of Mary Sue Baldwin, director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, who arranged for everything from laptops to lightbulbs.

In November, Samford hosted a conference on Christianity and Human Rights that was funded by the Lilly Foundation. Scholars from all over the world were here to talk about a host of issues, from Christian relief efforts to state-sponsored genocide. Students had the opportunity to hear nationally known speakers such as Jean Bethke Elshtain and Robert Drinan. This was a campus event that drew on resources in law, divinity and other professional schools, but the bulk of the work fell on Fred Shepherd (political science) and Chris Metress (English).

April was a perfect storm of events on campus. Samford was once again the host site for the Science Olympiad. After three years of directing this state's finals, Perry Tompkins (physics) passed the baton to Brian Gregory (chemistry). More than 200 of the best high school science students in Alabama came to Samford to participate in "Robot Ramble," "Storm the Castle," "Wright Stuff" and many more events. It takes the full support of our faculty in biology, chemistry, geography, math and computer science, and physics to make this event a success.

The week after the Science Olympiad, we hosted the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride to benefit Sowing Seeds of Hope. Samford has been heavily involved in projects to benefit Perry County in Alabama's Black Belt. Marion, the county seat for Perry County, was the original home for Samford University (old Howard College). This region is now one of the poorest in the nation. Faculty and students organized several activities in Perry and Greene Counties, including the bike ride, a children's fun fair and a

health fair. Bridget Rose (divinity) and Rosemary Fisk (associate dean of arts and sciences) were the principal organizers of the bike ride that raised \$3,000 to benefit the people of Perry County. President Cortis presided over a ceremony that afternoon at a newly refurbished marker in Greensboro that marks the founding of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

The next week was Earth Day on campus. Students from many different departments and programs hosted booths on Ben Brown Plaza to promote environmental awareness. Special lectures were given by Stephanie Paulsell, associate dean of Harvard Divinity School; Peter Illyn, founder of Restoring Eden: Christians for Environmental Stewardship; and Alabama naturalist Doug Phillips.

All the events above have one thing in common: none of them were part of a regular classroom experience. If we had not hosted these events, business would have gone on as usual at the University: classes would have been held, examinations given, grades recorded. However, we feel the mission of a Christian university extends beyond the classroom. It means considering our responsibility to our fellow creatures, to the natural world, and especially to the disenfranchised and the poor. When we proclaim at Samford that "the world is better for it," we mean not only the eventual impact of our students on society, but their immediate involvement in understanding the issues of the day and working to alleviate suffering. These are things that we don't have to do, but that we must do because we have a higher calling.

Sincerely,

David W. Chapman, Dean
Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Faith, Vocation and Core Curriculum Symposium Set

by Rosemary Fisk

As the colors on the side of Shades Mountain enter their most glorious phase in mid-October, Samford will host a group of faculty and administrators from select universities across the nation. Samford faculty from many departments who teach in the core courses of Cultural Perspectives and Communication Arts will invite the visitors to attend their classes, and then discuss how questions of faith and vocation can be integrated into the core curriculum.

A central question the Oct. 13–14 symposium will raise is how well this requirement of foundational courses prepares students not only for their academic career, but also for their individual vocational calling, civic engagement and global citizenship. Dr. Patricia King, an expert in college student development and learning from the University of Michigan, will open the

symposium with an overview of the challenges facing teachers of college freshmen.

Cultural Perspectives classes will be in the midst of a unit on Islam, providing rich material for a discussion of how this topic is approached at a Christian university as compared to a public one. The second night will feature a campus-wide lecture by Middle Eastern scholar Fawaz Gerges of Sarah Lawrence College in New York, speaking on the globalization of *jihad* and the fault lines of conflict between the United States and the Muslim world. Visitors from the conference will observe the way that students sort through the troubling issues raised through the lecture.

In Communication Arts classes, visitors will have an opportunity to probe the role of service learning in the overall learning experience. They might go along with student groups on a

service trip, such as to the Southtown Housing project downtown, before they hear student speeches and evaluate writing assignments generated by the experience. Does this enforced community involvement increase a student's civic commitment and foster thoughtful solutions to complex problems?

Now in the third year of the Samford-in-Mission grant initiative as part of the Lilly Endowment Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, faculty have had financial support to hold in-house workshops and reflect on the serious issues involved in teaching at a faith-based university. In October, Samford will showcase not only the beautiful autumn colors, but the students, faculty and programs that have made the core curriculum a model worthy of discussion.

Hughes' Book Says Faith, Intellect 'Should Be Mutually Supportive'

reviewed by Dana Basinger

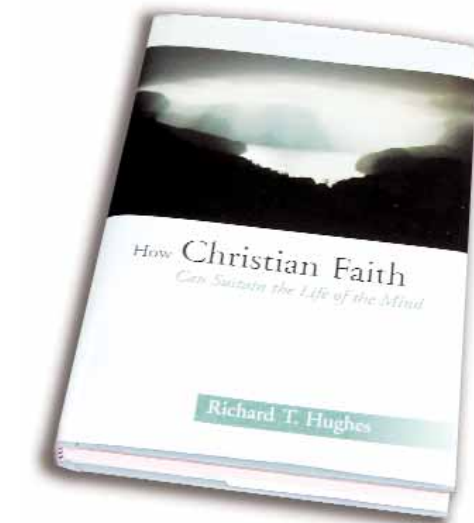
Richard T. Hughes' *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind* was the focus of a faculty cadre that met this spring. Faculty cadres are sponsored by the Samford-in-Mission program to help foster questions of faith and vocational development in the classroom.

A central question in Hughes' book is extremely relevant to an institution like Samford: "How is it possible for Christian colleges and universities to mature into first-rate institutions of higher learning while, at the same time, living out of the faith traditions that gave them birth?"

Hughes, a distinguished professor of religion and director of the Center for Faith and Learning at Pepperdine University, draws from his own experience in trying to approach teaching from a Christian perspective. He notes that most faith-based universities will offer "service and compassion to a diversity of human beings," but they fail to take the next step and "take seriously their ideas, their cultural traditions, even their religious perspectives." Hughes argues that faith and intellect should not only coexist but should be mutually supportive. He believes that Christian

teachers can be public about their faith, and can show students that a Christian is one who listens to others, cares about creativity and diversity, constantly questions, and is concerned about serving humanity.

One of the problems facing the teacher who takes seriously the call to bring Christianity into the classroom is that it seems to run counter to the goal of having students become independent thinkers. In other words, the teacher's responsibility is to educate, not indoctrinate. However, Hughes suggests that Christian teachers are paradoxically the most free to explore ideas that may seem unorthodox because they don't have to have all the answers. If we are, indeed, sinners justified by grace, we have nothing to fear from exploring the perspectives of others, even ideas that make us feel uncomfortable. As Hughes observes, "If we are comfortable with paradox, we no longer feel compelled to resolve a dilemma, to foreclose on a student's question, to eliminate ambiguity, to transform all shades of gray into black or white, or to tie up every loose end before the class concludes. . . . we can be comfortable with creativity and imagination on the part of our students



even when their creativity forces us to occupy unfamiliar ground."

Although Christian teachers are the primary audience for Hughes' book, it is a valuable resource for anyone seriously interested in Christian education. For those who feel that a Christian institution must restrict inquiry and debate, and consequently leave students with a second-class education, the *Life of the Mind* provides a thoughtful and timely challenge.

Samford's Religion Department Excels in Research and the Practice of Ministry

by Ken Roxburgh

One of the major responsibilities of the religion department is teaching the Biblical Perspectives course, normally taken by students in their sophomore year. The course aims to explore the historical context and religious teachings of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, encouraging students to examine their interpretation and application to human life.

The opportunity that such a course gives to students, where they can ask hard questions about the Bible and its relationship to their faith, is fundamental to academic study, human integrity and their spiritual pilgrimage. As active participants of local churches, members of the department engage their students in a critically reflective educational process that will hopefully lead them to discover an authentic faith for themselves and equip them to be good members of church and community. Faculty members seek to connect their scholarship to their teaching in the classroom.

Interpretation of the Bible is enhanced by knowledge of and careful attention to the languages used in the writing of its sacred texts. For the study of the Old Testament, this means being

able to read, interpret and translate biblical Hebrew. Since his arrival in Samford's religion department in the fall of 2002, Joseph Scrivner has been teaching biblical Hebrew to Samford undergraduates so they can access and interpret the Old Testament Scriptures at the highest intellectual and theological levels. Growing out of his classroom experience teaching Hebrew both at Princeton Seminary and now at Samford, Scrivner has coauthored the recently published *Handbook to A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew* (Abingdon Press, 2005).

One of the most prolific scholars in the University is Paul Holloway. He brings his lifelong enthusiasm for the Bible into the classroom. Holloway cochairs the *Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti* session for the Society of Biblical Literature and is currently preparing a commentary on Philippians for the Hermeneia series. After finishing one of Holloway's classes, a self-described skeptic wrote, "I have a whole new perspective on the Bible now. . . . I now feel better about Christianity as a whole and my own spirituality. . . . There is so much information that no one can

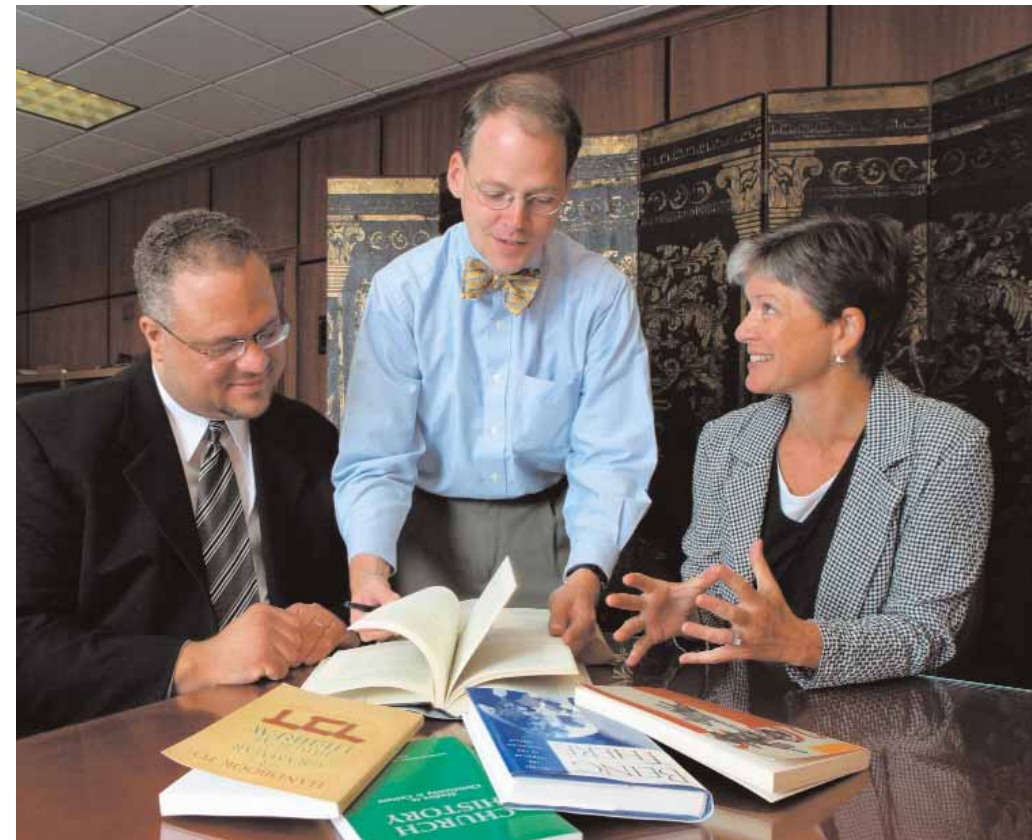
fully understand until they learn what was going on historically, within and outside the Jewish/Christian community at the time."

Other department members have written about church history, studying the ways that biblical precepts have been worked out in different historical epochs. David Bains has published an excellent treatise, "Conduits of Faith: Reinhold Niebuhr's Liturgical Thought," tracing the debates in the 1920s and '30s over worship styles in American Protestant churches. Ken Roxburgh has published biographical studies on many theologians—such as James Morison, Thomas Gillespie, William B. Johnson and Robert Haldane—whose ideas influenced the development of many churches and their doctrinal foundations. Scott McGinnis recently published a book on the way Puritan ideals affected local congregations, using George Gifford's 16th-century church in England as an example.

Penny Marler is a well-known authority on contemporary trends in American church life. In addition to numerous publications, Marler is a frequent speaker and consultant on church growth and pastoral ministry. She is the executive director of the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, funded by a Lilly grant of \$2 million. An awareness of how biblical issues affect contemporary church life is clearly appreciated by Marler's students.

Sometimes, faculty research is thought to compete with teaching in the life of a university. As these examples indicate, students are enriched by the research backgrounds their faculty bring to the classroom. The theological, historical and biblical expertise of the Samford religion faculty helps students develop a personally mature and critically reflective faith as they prepare for vocations in both church and society.

Samford religion faculty members, from left, Joseph Scrivner, David Bains and Penny Marler look over copies of scholarly works produced by members of the department.



Meet the New Arts and Sciences Faculty



Theresa Davidson comes to Samford from Louisiana State University, where she will be receiving her Ph.D. in sociology. Her dissertation, *Lost in Transition:*

Welfare to Work in Louisiana, had her scouring the back roads of the state to determine the effect of welfare policies on individuals. Her work was supported by a \$20,000 Rural Poverty Research Center Dissertation Fellowship, one of four that was awarded nationally. Davidson's interests in social stratification and rural poverty will fill a critical need at Samford as the University continues its work in the Black Belt region of the state.

Ryan Galloway replaces Mike Janas as director of debate (Janas returns to full-time teaching in communication studies). Galloway was responsible for building the debate program at Augustana College and is enthusiastic about keeping Samford in the top 25 of debate schools

nationally. He also wants to integrate debate into the mainstream of campus life and classroom experiences.



Denise Gregory received her Ph.D. in chemistry from Georgia Tech in 2001. She had summer research assistantships at 3M, Upjohn and Purdue University as an undergraduate at

Jackson State University. More recently, Gregory was a postdoctoral research chemist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cloning and sequencing growth genes found in channel catfish.

Tatyana Karaman received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2004. She earned a law degree from Far-Eastern State University in Russia and was a district attorney for many years before emigrating to the U.S. for graduate study. She received National Science Foundation



grants totaling more than \$60,000 for advanced study at Princeton and Harvard. Karaman's interests in European politics and government will strengthen the international focus of Samford's political science department.



Barry Robinson received his Ph.D. in history from Vanderbilt University in 2005. His dissertation research took him to the Colotlán region of north Central Mexico, where he studied

the effects of the Mexican Revolution on the local population. As an assistant professor in history, Robinson will play a major role in strengthening the school's Latin American Studies program.

Samford-in-Mission Creates New Opportunities for Student Learning

by Lynette Sandley

Everyone recognizes that a college education is more than an accumulation of course credits: it is a pivotal moment in which students struggle with questions of meaning, identity and direction in life. Through Samford-in-Mission [SIM], funded by a Lilly Foundation grant, the University has engaged in a five-year project that seeks to create connections between the academic experience and living the Christian life.

As Dan Sandifer-Stech, associate director of the SIM grant, explained: "The SIM grant will be successful if future Samford graduates tell stories of connections between the classroom and service in the world that formed their sense of life's mission and their place in it."

One aspect of the SIM program is to involve students in service-learning projects that include community service as part of the academic experience. Serving in the community provides context for many academic disciplines. Service learning shows students that what they are learning in the classroom impacts the community and can be applied to better the community. Service learning is a reciprocal relationship through which the University and the community both serve and are served.

The first exposure to service learning for most Samford students is within Communication Arts, a first-year

writing and speaking course housed within the Howard College of Arts and Sciences. Students enrolled in this course might work in a homeless shelter and then use this experience to reflect on the differences between their home life and that of a child growing up in a shelter. Over the past six years, freshmen have been exposed to large societal issues such as homelessness, illiteracy and palliative care for the terminally ill. Service includes real-world communication through designing Web pages and conducting research for service agencies, writing profiles of individuals served by agencies and tutoring children in after-school programs.

Participation in service learning makes the writing and speaking assignments more meaningful for students, and provides them with an audience and a purpose beyond the teacher and simply fulfilling the assignment. Communication Arts instructors have seen a marked improvement in student writing and speaking as a result of the service component.

Such experiences also reinforce the importance of leading a life of service.

Beyond allowing students to become better citizens or deepen their Christian faith, there is hard evidence that service learning, especially in a student's major, raises grade point averages, writing skills, interpersonal skills and critical thinking. It also

increases commitment to activism, promoting racial understanding, self-efficacy, leadership activities and leadership ability, choice of a service career, and plans to participate in service after college ("How Service-Learning Affects Students," Higher Education Research Institute of UCLA, 2000).

One of the goals of SIM is to increase service-learning efforts within urban Birmingham and within Perry County. In particular, the program seeks to increase service learning in East Lake and in Marion, two former sites of Samford (then Howard College). In arts and sciences, students currently have opportunities to take service-learning courses within biology, communication studies, computer science, French, geography, German, history, journalism and mass communication, political science, sociology, and Spanish.

As part of SIM, additional opportunities are being created for students to put theory into practice. Seven faculty members from the schools of arts and sciences, business, education, nursing, and performing arts have been chosen to create new service-learning courses within their disciplines or to incorporate service learning into existing courses. These faculty members attended a three-day service-learning academy June 1-3, funded by SIM and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, and then spent the remainder of the summer designing their courses.

The new courses will be taught and assessed during the 2005-06 academic year.

To see Samford students at work in the Birmingham community and learn more about the service-learning programs at Samford, go to www.samford.edu/groups/service-learning, or you can order: *Samford University: Serving to Learn . . . Learning to Serve* for \$4. Contact Lynette M. Sandley, director of service learning, Samford-in-Mission, lmsandle@samford.edu or (205) 726-4046.

Samford student volunteers, from left, Melinda Aldrete, Erin Harper and Amanda Shelnett serve dinner at the First Light women's shelter in Birmingham.



Samford Professors 'Bridge the Gap' Between Sciences and the Humanities

Sure, a philosophy professor knows about Plato and a biology professor can explain the intricate workings of DNA. But what would happen if you put the philosopher in a lab coat or asked the biologist to argue for the priority of Being over Becoming? Better yet, what would it look like if you asked an English professor to work out Newton's first proposition on planetary motion or a chemistry professor to explain the theology of Dante's *Purgatory*?

These are more than hypothetical questions. For the past three summers, several Samford professors have been trying to move outside their traditional disciplinary boundaries. In 2002, the Association of Core Texts and Courses [ACTC] selected Samford as one of 10 schools to participate in its "Bridging the Gap" initiative, a national curricular project designed to explore ways to integrate the humanities and the sciences in undergraduate education. Beginning

with a two-week seminar on mechanics and motion at St. John's College in 2003, and then continuing with seminars on genetics (Notre Dame, 2004) and technoscience (St. Mary's College of California, 2005), participants paired mathematics with poetry, physics with philosophy, and biology with politics, all with an eye toward developing courses and experiences that would bridge the gap between the sciences and the humanities at their home institutions.

In addition to reworking their own courses to integrate the sciences and the humanities, Samford's faculty participants—Chris Metress (English), Betsy Dobbins (Biology), Bill Collins (Political Science), Dave Garza (Chemistry) and Steve Donaldson (Math)—have looked for other ways to bridge the gap on campus. Many teachers of Cultural Perspectives (part of Samford's interdisciplinary core curriculum) now include a visit to Samford's

Christenberry Planetarium (as well as expanded readings from Copernicus and Galileo) as a way of incorporating the history of science into this humanities course.

Similarly, readings from philosophy and poetry have been added to sections of Scientific Methods, the interdisciplinary science course. In addition, arts and sciences faculty had the opportunity to participate in several bridging the gap workshops, among them a week-long seminar on "Genetics and Information Flow" last January that brought together faculty from history, chemistry, mathematics, English and world languages. By bridging the gap, Samford professors are helping students make connections across traditional disciplinary divisions and creating a greater appreciation for the way that the sciences and humanities can provide complementary, rather than competing, ways of looking at the world.

Small Gifts and Big Hearts

When many people think about giving to a college, they envision millionaire donors writing enormous checks to build new facilities and endow professorships.

Certainly, private colleges depend on such donors to advance their programs, but the majority of gifts to Howard College of Arts and Sciences are small, regular contributions from friends of the University. They are often given for specific purposes: to remember a beloved student or faculty member, to help children of missionaries attend Samford, to provide scholarship

assistance to needy students or to provide access to new technology for a department.

This year, thanks to generous supporters, we were able to host the state Science Olympiad and the Alabama Governors' School on Samford's campus. We expanded the Summer Undergraduate Research Program from one student in 2004 to six students this year. We started a special memorial fund for Martha Myers, the Samford alumnus and medical missionary who was killed in Yemen. We sent a student overseas to

study art in memory of Cynthia Wells. We started a program in bioinformatics, an important new area in biological research. We hosted a bike ride in Perry County that gave more than a hundred Samford students a firsthand experience with our college's roots and with the challenges facing residents in Alabama's Black Belt. And we helped many students through scholarships that recognized achievement and made it possible for them to attend Samford.

In other words, small gifts made dreams come true for many students.

New Members of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board

- Dr. Gary Carver '68, pastor, First Baptist Church of Chattanooga
- Tim Coleman '96, meteorologist
- Todd Crider '87, attorney/partner, International Law Firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett
- Dr. Stephen Davidson '89, '97, oncologist/hematologist, Montgomery Cancer Center
- Rev. Eddy Garner, Baptist campus minister, University of North Alabama
- Tom Hiley '98, attorney, Hall and Hall
- Jeri Barber Jackson '59, retired teacher and freelance writer
- Sam Mitchell, retired English faculty
- Wray Pearce, CPA, Pearce, Beville, Leesburg & Moore
- James Simpson, attorney/partner, Lange, Simpson, Robinson & Somerville
- Alvin Ward Vogtle III '71, clinical social worker and co-coordinator of Sparks Clinics
- Stanley Woodall '77, second vice president and actuary, Protective Life Insurance Company

New Additions to the Family

- Mia Claire Stanley was born Sept. 2, 2004, to Jim and Sonya Stanley. Sonya is an associate professor in the mathematics department.
- Katherine Jane McGinnis was born June 2, 2005, to Scott and Beth McGinnis. Scott is an assistant professor in the Department of Religion.

On Active Duty

- Scott Fisk, assistant professor of art, is on active duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq.

A Salute to Tom Hines

After 23 years of service, Tom Hines retired in May from the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The following proclamation was read at his retirement luncheon:

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Moore Hines has since 1982 served with distinction as professor of French at Samford University and has ably discharged his duties as French program director in the Department of World Languages and Cultures; and

WHEREAS, he has modeled versatility and professionalism in the classroom, presiding over his classes with dignity and in impeccable French, always challenging his students and inspiring them to excellence; and

WHEREAS, he has authored books and articles in English and in French, as well as scholarly presentations at regional, national and international conferences; and

WHEREAS, he continues to be a lifelong learner, pursuing challenging projects in many areas of endeavor, and continues in his role as publisher and editor of the highly regarded Summa Publications; and

WHEREAS, he has served as faculty adviser to French majors, the French Club, the National Honor Society of Pi Delta Phi, and remains active in numerous professional and scholarly organizations; and



Dr. Tom Hines

WHEREAS, he has been a compassionate mentor and friend to students throughout his 23 years of dedicated service to the University;

BE IT RESOLVED that his colleagues in the Department of World Languages and Cultures send him forth into the years of retirement with heartiest congratulations and best wishes for an abundant measure of health, happiness and usefulness in the years ahead; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in honor of his many contributions to the University and its students, the Junior Scholarship in French be named in his honor and henceforth be known as the Thomas M. Hines Award in French; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commencement Eve, the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, be designated Thomas M. Hines Day in the Department of World Languages and Cultures and throughout the Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

The Samford License Plate Helped Her Earn Her Degree

"I first visited Samford my sophomore year of high school and loved the campus. However, I knew financial aid would be the deciding factor.

"I partially funded my own education, along with some assistance from my parents. Overall, I received the best financial assistance from Samford.

"Other than giving me a great education, Samford also introduced me to my best and closest friends. These women have stood by me through one of the most difficult times I have gone through in my life and, without a doubt, some of the happiest as well."

Amber Adamson Hawkins
Associate Television Producer
Class of 2005 (journalism/mass communication)

Purchase or renew your Samford affinity license plate to help make a Samford education possible for students like Amber.

Now you can sport the Samford license plate on your car and help Samford's student aid fund at the same time. The Alabama Vehicle License Department will send the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$48.75 of the \$50 charge you pay for the special Samford license plate.

When your license plate renewal comes due, ask the county auto license clerk to exchange it for a Samford Plate. You'll be helping today's Samford students as you show your Samford spirit wherever your travels take you!



Clay Blessings

Payne Turns Fascination with Potter's Wheel into Business Success

by Jean M. McLean

Tena Payne will never forget the first time she saw how pottery was made. Dr. Lowell Vann visited her Homewood High School class in 1974 for a pottery art demonstration. Payne was fascinated.

"That first encounter was an inspiring force," Payne says. "I watched the magical way the clay seemed to take form at his touch, and I knew I wanted to do that."

Payne took a Samford After Sundown class and began learning how to work with clay. That was the beginning of what would be a decades-long quest to turn her pottery passion into a business success.

After high school, Payne attended the University of Montevallo for a year, and then married her high school sweetheart, Wynn. They raised two children, with Payne working in marketing jobs while pursuing her art on weekends. Wynn gave Tena her first potter's wheel when their son was six months old. She attended art shows and became the resident potter at Tannehill State Park.

Payne also maintained contact with Vann and his Alabama Designer Craftsmen. Almost 30 years after first watching Vann "throw on the wheel," she accepted his invitation to be a charter member of Artists Incorporated, a cooperative gallery.

All the while, she was trying to figure out how to make pottery a profession that could provide her the earnings needed to replace being otherwise employed.

With her children grown and tuition offered by employer Southern Progress, Payne decided to pursue a Samford degree. She graduated from the Metro College adult studies program in 1996 with a 3.96 average in journalism and art.

Her interests were not limited to academics and art. It was the very next year that her cherished shiitake mushroom crop led to an extraordinary clay encounter. By 1997, Payne was growing her own mushrooms, and when her crop became too prolific, she found a local buyer in Chris Hastings, owner and chef of the then year-old Hot and Hot Fish Club, an upscale Birmingham restaurant.

While talking to Hastings, she commented on the pottery displayed in his restaurant, mentioning she was a potter, too. Hastings expressed interest, and Payne showed him her work. It was just what he was looking for, and he promptly placed an order.

A light dawned for Payne. She now knew how to make a living in pottery: sell to upscale restaurants. All of Payne's interests then came together to form Earthborn Studios, Inc.

At first she visited restaurants individually, showing chefs her free form art, fired with riveting glazes also designed to be food safe and sturdy enough for commercial use. But visiting restaurants was inefficient and expensive.

By April 2003, Payne began evaluating what she had learned in Samford marketing classes and in her own advertising experience. How could she better reach the restaurant market? She did an Internet search for restaurant conventions. Gulping at the entry fee, she entered as an exhibitor at the American Culinary Convention, set for July.

The timing couldn't have been better. Chefs in the ultracompetitive hospitality market had begun looking for ways to make their own creations stand out. Payne's high fire stoneware clay was the perfect answer.

Earthborn Studio's work blended with every tablescape—from tex-mex to contemporary European. The chefs appreciated how Payne's art complemented their own.

And Payne found an unexpected bond with these food artisans.

"Like artists, chefs do what they do because they love it. Both of us take raw ingredients from the earth, use heat, change the structure and then present it to the public. My work is a frame, basically, for their work."

Payne's work is now seen in some of the country's most exclusive country clubs, restaurants and shops, including Treasure Island, the Bellagio Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, and Sala in Atlanta. Her work is sold at the Cook Store in Mountain Brook and others too numerous to list. Her marketing plan is to place her work in both a shop and restaurant in each region, so customers can buy the product after seeing it in a restaurant setting.

The artists at Earthborn Studios in Leeds produce about 1,000 pieces monthly to meet demand, which includes work for galleries and individual orders. Payne, who joins her employees in prayer at Monday morning staff meetings, marvels at her success and believes "God has had His hand on this business."

Although sometimes frightened at the pace of her progress and her work's exposure in a multibillion-dollar hospitality market, she has learned to "Do everything I know to do and all the while ask God for direction and discernment."

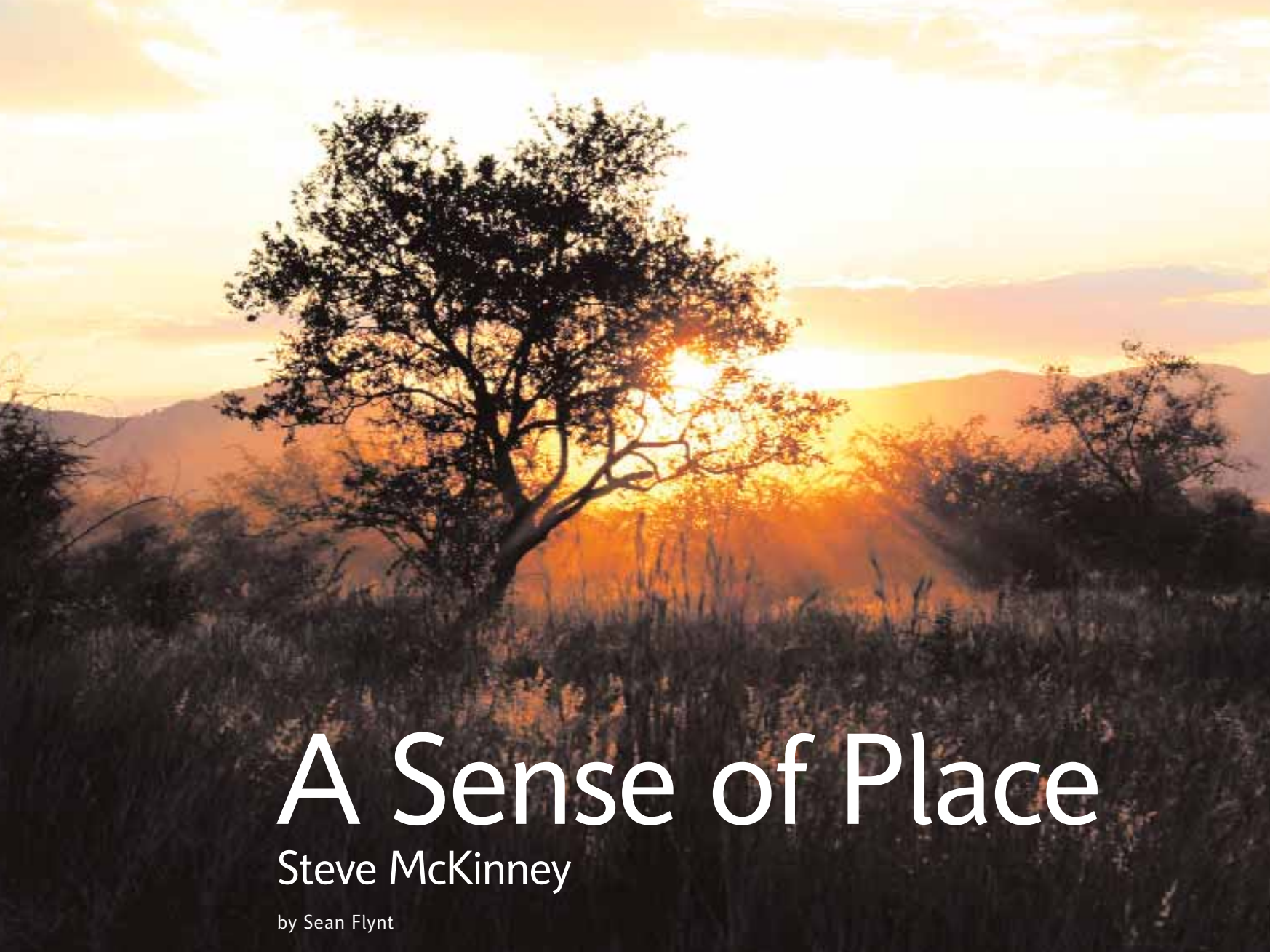
Payne considers her faith to be an intrinsic part of her art and is happy that she can share not only her craft but also her faith with the chefs she meets. "Some have no idea what Christianity is all about," she said. "They have no knowledge of the Gospel. I believe Earthborn Studios is here for a purpose." ■

Jean M. McLean is a freelance writer in Montevallo, Ala.



Tena Payne '96 shows off some of her stoneware at Hot and Hot Fish Club in Birmingham.





A Sense of Place

Steve McKinney

by Sean Flynt

“For many years, our mantra around here was ‘making a difference,’” geography professor Greg Jeane said. *“Steve McKinney could be Samford’s poster child for that part of our mission. He is hands down one of the finest people I’ve ever worked with, both in and out of the classroom.”*

As someone who trades in the details of place, Steve McKinney '97 needs only a few words to create a vivid image of his hometown of Tusculumbia, Ala. “It was 15 minutes to the nearest stoplight, and that’s a four-way flashing light,” he said.

Now settled in Birmingham, with enough stoplights on any given street to make up for a deprived childhood, McKinney helps students, governments and corporations understand the complex interconnectedness of geography, economy, culture and the natural environment.

In addition to his full-time job as assistant director of Stormwater Management Authority, McKinney manages his own consulting business (SICS Consultants) and teaches in multiple academic programs at Samford. He’s also finishing a doctorate in environment health engineering at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, enjoying a

newborn son and has even been known to play in a rock band with Samford biology professor Larry Davenport. *Birmingham Business Journal* recently included him in its prestigious annual “Top 40 Under 40” list. It is no wonder, then, that geography professor and longtime friend Greg Jeane offers high praise for his busy former student.

“For many years, our mantra around here was ‘making a difference,’” Jeane said. “Steve McKinney could be Samford’s poster child for that part of our mission. He is hands down one of the finest people I’ve ever worked with, both in and out of the classroom.”

After graduating with a degree in environmental geographic information systems, McKinney returned to Samford to earn a master’s degree in environmental management. He got more than he bargained for in that program, however, because it



Steve McKinney, top left, foreground, calls the chance to map an African game preserve with Samford professors “the most incredible experience of my life.”

lacked faculty to teach a course in geographic information systems [GIS]. Biology professor Paul Blanchard persuaded McKinney to teach the course, and persuaded the dean of arts and sciences to approve the unique arrangement.

“I had not finished the master’s program at that time,” McKinney recalled. “I was in the program! So, I was teaching on Monday night and taking a class on Thursday night.” Six years later, McKinney is widely respected for his professional expertise and continues to serve Samford.

Through his work with the quasigovernmental Stormwater Management Authority, which he was instrumental in developing soon after he earned his master’s degree, McKinney makes a strong economic argument for informed environmental stewardship. “We typically have preached conservation and restoration, but in the context of environmental quality,” he said. “We haven’t really brought it over to environmental economics, because environmental economics is a new term.

“What is the impact on your overall economy when you impact your natural resources?” McKinney asked, and in answer, described a scenario familiar to the residents of most suburban areas. “You go into a small city, and in its initial stages, it’s undeveloped; it’s mostly residential. As it matures, it becomes progressively more commercial and industrial. The land is stripped of the trees, and you end up with greater quantities of impervious surfaces and more water runoff.

“The idea,” he continued, “is that there is actually a dollar value that you can assess to every rain event, to every tree. It’ll tell you what that tree is worth, because if you cut that tree down, you have to build culverts, you have to build retention ponds, you have to build treatment facilities. So you can translate that into construction costs.”

This commonsense approach, which is catching on internationally, is the subject of McKinney’s

doctoral dissertation. But McKinney is no ivory-tower academic. Promoting practical, innovative application of geographic information seems to be his professional mission, and he follows his own advice. As a private consultant, he completed an ethnicity and diversity study for a chain of 2,200 stores in only 11 days. In 2000, he traveled to Africa with Samford students, and biology professors Blanchard and Bob Stiles for a GIS mapping project. The group mapped 173,000 acres of nature preserve in only 16 days. In the evenings, they taught faculty from a Kenyan university how to use GIS in resource mapping. “It was the most incredible experience of my life,” McKinney said.

McKinney seems to thrive on such daunting projects, and Blanchard confirms that his colleague and former student “has a can-do attitude and is always ready to help others with the complex technology. Steve is one of the most resourceful and brightest people I know.”

McKinney reflects such praise back onto the faculty of Samford’s geography and biology departments. He is especially close to Jeane, Blanchard and the biology faculty.

“That’s the most incredible group of professors I can conceive of,” McKinney said of the biologists. “You just don’t meet a group of people who care that much about what they do, and have that much outside interest and bring it home to students. That inspired me to want to teach.”

McKinney said he will continue to teach at his alma mater, sharing his expertise with new generations of students. “Samford has been very good to me,” he said. “I hope to call it home for a long time to come.” ■

CELEBRATING GENERATIONS

**Past, Present and Future
Samford University Homecoming
October 27–30, 2005**



Participants at last year's homecoming included, from left, alumni Jeanette '41 and John Jeffers '44, students Roderick Evans and Amy Searle, and Bulldog fan Mary Hogewood.

For 139 years, the Samford University family has been coming home to remember days gone by, to celebrate friendships and memories that have stood the test of time, and to connect current and future generations to the spirit of the past.

Join us for the renewal of some long-standing traditions and new, exciting activities as generations past, present and future celebrate together.

Something New: Reunion Gatherings

Do you ever wonder what happened to others who were at Samford at the same time as you but weren't in your graduating class? Starting this year, you'll have the chance to find out. Rather than single class-year reunions, we're hosting reunion gatherings in four-year generations.

Alumni are invited to gather Saturday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., under reunion tents on the Quad to enjoy light refreshments and mingle with classmates. Key class years are those ending in 0 or 5. Also included in the generation gatherings are class years ending in 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Look for the banner with your class year.

Other reunion tents will be reserved for fraternities, sororities and other student groups to enjoy throughout the day.

Check the Homecoming schedule for information about special events for the Golden (Class of 1955) reunion.

Something Renewed: Candlelight Dinner

Generations of Samford alumni have enjoyed the tradition of the candlelight dinner, which brought together alumni and the graduating class during commencement weekend. The tradition has been renewed at Homecoming as alumni, students, faculty, staff and other friends of the University join to celebrate special memories of Samford and to honor the alumni of the year. The 2005 recipients are Betsy Box '61, director of the Bedford School, Fairburn, Ga.; William E. Hull '51, research professor and retired provost, Samford University; and L. Durwood McAlister '49, retired editor, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Legacy Visits

Samford graduates are encouraged to bring their relatives who are college-bound high school students to visit the campus during Homecoming weekend. The admission office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, to greet you and to provide information on admission. Group information sessions and campus tours are available during specific times on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual appointments with counselors will not be available. For details, go to www.samford.edu/groups/admiss or call, toll-free, 1-800-888-7812.

Important! New Registration and Ticket Process

Registration is easy with Samford's new online registration service—www.samfordtickets.com. Homecoming ticket sales, including tickets for performances by comedian Bill Cosby, open Aug. 29. Alumni, students and parents receive ticket priority through Sept. 29, when sales to the general public begin. To order your tickets online, go to www.samfordtickets.com and follow the registration instructions.

Note: If your order is received by Oct. 12, 2005, your tickets will be mailed to the address you provide. Ticket orders received after Oct. 12 will be available for pick-up at the Homecoming registration desk in Beeson University Center on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Admission is free to Homecoming events unless otherwise noted on the Homecoming schedule. Ticket prices are included online.

Parking

Because of construction on the campus, parking will be limited in some areas, especially on Saturday. Watch for signs that will direct you to overflow parking near campus. Shuttle service will be provided from overflow parking and around campus throughout the weekend.



139th Anniversary HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

The following schedule is up-to-date as of Aug. 1.
For additional information and schedule updates, go to www.samford.edu/homecoming.

Thursday, October 27

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Wright Center Art Gallery open, free

2 p.m.
Samford Board of Overseers meeting
(by invitation only)

6 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy Advisory Board dinner, The Club, Homewood (by invitation only)

Friday, October 28
8 a.m.–2 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy Advisory Board meeting, Ingalls Hall (by invitation only)

8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Legacy Visits, Office of Admission, Samford Hall
Admission counselors and staff will be available to answer questions and provide admission materials. Campus tours are available at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Group information sessions are available at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Wright Center Art Gallery open, free

12–6 p.m.
Registration, Ralph W. Beeson University Center
Be sure to register your attendance so classmates and friends can find you

during Homecoming. An updated and complete list of Homecoming events and locations will be available at registration.

3:30 p.m.
Samford Alumni Council fall meeting
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2807

4:30 p.m.
Samford Alumni Association annual meeting
All alumni are invited to attend the meeting of the Samford Alumni Association to elect new officers, discuss alumni involvement in networking, local Club events and student recruitment.

5:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School
Led by Division of Music alumni, conducted by Timothy A. Banks, professor of music

6:30 p.m.
139th Anniversary Homecoming Banquet, Wright Center Concert Hall
Everyone is invited to join in the decades-old tradition of the alumni candlelight dinner. Alumni of the Year Betsy Box '71, William Hull '51 and L. Durwood McAlister '49 will be recognized. This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets early. Tickets: \$25 per person or \$160 for a table of eight

7 p.m.
Soccer game vs. Belmont, Samford Soccer Field
Department of Athletics, (205) 726-2050

8:30 p.m.
Homecoming Bash, Bonfire and Fireworks, Wright Center Parking Lot
Enjoy refreshments, live music, the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, Spike the Mascot, a street festival and fireworks. The 2005 Homecoming Court will be introduced.
Cosponsored by the Student Activities Council and the Samford Alumni Association

Saturday, October 29
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Registration, Ralph W. Beeson University Center
Be sure to register your attendance so classmates and friends can find you during Homecoming. An updated and complete list of Homecoming events and locations will be available at registration.

Pharmacy continuing education seminar, Ingalls and Russell halls
McWhorter School of Pharmacy, (205) 726-2722

9–10 a.m.
School of Business alumni and friends continental breakfast and reunion, Dwight Beeson Hall
School of Business, (205) 726-2364

9–10:30 a.m.
Golden Bulldogs Brunch, Flag Colonnade, Ralph W. Beeson University Center
Alumni from the Class of 1955 and earlier are invited. The Lockmiller Award will be presented to the oldest alumnus and alumna attending the brunch. This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets early. Tickets: \$6 per person

9–11 a.m.
Hot-air Balloon, University Quadrangle (weather permitting)
\$1 per person per ride

Teacher education professional development workshop: Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners
Hosted by Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, register by Oct. 26, free to Samford teacher education alumni, (205) 726-4224

9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Legacy Visits, Office of Admission, Samford Hall
Admission counselors and staff will be available to answer questions and provide admission materials. Campus tours and group information sessions are available at 10 and 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m.
Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board meeting, SIM Forum, Brooks Hall (by invitation only)

10 a.m.
Planetarium show, Sciencenter

Live at the Library, Davis Library 235
Featuring author Robert R. McCammon

10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Class and Organization Reunion gatherings, University Quadrangle
Featured classes: 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000
Sponsored by the Samford Alumni Association, (205) 726-2807

Sonny Harris Group (jazz), Ben Brown Plaza
Sponsored by the Samford Alumni Association, (205) 726-2807

11 a.m.–1 p.m.
All-Alumni and Friends Reunion Luncheon, Dining Hall, Ralph W. Beeson University Center
Reminisce with your classmates and renew old friendships. Tickets: \$7 per person (Children five and under are free.)

12 p.m.
Bulldog FunZone, Seibert Stadium south end zone
Children enjoy games, clowns, face painting and other fun activities. The FunZone will remain open during the football game. Football game tickets are required for each adult and child for admission.
Department of Athletics, (205) 726-2050

1 p.m.
Ribbon-cutting ceremony, Bulldog Spirit Plaza
Hosted by the Class of 2003 and the Office of University Relations

1:30 p.m.
Football game vs. Tennessee State University, Seibert Stadium
Cheer the Bulldogs to victory. Enjoy a halftime performance by the Samford Marching Band and other festivities. The 2005 Homecoming Court will be presented. General admission tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under
Department of Athletics, (205) 726-2050

5 p.m.
Class of 1955 Golden Reunion dinner, Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center
Tickets: \$25 per person

5:30 p.m.
Bill Cosby, Wright Center Concert Hall*
Sellout crowds are expected for both performances, so early ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tickets purchased by Sept. 29: \$20 for students, \$30 for alumni and parents of current students
Tickets purchased after Sept. 29: \$40

8:30 p.m.
Bill Cosby, Wright Center Concert Hall*
Sellout crowds are expected for both performances, so early ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tickets purchased by Sept. 29: \$20 for students, \$30 for alumni and parents of current students
Tickets purchased after Sept. 29: \$40

Sunday, October 30
10 a.m.
Samford Family Worship Service, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School
Guest speaker is Philip Wise '75, senior pastor, Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas. Worship leader is Susan Deal '80, minister of music, College Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. The Samford Student Ministries Choir will sing.

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Brunch, Dining Hall, Ralph W. Beeson University Center
\$6.25 per person, payable at the door (advance tickets not required)

**Performance times for Bill Cosby are tentative and may vary by 30 minutes. Please check printed tickets or www.samford.edu/homecoming for any performance time changes.*

Candlelight Dinner



Family Fun



Balloon



Reunions



Football



Bill Cosby



HOMECOMING

Samford University Alumni Association Contributing Members

June 1–July 31, 2005

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Since 1871, Samford alumni have united in various associations to nurture friendships and to show support for their alma mater. Every Samford graduate is a member of the Alumni Association family. Each year, thousands of alumni show their pride at being members of this family with their philanthropic gifts to Samford.

Those who provide vital regular financial support to operate, sustain and build Samford for future generations deserve special recognition. Beginning June 1, 2005, all Samford alumni who make regular financial contributions will be recognized as contributing members of the Samford Alumni Association. Contributing members will be recognized by their class year in each issue of *Seasons*.

One star (*) after a name represents 5–9 years of cumulative giving, two stars (**) represents 10–19 years of cumulative giving, and three stars (***) represents 19+ years of cumulative giving. When (L) follows a name, it represents a law graduating class; (P) denotes pharmacy; and (D) represents divinity. A class year after one of these letters indicates a subsequent degree conferred that year for the corresponding specialty.

Samford University thanks these contributing members of the Alumni Association for their generosity.

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1972

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Mr. Jackson R. Robertson, Jr.**

1974

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Mr. E. Q. Faust

Mr. Alvin L. Hammers (P)**

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Mrs. Helen C. McEwen

Mr. Douglas E. Wilson*

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Mr. W. Mark Meadows*

Mr. Chris D. Owens*

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Mr. Robert L. Bell, Jr. (P)

Mr. Nat Bryan (L)**

Ms. Glenda D. Burson**

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CLASSnotes

This issue includes Class Notes received through July 27, 2005.

'52 H. Wallace Garrett, a life insurance professional and branch manager, ING/Financial Network, Houston, Texas, qualified for 2005 membership in the Texas Leaders Round Table, which recognizes outstanding sales production and service to clients.

'53 James Lee Holland, Jr., is a clerk for Goodwill Industries, Birmingham. He plays the piano and sings in his church choir.

'62 Wesley M. "Pat" Pattillo, a former vice president for University relations at Samford (1986-94), is associate general secretary for communication, National Council of Churches USA, New York, N.Y. He recently addressed a Public Relations Society of America international seminar on the impact of religious diversity on global communication. He and his wife, Zelma, have two grown children.

'63 Marcia Simpson Ball of Ridgeland, Miss., was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She retired from teaching in 2004, and is completing a term

as president of the Mississippi Association of Family and Consumer Science Educators. She will be an adviser to the group during 2005-06.

Mildred H. Dillard, a retired school teacher, lives in Mauldin, S.C. Her husband, **James B. Dillard '60**, died in February.

'66 Joe Wingard retired after teaching English for 39 years at Andalusia High School, Andalusia, Ala. He is the author of 1,000 poems.

'67 W. Andrew Collins recently received an award for distinguished contributions to education in child development from the Society of Research in Child Development. He is Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

'70 Class reunion is October 28-30, 2005.

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Paul Andrews and Sid Burgess '71 recently rode the 457-mile Bike Across Magnificent Alabama [BAMA] route. The six-day ride took them from Mobile, Ala., to Pascagoula, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., and back to Mobile. Andrews is a forensic psychologist in Tyler, Texas. Burgess pastors Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood.

Cathie Mitchell Davis, M.A. '73, is associate professor of mathematics at Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Ga. She is president of her chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and is listed in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Barbara Eubanks has written her first book, *Humorous Happenings in Holy Places* (Tate Publishing), a collection of true, funny incidents. Each is coupled with a devotional thought, scripture and prayer suggestion. She and her husband, **Steve Eubanks '70**, live near Albertville, Ala.

'71 David Thomas Henderson recently went on a mission trip to Tanzania with a group from Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham. The group did construction, landscaping and AIDS testing, as well as taught classes and worked at the library at Mt. Meru University. He retired after teaching horticulture for 24 years at Jefferson State Community College. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Pinson, Ala., where he does horticultural consulting and design. They have two children.

William A. "Bill" Higgins and his wife, Barbara, live in Auburn, Ala. He retired from JC Penney Co., Inc., in 2003 after 32 years in management. They have a daughter and two granddaughters.

'72 Keith Fordham of Fayetteville, Ga., is president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. A 31-year veteran of vocational evangelism, he has preached more than 1,200 revivals.

'73 Kim Ryne Crockard, M.A. '76, was accepted as a member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association. She recently opened a consulting firm, C Three: College Counseling Services, in Birmingham.

Jenny Coons Gurley Smith teaches seventh and eighth grade math at New Market

School, New Market, Ala. She and her husband, Don, have two children and four grandchildren.

'74 Janet Sheila Pyles Bryant of Columbia, Ky., is co-owner and manager of Nation's Medicines, Columbia, Ky. Her son, Easton, continues a family tradition when he enrolls at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy this fall. His mother and three uncles, Jerry, Harry and Mark Pyles, are all Samford pharmacy graduates.

'77 Gary Wayne Barkley recently was elected by the faculty of Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan, to serve a second term as dean of religious affairs. The school, which enrolls 8,000 students, is a liberal arts university founded by Southern Baptist missionaries in 1916. He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children. He is also professor of church history at the school.

Palmer Griffin, a veteran of 27 years in public education in Alabama and Georgia, is district director of operations for the Dalton Public School System, Dalton, Ga. He supervises safety, security, transportation, food service, housekeeping, maintenance and energy management. He and his wife, **Laura Branyon Griffin '84**, have a son Rob, 16.

'79 W. Alan Mitchell, M.M., of Macon, Ga., is director of reference and referral for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and pastor of Community Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Ga.

'80 Class reunion is October 28-30, 2005.

Linda Kay McMillan Zucconi is a clinical consultant for Perto Systems, Plano, Texas. She and her husband, Frank, live in Wylie, Texas.

'81 J. H. "Hank" Nichols, J.D., is professor of Rule of Law Studies at the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Penn. He recently returned from a year in Afghanistan where he was a member of the U.S. interagency team. He previously worked in the Balkans, Latin America and Asia with various government agencies.

'84 Alan Ballentine of Madison, Ala., was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of *Who's Who in America*. He is a manager with Vitria Technology.

'86 Timothy Scott Bethea of Montgomery, Ala., coached his Montgomery Academy golf team to the 2005 Alabama High School Athletic Association state

Aubrey Miller Heads Baptist Health Foundation



Aubrey Miller

Aubrey Miller '74 has been named president and chief development officer of Baptist Health Foundation of Birmingham. In his new role, he leads all development and fund-raising efforts

championship. It is the team's third consecutive state title.

Todd Huckaby is a partner in IB Partners, which was accepted recently into M&A International, Inc., an organization of independently owned M&A specialists and investment banking firms. With offices in Santiago and Buenos Aires, IB Partners manages projects in the entire Latin American region.

'87 Melanie Boyd Hill of Dothan, Ala., recently completed her second interactive Bible study, "Gifts from the Garden." She gives inspirational talks at events for women and college-age students. Her Web site is www.inscriptionministries.org.

'88 Chris Blackerby is marketing director at Oaks on Parkwood, a senior living community owned and operated by Birmingham-based Noland Health Services.

'91 Richard Costigan, J.D., is deputy chief of staff and legislative affairs secretary for California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He assists the governor in getting legislation passed in the California General Assembly and Senate.

Evelyn Marie Buchanan Rice earned a master's in computer science with an emphasis in distributed systems in May from Webster University. She is a systems analyst with Northrop Grumman. She and her family live in Melbourne, Fla.

'92 Russell Clemmons lives in Savannah, Ga., with his wife, Mandy, and their children, Anna Kate, 3, and Miles Russell, born in April.

Kenneth Preston, M.B.A., of Scottsdale, Ariz., is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at the Mayo Clinic Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz.

of the foundation that supports Baptist Health System, the largest health-care system in Alabama and one of the state's largest employers. Founded in 1922, BHS is a ministry of the Birmingham Baptist Association.

Miller served previously as director of tourism and travel for *Southern Living*, as director of Alabama's Department of Tourism, and as vice president of the Birmingham Metropolitan Development Board. ■

'93 Kristi Lynn Crenshaw Howze is lower school music teacher and chorus director at UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile, Ala. She and her husband, Rick, have two children, Patrick and Mary Elizabeth.

Lee Thomas Wimberly practices hospital medicine at Brookwood Medical Center and Medical Center East in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Melissa Ivey Wimberly '97**, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala., with their four children: Noah, Ivey, Emma and Abby.

'94 Betsy Sims Morgan earned a master of accountancy degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She and her husband, Scott, have two children, Nicholas Scott, 2, and Todd Jonah, 1.

William T. Spivey II of Ocala, Fla., is pursuing a master of social work at Florida State University.

'95 Class reunion is October 28-30, 2005.

David Hammons is an account manager in the structural panels division at Georgia Pacific, Atlanta, Ga. He is pursuing an M.B.A. at J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University. He and his wife, **Jennifer Werner Hammons '97**, live in Covington, Ga., with their children, Abigail, 3, and Zachary, born in May.

'96 Dan and Brooke Franklin Voelzke '97 live in Tucker, Ga. He is a network security engineer for the American Cancer Society. She is an attorney at Hunton & Williams. They have a son, Harrison Davis, born in July.

'97 Adrienne Dawn Allen married Brian Jon Irons in July. They live in Harvest, Ala. She is a systems engineer at Dynetics, Inc., Huntsville, Ala., and teaches psychology at Athens State University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in industrial systems engineering/engineering management at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.



Remembering Student Days

These early '60s graduates got together for lunch at Samford's Rotunda Club recently. They are, from left, front row, Lucy Dunn Daniel, Gail Templin Daniels, Myralyn Frizzelle Allgood, Patty Daniel Kirkley, Janice Hornbuckle Allison; middle row, Arline Appling Blackwell, Betty Sentell Scharf, Martha Sue Sanford, Judy Waldrop Smith; and back row, Carolyn Duke, Jeanie Wilson Henderson and Julia Alice Granade Rice. All were members of the Class of 1961 except Kirkley '60, Allison '60 and Henderson '63.

Jeffrey Adam Morris of Birmingham is a closing attorney with Reli, Inc.

'98 **Sarah Beth Brasington** recently earned a master of divinity degree from Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

'99 **Allison Kathy Collier** earned a master's in early childhood education from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University. She teaches kindergarten at Franklin Road Academy, Nashville, Tenn.

Nathan and Elizabeth Mangham Lott live in Richmond, Va. He is a public relations specialist for the Virginia Department of Recreation. She is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and is on the staff at Northminster Church.

'00 *Class reunion is October 28–30, 2005.*

Amber Willis Bunce and her husband, Brian, live in Adairsville, Ga., with their son, Corbin James, born in March. She is a sixth-grade teacher at South Central Middle School, Emerson, Ga.

Paul and Kelly Rich Carr live in St. Petersburg, Fla., area with their two sons, Aidan, 1, and Sean, born in March.

Tanya A. Hollins, M.B.A., is director of brokerage commissions for Highland Capital Brokerage, Inc., a subsidiary of National Financial Planners. It is headquartered in Birmingham.

Rebekah Johnson married Michael Constante in December. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

Shannon Welch Jordan of Nashville, Tenn., earned a master's in social work from the University of Tennessee in May. She is program coordinator for Prevent Child Abuse TN.

'02 **Erin Bare** earned a master of arts in teaching at Jacksonville University. She teaches fourth grade and coaches junior high volleyball in Orange Park, Fla.

Erin Elizabeth Chafin earned a juris doctor degree from the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University in May. She is a staff attorney for Georgia Legal Services in Valdosta, Ga.

Matt Fields and Mary Beth Casey '03 married in December. She teaches at Briarwood Christian Elementary School. He works for Volkert and Associates, an engineering firm. They live in Birmingham.

Ronna Diane Kinsella of Walls, Miss., earned a juris doctorate from the University of Richmond T. C. Williams School of Law in May. She was named to the Order of the Barristers for showing exceptional talent and promise in trial and appellate advocacy. She was selected to compete in the Federal Bar Association moot court competition in Washington, D.C., in April.

Celia Ann Morris Mayben, M.S.E.M., is an environmental scientist with Plantation Pipe Line Co., Bremen, Ga.

Courtney Lynne Oldfield is director of sales and marketing and a designer for Upseedaises pajamas and loungewear in Birmingham. She is also a real estate agent with The Real Estate Group.

Angie Nicole Sanders earned a master of fine arts in design and technology from Parsons School of Design, New York, N.Y. She lives in New York, where she is a multi-media developer for OgilvyInteractive/Ogilvy & Mather advertising network. She has launched her own design firm, GoldKrush Studio, specializing in identity, print and Web development.

Elizabeth Boyce Wilson teaches fourth grade at Academia Los Pinares in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The bilingual Christian school serves Hondurans and missionary kids. In June, she was a People to People leader, traveling with high school students from the Charlotte, N.C., area for 20 days in New Zealand and Australia.

'03 **Mary Anne Garner Sahawneh** and her husband, John, live in New York, N.Y., where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Cornell University's graduate school in Manhattan.

'04 **Justin Elliott Davis** is a geographic information systems programmer/analyst with the city of Auburn, Ala.

Virginia "Ginny" Lloyd Sloane is employed by the Kentucky United Methodist Home for Children and Youth as a youth counselor at a residential facility for troubled children and youth. She lives in Lexington, Ky.

'05 **Amber Adamson** married Kevin Hawkins in July. She is an associate producer at WVTM NBC13 in Birmingham.

Susanna Burford and Nathan Baylor married in June. They met at Samford during the first month of their freshman year. They live in Dallas, Texas.

J. Matthew Wilson is a financial services representative and loan officer at the Old Hickory branch of AmSouth Bancorporation, Nashville, Tenn.

Courtney Blair Worley is a part-time research technician at University of Alabama at Birmingham's Department of Preventative Medicine. She is pursuing a master's in public health. ■

Anderson Study of Conjure Had Its Start at Samford

Dr. Jeffrey E. Anderson's book, *Conjure in African American Society*, will be published this fall by Louisiana State University Press. The book had its beginning as a paper Anderson wrote for an Old South history course under Dr. John Mayfield at Samford. Anderson graduated in 1997 and went on to earn a Ph.D. in history at the University of Florida. He developed his Samford paper into a dissertation directed by noted historian Bertram Wyatt-Brown, and that, in turn, became the book.

"Conjure has been one of the most important influences in African American history but it has been largely ignored in the historiography," said Anderson, a history professor at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Ga. "It has been painted as either a depiction of pure superstition, even devil worship, or as

some form of civil rights activity that was designed purely for the uplifting of the race. The reality is more complicated."

Anderson looks not only at these depictions but at the actual work performed by conjurers, including the use of herbs to treat illness, psychology to ease mental ailments, fear to bring harm to enemies and acquittals at trials, and advice to encourage clients to succeed on their own. ■



Jeffrey E. Anderson

20 Questions: What Some Alumni Think

In February, the alumni association sent a survey to a sample of alumni council members and active participants in Samford clubs across the country. The survey consisted of 20 questions ranging from inquiries about club interest and fund-raising to alumni dues. The data from these surveys has been compiled and will be used to help develop more substantial, long-lasting, relevant and beneficial alumni programming and resources.

Here are some of the results from the survey:

How often have you visited the Samford campus in the past five years?

More than once per year—63%
Once per year—20%
Less than once per year—17%

What would motivate you to come to campus more often? Check all that apply.

Cluster year reunions (decade of graduation)—50%
Academic/departmental reunions (same program or major)—37%
Children's programming/family activities—27%
Faculty lectures—37%
Professional networking opportunities—30%

Are you interested in becoming more involved in alumni association activities?

Yes—66%
No—27%
No Answer—7%

Programming by the alumni association can be targeted toward specific alumni groups. Which of the following groups would you like to see as the focus of programming? Check all that apply.

Greek-letter organizations—67%
Honor societies—13%
Graduating classes—57%
Alumni in your field—57%
Colleges or departments—50%
Athletics—77%

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about Samford. Check one.

Donations are an important way to strengthen the University.

Completely agree—76%
Agree—17%
Disagree—0%
Indifferent—7%

The alumni fund's Grant/Scholarship Program is a good use of alumni contributions.

Completely agree—40%
Agree—33%
Disagree—14%
Indifferent—13%

I am well informed about the use of donations to Samford.

Completely agree—27%
Agree—33%
Disagree—33%
Indifferent—7%

The University benefits from a strong endowment.

Completely agree—73%
Agree—17%
Disagree—0%
Indifferent—10%

Samford Alumni Clubs are a great way for me to become more interested in alumni involvement.

Completely agree—60%
Agree—33%
Disagree—0%
Indifferent—7%

Being a graduate of Samford University automatically makes me a member of the alumni association.

True—47%
False—47%
No Answer—6%
(The correct answer is "True.")

If the Samford Alumni Association became a membership society based on yearly or lifetime dues, how likely would you be to join?

Very likely—33%
Likely—17%
Not likely—23%
Never—17%
No answer—10%

In what ways would you like your dues to be used? Check all that apply.

Support scholarships—47%
Homecoming festivities—20%
Reunions—20%
Future alumni planning—30%
Samford Club activities and mailings—47%
Young alumni events—40%
Student recruitment—40%
Samford Career Development Center—7%
Alumni benefits (special discounts, event costs, alumni travel options, etc.)—30%

Would you recommend Samford University to a prospective student?

Definitely—97%
Probably—1%
Maybe—0%
Probably not—0%
Never—2%

For more information or to see more survey results, got to www.samford.edu. ■

births

'87 **Grace Anne Jaye** of Tallahassee, Fla., a son, Thomas Eadmund, born March 15, 2005.

'92 Mandy and **Russell Clemmons** of Savannah, Ga., a son, Miles Russell, born April 15, 2005.

Rodney and **Kendra Cole Freeman** of Union, N.J., a son, Nathan Thomas, born April 27, 2005.

Britt and **Erin Price Williams** of Bradenton, Fla., a daughter, McKinley Jane, born Nov. 15, 2004.

'93 Rodney and **Julie Deanne Johnson McDonald** of Pleasant Grove, Ala., a daughter, Sara Grace, born May 12, 2004.

Lady Sarah Burgheseon-Fuller and **Chad Spencer Miller** of London, England, a son, Charles Spencer Carletto Leigh Formisano De Vries, born July 4, 2005.

Lee Thomas and **Melissa Ivey Wimberly** '97 of Birmingham, a daughter, Mary Abigail "Abby," born Oct. 25, 2004.

'95 Craig White and **Stephanie L. Morgan-White, J.D.**, of Louisville, Ky., a daughter, Shelby Kennedy, born June 9, 2005.

David and Jennifer Werner Hammons '97 of Covington, Ga., a son, Zachary David, born May 5, 2005.

'96 Lesli and **Dean Douglass** of Knoxville, Tenn., a son, Walker Pierce, born Feb. 27, 2005.

J. R. and Shelley Mims Martin of Rainbow City, Ala., a daughter, Paige Adair, born Oct. 20, 2004.

Gary and **Kim Gardner Stinson** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Sally-Kaye, born May 10, 2005.

Dan and Brooke Franklin Voelzke '97 of Atlanta, Ga., a son, Harrison Davis, born July 5, 2005.

Jonathan and **Jessica George White** of Waynesville, N.C., a son, Parx McCrae, born Nov. 11, 2004.

'98 **John Clinton, Pharm.D.**, and **Jennifer Norris Boyett, Pharm.D.**, of Cookeville, Tenn., a son, Jackson Carlton, born April 14, 2005.

'99 Aaron and **Melanie Langston Busby** of Newnan, Ga., a son, David Samuel, born March 17, 2005.

Eric and **Amy Cupps Green** of Trussville, Ala., a daughter, Molly Kate, born May 5, 2005.

Julia and **Edward Marshall** of Mableton, Ga., a daughter, Mary Linley, born Feb. 6, 2004.

Carrie and **Brad Radice** of Helena, Ala., a son, Ryan, born June 24, 2005.

'00 Brian and **Amber Willis Bunce** of Adairsville, Ga., a son, Corbin James, born March 8, 2005.

Paul and Kelly Rich Carr of Seminole, Fla., a son, Sean, born March 15, 2005.

Jon Paul and **Amy Daniels Seay** of Colorado Springs, Colo., twins, Brady Fox and Chloe Elizabeth, born May 20, 2005.

'01 Sherri and **Daniel Glenn Ausbun, Sr.**, of Moreland, Ga., a son, Daniel Glenn, Jr., born June 3, 2005.

'02 **M. E. "Buck" III, J.D.**, and **Kimberly Walker Dougherty, J.D.**, of Covington, Tenn., a son, Jackson "Jack" Ewing, born June 13, 2005. ■

the European theatre. Shot down on mission over Germany, he parachuted into Switzerland, where he was a prisoner of war until his escape and return to the U.S.

'52 **Durwood R. Davis**, age 75, of Atlanta, Ga., died July 6, 2004. He was owner of Star Distributing Co., wholesaler of laundry equipment for the Southeast.

Rudolph J. "Rudy" Murensky, J.D., age 78, of Welch, W.Va., died June 17, 2005. The longtime McDowell County Circuit Court judge served on the bench for 20 years, starting as an intermediate court judge. He was among the U.S. Army troops that fought in the Battle of the Remagen Bridge in Europe during World War II.

'53 **Charlie Henry Walker J.D.**, age 76, of Lexington, Tenn., died June 2, 2005. He was an attorney and founder of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was a former city attorney, chairman of the Henderson County Election Commission and delegate to the Tennessee State Constitutional Convention. He served the U.S. Army in Korea and was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

'55 **Margarette Coon**, of Buford, Ga., died May 16, 2005. A former member of the Samford A Cappella Choir, she taught music for many years and was music director at Lithonia Central Baptist Church. She helped establish the Ministry Center of Stone Mountain and taught English to international students.

'56 **Mable Lamb**, age 69, of Birmingham died July 30, 2005. She worked in the nursing field for 40 years as a nurse, teacher and administrator. She was director of continuing education and graduate studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, where in 1983 she was among the first to receive a doctor of science in nursing degree. She was a captain in the Alabama National Guard.

'61 **Miriam Joyce Hall, M.B.A.** '73, age 72, of Gardendale, Ala., died June 28, 2005. She was director of human resources for Lakeshore Hospital and Healthcare Services of America. She was also chief examiner for the Jefferson County Personnel Board.

'62 **June Carter Braden**, age 63, of Danville, Calif., died Nov. 6, 2004. She was an elementary school librarian for 24 years. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'65 **Doug Burns, J.D.** '69, age 63, of Southside, Ala., died June 14, 2005. He was an attorney in Gadsden, Ala., and an avid volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America.

Paul Ishee, age 66, of Raymond, Miss., died April 15, 2005. He worked at Hinds General Hospital until retiring in 1999 as director of pharmacy. He was a past president of the Mississippi Hospital Pharmacists Association, a member of the State Board of Pharmacy and co-owner of the Child Development Center in Byram, Miss.

'68 **Thomas Ward Maxwell, M.B.A.**, age 87, of Indian Springs, Ala., died May 24, 2005. A 1941 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Col. Maxwell served in World War II and the Korean War.

Barbara Jane McCarn Perkins, age 75, of North Shelby County, died May 30, 2005. A magna cum laude graduate of Samford, she was a public high school teacher in Bessemer for 25 years.

'69 **Richard Banks**, age 60, of Darlington, S.C., died Aug. 1, 2005. He was pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, and had also served Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Alaska, Virginia and North Carolina. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Wendell C. Hays, Jr., age 61, of Jemison, Ala., died July 6, 2005. He was an educator, coach and administrator in Chilton County and sales manager with Perfection Metal and Supply Company.

'72 **Grace Lollar Downing Gravlee, M.S.E.**, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died June 30, 2005. She taught school, enjoyed writing and painting, and was a frequent book reviewer. A leader in many arts organizations, she helped found the Vestavia Hills Arts Association, and was a president of the Alabama Writers' Conclave and the Alabama Numismatic Society.

'73 **James Bridges Morton II, J.D.**, age 60, of Birmingham died June 4, 2005. He practiced law in Birmingham for many years. He was an Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Army.

'74 **Linda Ellis Selman**, age 53, of Jasper, Ala., died Aug. 7, 2005, due to complications from a brain tumor. A registered pharmacist, she was employed by CVS Pharmacy and its predecessors for more than 30 years.

'75 **Catherine Ward Coggin** of Gardendale, Ala., died Feb. 24, 2005, after a long battle with breast cancer.

'83 **Julia Whaley Williams Green**, age 59, of Birmingham died May 27, 2005. She retired from Baptist Medical Center-Montclair after 30 years as a registered nurse in hospital administration. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society.

'96 **Shannon Williams J.D.**, age 35, of Macon, Ga., died June 23, 2005, in a car accident. He was Butts County assistant public defender.

Retired Faculty/Staff

Odine Gallman, who worked in the Samford Extension Division for 28 years (1960-88), died Feb. 1, 2005, in Richmond, Va. Her husband, the late Dr. Lee Gallman, taught in the Extension Division and the Department of Religion. She is survived by her son, Dr. R. Lee Gallman '67, and daughter, Judith Gallman Schenck '68. ■

in memoriam

'33 **W. Ward Upton**, age 94, of Homewood died June 16, 2005. He attended Harvard Business School and was employed by Alabama Power for 40 years before retiring in 1975.

'37 **Dorothy Hagood Stamps**, age 92, of Homewood, died July 25, 2005. She retired from the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, having worked in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Ga., Anniston, Ala., and Birmingham.

'39 **Esther Jane Wood Hall**, age 93, of Austin, Texas, died Feb. 23, 2005. The first woman to graduate from Samford with a pharmacy degree, she joined the faculty of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 1947. In 1957, she earned the first doctoral degree awarded by the UT College of Pharmacy and in 1975 became the first female pharmacy faculty member to achieve rank of full professor.

'47 **Faye Lee Chambliss**, age 82, of Huntsville, Ala., died June 21, 2005. She retired in 1988 after 23 years as office manager of the Madison Baptist Association, where her husband, Hugh, was director of missions. She was also president of the Madison and Alabama Baptist ministers wives organizations. After retirement, she was a

volunteer missionary in three countries in Europe.

'49 **Herman Douglas Thomas**, age 79, of Waco, Texas, died June 8, 2005. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and later with the U.S. Air Force as a navigator/bombardier and a celestial navigation instructor. He taught at public schools in Waco before joining the staff of Baylor University, where he served 19 years as director of undergraduate admission.

William E. Wright, Jr., age 81, of Ashford, Ala., died July 17, 2005. He was co-owner of Ashford Rexall Drug Store. He served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II.

'50 **Harold Lewis Kincaid**, age 79, of Lincoln, Ala., died April 29, 2005. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and retired from Davis, Speake and Associates architect firm and Children's Hospital.

Ben E. Landrum, age 81, of Birmingham, died June 21, 2005. He served in Europe during World War II as an infantry soldier in Gen. George Patton's Third Army. He was an agent in the Birmingham office of

the Internal Revenue Service for 30 years. He used his woodworking skills to benefit Toys for Tots.

'51 **Elizabeth "Betty" Haynes**, age 73, of Pell City, Ala., died May 28, 2005. She was active in the Woman's Missionary Union, Garden Clubs of America and Daughters of the American Revolution. She served on the board of directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board and was the first coordinator of the St. Clair county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Gus L. Prosch, Jr., age 74, of Guntersville, Ala., died June 7, 2005. A physician, he served at U.S. Navy medical facilities in Jacksonville, Fla., and Nashville, Tenn. He practiced medicine for many years in Birmingham and began a small alternative clinic that grew into the largest alternative practice in the Southeast. He was founder of Biomed Associates.

Frank S. Thomas, Sr., of Birmingham died Aug. 2, 2005. He was a retired Baptist minister. He conducted services in nursing homes, playing the guitar and harmonica. During World War II, he was a radio operator-gunner with the U.S. Air Force in

Sloan Bashinsky, Samford Trustee and Major Benefactor, Dies



Sloan Bashinsky

as board vice chair and was chairman of the board's executive committee at the time of the University's charter change in 1994.

In addition to his service as trustee, Bashinsky provided several major gifts to Samford. The most significant is the Leo Bashinsky Fieldhouse, named for his late father, who also had served as a Samford trustee.

Sloan Bashinsky also contributed to Bashinsky Press Tower at Samford's Seibert

Sloan Y. Bashinsky Sr., long-time Samford University trustee and major donor, died Aug. 2 in Birmingham.

Bashinsky served as a trustee from 1984 to 1999 and had been an honorary member of the University's board of trustees since 2000. He served

Stadium and made several other gifts "which rank him among the University's most generous philanthropists," according to Samford President Thomas E. Corts.

"It was never his intent to seek publicity," Dr. Corts said, "which makes it all the more pleasant to call attention to the soft and magnanimous example of a no-nonsense businessman. He cared deeply and gave generously."

Samford awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree to Bashinsky in 1990. The degree recognized his "astute leadership within the Birmingham business community, valuable civic service and generous support of his community."

Bashinsky was retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Golden Enterprises, Inc., the parent company of Golden Flake snack foods. He was a member of Birmingham's Mountain Brook Baptist Church, where memorial services were held Aug. 5. ■

Stronger Defense, Better Running Game Should Characterize 2005 Bulldogs

Samford Coach Bill Gray has two big questions to answer about his 2005 football team: Who's the quarterback? How quickly will his offensive line mature?

Otherwise, his Bulldogs show promise. He has a talented group of receivers; he found a running back during the spring; and he believes his defense will be much improved.

Gray faces the reality of life after Ray Nelson and Efrem Hill, the record-setting duo that sparked the offense for several years. Quarterback Nelson passed for 7,950 yards and 60 touchdowns during his four-year career, and Hill caught 214 passes for 3,054 yards and 31 scores. All were Samford records.

Nelson's heir apparent did not emerge during spring practice, although the two most likely candidates, sophomores Parker Gargis and Jefferson Adcock, played well at times. "We would feel comfortable with either of those two," said Gray, despite neither having much game experience.

Up front, tackle Kevin Pughsley and guard Matt Crum—both returning starters—will lead the way. Graham Lemmond will replace two-year starter Brad Baker at center.

"How well the offense does will be determined by how quickly the young offensive linemen mature," he said. He thinks this year's group will enable Samford to run the ball more than in the past.

Not that the coach is planning to forsake his exciting spread offense that has produced almost 29 points a game during his four years. It's just that he may be able to have a little more balance between running and passing yards. Last year's ratio was 2-to-1 in favor of passing.

Justin Ray is another reason the running game might be better. The versatile junior played defensive back his first two years, but moved to running back in the spring and made a strong impression. He previously played running back in high school. Drew Guess is back with a year's experience at running back.

Even without Hill, Samford's receiving game is in good shape. Several experienced players return, led by Ossie Buchanan (43 catches), Freddy Young (38) and Jeff Moore (30). Plus, starter Josh Brennard (18 receptions) is back at tight end.

Gray changed some defensive schemes and recruited to add defensive depth after last year's 4-7 team gave up more than 30 points a game.

"With the changes we have made scheme-wise and with some of the guys who were redshirted last year, we will be better," said the coach. "We have tried to instill more of a physical aspect to our defense. Plus, defensive depth was the focus of our recruiting."

All-star senior Cortland Finnegan returns at safety, where he was an All-Ohio Valley Conference first-team selection the past two years. He led Samford in tackles both years and has eight career interceptions. Finnegan is also a talented kickoff returner, averaging more than 29 yards a return over his three seasons, with three touchdowns.

Other defensive secondary leaders are safety Brad Booth, and cornerbacks T. C. Myers and Quinton Griffin.

Gray thinks his linebacking is strong, led by returning starters Steve Tennin and Calvin Hodge. End Steve Wisdom and tackle Clyde Triplett are veterans in the defensive line.

Chris Hicks is back to punt after booming 63 kicks an average of 42 yards last fall. He pinned 26 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Shannon Fleming returns to handle place-kicking after sharing time with graduate Hal Hughston last fall.

The 2005 schedule is challenging. After a home opener against Edward Waters College, Samford travels to play I-A Baylor and I-AA power Furman before opening the OVC schedule on the road at Eastern Illinois. The Bulldogs will open their OVC home schedule in a Thursday night game Sept. 29 against Southeast Missouri. That game will be televised by ESPN-U. ■

2005 schedule

Sept. 1	EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE
Sept. 10	at Baylor
Sept. 17	at Furman
Sept. 24	at Eastern Illinois*
Sept. 29	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI* (ESPN-U)
Oct. 8	at Eastern Kentucky*
Oct. 15	MURRAY STATE*
Oct. 22	at UT-Martin*
Oct. 29	TENNESSEE STATE* (HC)
Nov. 5	at Tennessee Tech*
Nov. 12	JACKSONVILLE STATE*

*Ohio Valley Conference game
Home Games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

Cortland Finnegan

Soccer Seeks Third OVC Crown

The Samford soccer team won its second consecutive regular-season championship last fall and came oh-so-close to qualifying for its first NCAA tournament. After claiming the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season crown with a 7-1 mark, Coach Todd Yelton's Bulldogs lost the OVC tournament championship in the final three minutes, 3-2, to Eastern Illinois.

With a healthy nucleus of seven returning starters, 15 returning letter-winners and the South's 16th-ranked recruiting class, the 2005 Bulldogs have aspirations of capturing their third consecutive OVC title. Yelton says his team has "a relentless desire to qualify for its first NCAA tournament."

Samford has gone 35-18-7 overall and 20-6-1 in league games during Yelton's three seasons. The conference record has been even better during the two OVC seasons (14-2). Last year, the Bulldogs lost their first four matches to Southern Mississippi, Tulane, Auburn and Northwestern, but then went 10-3-1 for the rest of the season.

Three All-OVC first-team players lead the way this fall, midfielders Heather Birdsell and Kim Matthews, and defender Sharon Young. Other returning starters are defender Devon Paris, midfielder Jessika Mejia, and forwards Marian Wagner and Rebecca Bohler.

The main concern for the Samford coaching staff this fall will be replacing goalkeeper Crystal Royall, who last year became the first player in OVC history to win both Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors. Royall, the team's Most Valuable Player, recorded seven shutouts last fall and finished her career with 21.5 shutouts, a Samford record.

Senior Emily Morris played more than 100 minutes as Royall's backup last year, allowing only three goals, so the goalkeeper position appears to be in good hands.

One reason for Samford's success is its stingy defense. Yelton was a defender during his college playing days, and he has instilled a sense of pride in this aspect of the game. Samford earned an

OVC-leading 10 shutouts last year, and led the league in goals-against average (0.77 per game) and fewest goals allowed (14). Young and Paris will lead the defensive side.

Offensively, Birdsell started all 18 games as a true freshman last year, and led the Bulldogs in points (10) and shots (40). Matthews, who was All-OVC Freshman of the Year two years ago, scored eight points.

Wagner had four goals a year ago and has 22 for her three-year career. Bohler led the team and finished second in the league in assists (5), and was second in team scoring with nine points.

Samford has played demanding nonconference schedules and will do so again this fall. Nonconference opponents include Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Winthrop, Southern Mississippi and Vanderbilt, and a four-team tournament with Evansville, Marshall and Memphis. ■

Rebecca Bohler

2005 schedule

Aug. 21	ALABAMA (exhibition)
Aug. 26	WOFFORD
Aug. 28	at Mississippi State
Sept. 2	MEMPHIS**
Sept. 4	MARSHALL**
Sept. 9	at North Carolina State
Sept. 11	at Winthrop
Sept. 16	SOUTHERN MISS
Sept. 18	at Vanderbilt
Sept. 23	at Eastern Kentucky*
Sept. 25	at Morehead State*
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE STATE*
Oct. 7	UT-MARTIN*
Oct. 9	MURRAY STATE*
Oct. 14	at Eastern Illinois*
Oct. 16	at Southeast Missouri*
Oct. 21	TENNESSEE TECH*
Oct. 23	AUSTIN PEAY*
Oct. 25	at Birmingham-Southern
Oct. 28	BELMONT

*Ohio Valley Conference match
**Samford Bulldog Soccer Tournament
Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

Samford Wins 2005 OVC Sportsmanship Award

Samford University received the Ohio Valley Conference's 2005 Sportsmanship Award in June as the conference institution selected by its peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

Samford President Dr. Thomas E. Corts and Director of Athletics Bob Roller received the award from OVC Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher at the league's annual Honors Luncheon in Nashville, Tenn.

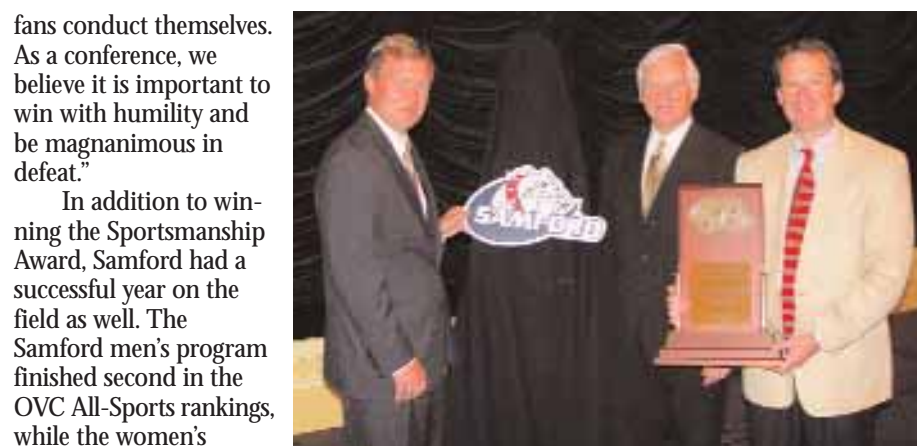
"Sportsmanship is a core value of the Ohio Valley Conference," Dr. Steinbrecher said. "One year ago, we instituted an award, voted on by the membership, to recognize the OVC member institution that, as judged by its peers, has excelled in the past year in meeting the expectations and standards of sportsmanship as detailed in the conference's bylaws. Winning is certainly important—it is why we keep score. But also important is how our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and

fans conduct themselves. As a conference, we believe it is important to win with humility and be magnanimous in defeat."

In addition to winning the Sportsmanship Award, Samford had a successful year on the field as well. The Samford men's program finished second in the OVC All-Sports rankings, while the women's program came in third.

"It's an honor to be recognized by our peers for this award," Roller said. "The conference office has made this issue a priority, and we're pleased to try and uphold those standards."

In 1995, the Ohio Valley Conference implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy promoting principles of fair play, ethical



Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher, left, presents the Sportsmanship Award to Samford President Thomas E. Corts and Athletics Director Bob Roller.

conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics and has become a model for others to follow across the nation. ■

Blankenship, Almaguer and Friends Set to Defend OVC Cross-Country Title

The Samford women's team ran away with the Ohio Valley Conference cross-country championship last fall. Lauren Blankenship was first in a field of 73 runners, and her closest challengers were four other runners from Samford.

With Blankenship and three of the other four runners returning this fall, Coach Glenn McWaters' team is in a good position to defend its title. OVC Freshman of the Year Britney Almaguer finished second to Blankenship, while Michelle Brewer and Jessica Brewer were fourth and fifth.

Only third-place finisher Britney Menden is missing from this year's cast.

The Samford men's team finished fourth in the 10-team competition last year. Drew Anderwald, who was 10th among the 78 entries in the OVC men's championship, returns along with letterman Trent Rickets. Bryan Baddorf, fifth in the OVC meet, has graduated.

McWaters, whose cross-country and track teams have set more than 160 Samford records in 10 years, was last year's OVC Coach of the Year for women's cross-country. ■

2005 schedule

Sept. 9	Belmont Opener	Nashville, Tenn.
Sept. 17	Crimson Tide Invitational	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Oct. 10	Auburn Invitational	Auburn, Ala.
Oct. 15	Pre-NCAA Meet	Terre Haute, Ind.
Oct. 22	Troy/Coach "O" Invitational	Troy, Ala.
Oct. 29	OVC Championships	Charleston, Ill.

Britney Almaguer

Volleyball Fortunes Should Improve with Stellar Recruiting Class

Coach Michelle Durban and her staff accomplished a first for Samford volleyball last spring, signing a recruiting class ranked in the top 85 nationally by a national Web site, PrepVolleyball.com.

"That Web site does an outstanding job of recognizing recruiting classes," said Durban, who was hired before last season to rebuild Samford volleyball. "Our staff worked hard to recruit players who would make our program better, and I feel confident that this class will have an immediate impact on the level of play for the team."

One reason for the ranking was the signing of outside hitter Sara Sears of Fairhope, Ala., named the state high school player of the year by *The Birmingham News* and regional winner of the Bryant-Jordan Achievement Award.

With the new recruits and four returning starters, fortunes should improve this fall. The Bulldogs were only 5-21 in Durban's first season, but there were glimmers of hope even then.

Robin Bishop and Angela Dempski had two of the best blocking seasons by freshmen in Samford history, and both are back. Bishop set a freshman record with 83 block assists, the ninth-highest total for any Samford player, and Dempski recorded the second-best freshman total (73), which is 11th among all players.

Their performances helped Samford finish third in blocks in the Ohio Valley Conference with an average of 2.36 per game.

Other returning players are senior Courtney Keen, and juniors Callaway Logan and Abby Sites. Freshmen in addition to Sears are Courtney Gay of Sarasota, Fla., Ashley Klare of Union, Ky., Kirstein Sosnowski of Winter Springs, Fla., Jackie Jaszcz of Franklin, Tenn., and Jen Powers of Lisle, Ill. ■

Robin Bishop

2005 schedule

Aug. 27	vs. North Florida ¹	Oct. 1	TENNESSEE TECH*
Aug. 27	at Troy ¹	Oct. 4	at Lipscomb
Sept. 2	vs. Prairie View A&M ¹¹	Oct. 7	at Tennessee State*
Sept. 2	at New Orleans ¹¹	Oct. 8	at Austin Peay*
Sept. 3	vs. Northwestern State ¹¹	Oct. 14	at Morehead State*
Sept. 6	UAB	Oct. 15	at Eastern Kentucky*
Sept. 9	FAIRFIELD**	Oct. 18	BELMONT
Sept. 10	WESTERN CAROLINA**	Oct. 21	EASTERN ILLINOIS*
Sept. 10	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN**	Oct. 22	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*
Sept. 16	at UNC Asheville ¹	Oct. 26	at Tennessee Tech*
Sept. 17	vs. Western Carolina ¹	Oct. 28	at Jacksonville State*
Sept. 17	vs. Elon ¹	Nov. 4	MURRAY STATE*
Sept. 20	SOUTH ALABAMA	Nov. 5	UT-MARTIN*
Sept. 23	AUSTIN PEAY*	Nov. 11	at Southeast Missouri*
Sept. 24	TENNESSEE STATE*	Nov. 12	at Eastern Illinois*
Sept. 28	JACKSONVILLE STATE*		

*Ohio Valley Conference match

**Samford Invitational

¹Trojan Spiketacular

¹¹New Orleans Tournament

¹UNC Asheville Tournament

Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

Return of Munday, Insell Has Women Looking for a Winner

Coach Mike Morris kept his Samford women's basketball team on the upsurge last winter despite a season in which injury and illness forced two of his best players to the sideline. If he can avoid those misfortunes this year, the Bulldogs could post a winning season.

Forward Alex Munday, the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year two years ago, played only five games before illness forced her out for the season. Forward Chelsea Insell injured a knee in preseason and couldn't play a minute. They were first and second in scoring and rebounding two years ago.

Despite these personnel losses, Samford went 13-15 last year and qualified for the OVC tournament. It was the second highest number of wins in the eight-year history of the women's program.

Munday and Insell are back this year, as are starters Cora Beth Smith and Tish Pilkerton at guard, and Veronika Pike at center. Smith led in scoring at 10.2 points a game, and Pike averaged 9.8. Smith, the sparkplug, also led in assists, steals, free-throw percentage and minutes played.

Four other letterwinners will join six signees on the 2005-06 team. ■

Chelsea Insell



2005 schedule

Nov. 10	UAH (Exhibition)
Nov. 18	at Miami (Fla.)
Nov. 21	at Birmingham-Southern
Nov. 25	FLORIDA ATLANTIC¹
Nov. 26	GEORGIA STATE¹
Dec. 2	TROY
Dec. 8	JACKSONVILLE STATE*
Dec. 18	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*
Dec. 20	MURRAY STATE*
Dec. 28-29	at Tulane Doubletree Classic
Jan. 2	at Tennessee Tech*
Jan. 5	at UT-Martin*
Jan. 7	at Jacksonville State*
Jan. 12	TENNESSEE STATE*
Jan. 14	TENNESSEE TECH*
Jan. 19	at Morehead State*
Jan. 21	at Eastern Kentucky*
Jan. 26	UT-MARTIN*
Jan. 28	AUSTIN PEAY*
Jan. 30	at Murray State*
Feb. 2	at Tennessee State*
Feb. 4	EASTERN ILLINOIS*
Feb. 11	at Austin Peay*
Feb. 16	MOREHEAD STATE*
Feb. 18	EASTERN KENTUCKY*
Feb. 23	at Southeast Missouri*
Feb. 25	at Eastern Illinois*

*Ohio Valley Conference Game

¹Samford/BSC Classic

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All-OVC Merritt, Two Other Starters To Lead Men's Basketball Team

With three returning starters led by All-Ohio Valley Conference forward J. Robert Merritt, the Samford men's basketball team has high hopes for the 2005-06 season. Four other letterwinners, a talented redshirt and five promising signees are also on hand.

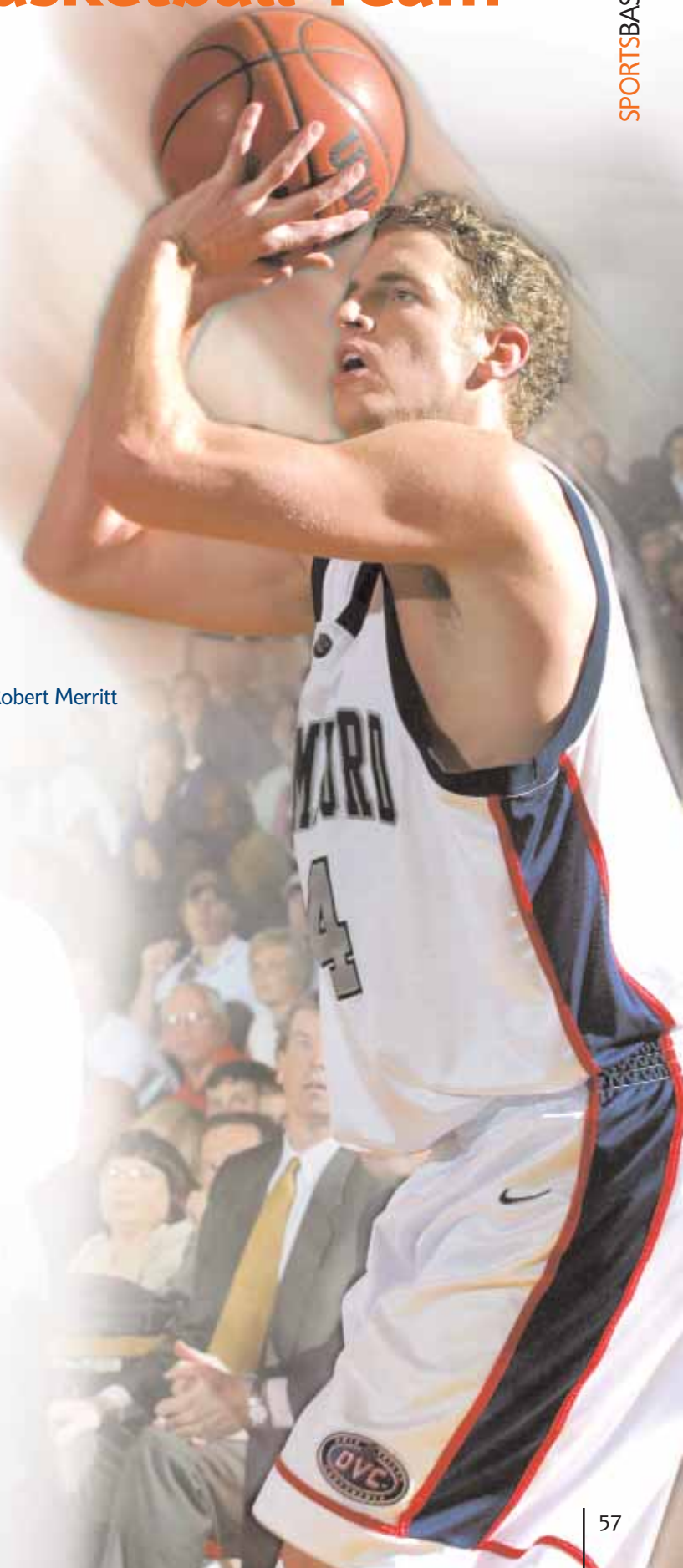
Merritt led last year's team with a 16.5 scoring average, good for fifth in the OVC. He was first in the league in three-point goals. Guards Randall Gulina, a 10.4 scorer, and Jerry Smith, the point man, are the other starters.

Samford led the OVC in field-goal accuracy (50.3 percent), three-point shooting (41.9 percent) and defense (allowing 62.1 points a game). Those areas will be Bulldog strengths again as Coach Jimmy Tillette runs his vaunted Princeton offense and a tight man-to-man defense mixed with a little match-up zone play.

The other returnees are center Travis Peterson, forward Ryan Woolsey, and guards Joe Ross Merritt and Curtis West, along with redshirt guard Jason Black.

The Bulldogs went 15-13 last year and finished fourth in league play (10-6) to qualify for the OVC postseason tournament. Tillette, Samford's winningest basketball coach, enters his ninth season with a 129-102 record. ■

J. Robert Merritt



2005 schedule

Nov. 10	BERRY COLLEGE (Exhibition)
Nov. 14-15	at Guardians of the Game Classic
Nov. 19	at Oklahoma
Nov. 21-22	at Guardians of the Game Classic
Nov. 26	BRYAN COLLEGE
Nov. 29	at Southern Miss
Dec. 3	at South Alabama
Dec. 8	JACKSONVILLE STATE*
Dec. 19	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*
Dec. 21	MURRAY STATE*
Dec. 29	CAMPBELLSVILLE
Jan. 2	at Tennessee Tech*
Jan. 5	at UT-Martin*
Jan. 7	at Jacksonville State*
Jan. 12	TENNESSEE STATE*
Jan. 14	TENNESSEE TECH*
Jan. 19	at Morehead State*
Jan. 21	at Eastern Kentucky*
Jan. 26	UT-MARTIN*
Jan. 28	AUSTIN PEAY*
Jan. 30	at Murray State*
Feb. 2	at Tennessee State*
Feb. 4	EASTERN ILLINOIS*
Feb. 11	at Austin Peay*
Feb. 14	EASTERN KENTUCKY*
Feb. 16	MOREHEAD STATE*
Feb. 18	at Bracket Buster
Feb. 23	at Southeast Missouri*
Feb. 25	at Eastern Illinois*

*Ohio Valley Conference game

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CAMPUS news



Photo by Katherine Ball

The lawn between Wright Center and Samford Hall is no longer distinguishable as heavy equipment prepares the site for the construction of a new recital hall. The building will adjoin Wright Center, top of photo. Buchanan Hall is at right.

Samford Summer Construction Projects Total \$15.8 Million

Samford began and in some cases completed a total of \$15.8 million in construction projects during the summer of 2005. The largest project is the \$8.3 million recital hall for the School of Performing Arts.

Other projects included a new synthetic surface and other improvements for Seibert Stadium, \$1 million; a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system for Robinson Hall, \$3.2 million; the first of three new campus heating plants, \$2.3 million; and a new surface parking lot for 320 cars, \$1 million.

The Seibert Stadium improvements and Robinson Hall renovations were completed for the beginning of the fall term in late August, according to Don Mott, Samford vice president for facilities.

Mott said the new parking area, located south of Seibert Stadium near Samford's west Lakeshore Drive entrance, will be ready a few weeks into the fall term. The recital hall is slated for completion in the fall of 2006.

Mott also reported that plans are progressing toward construction of the new \$25 million multipurpose athletic arena and student fitness complex and for relocation and construction of a new varsity tennis complex. Preliminary plans for both projects were announced in April. ■

Family Weekend Set for Oct. 7-9

Family Weekend will be Friday-Sunday, Oct. 7-9, with activities ranging from soccer and theatre to symposia and the annual Parents Association meeting.

Registration will be in Beeson University Center on Friday, 3-7 p.m., in the Flag Colonnade and Saturday, 8-10 a.m., in the Office of Student Involvement.

Samford Theatre will present a production of William Nicholson's *Shadowlands* Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Samford women's soccer team, one of the preseason favorites in the Ohio Valley Conference, will face OVC foes UT-Martin Friday at 7 p.m. and Murray State Sunday at 2 p.m.

A 9:30 a.m. general session on Saturday will feature Samford President Thomas E. Corts updating parents on current and future campus activity. The session also will serve as the annual meeting of the Parents Association. Last year, more than 800 parents attended.

Symposia on a variety of topics will be offered at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

A Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. in Reid Chapel will highlight student missions. Families can enjoy Sunday brunch in the cafeteria.

The registration fee is \$40 per person. For a detailed schedule and online registration information, go to www.samfordtickets.com. ■

Crimson Offers Subscriptions

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events

For details or the complete Samford University calendar, go to www.samford.edu/calendars/html. See pages 52–57 for sports schedules.

- Sept. 1–2** Welcome Back Week continues with activities for students celebrating the beginning of the fall semester
Sponsored by the Student Government Association, (205) 726-2345
- Sept. 1–30** “Photos from Life: Rwanda, Kenya, Haiti”
Photographs by Lisa Pickett, Samford political science faculty
Wright Center Art Gallery, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free
- Sept. 2–4** Greek Weekend
Sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council
- Sept. 6** Accounting Career Night for professionals, faculty and students
Wright Center lobby, 6–8 p.m.
School of Business, (205) 726-2547
- Sept. 8** Faculty recital: Timothy Banks, Wanda Banks and Donald Sanders
A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School, 7:30 p.m., free
- Sept. 10** Preview Day
Office of Admission, (205) 726-3673
- Football: Samford at Baylor, Waco, Texas, 6 p.m.
Department of Athletics (for tickets), (205) 726-2050
Office of University Relations (for the tailgate party), (205) 726-2807
- Sept. 16** Faculty recital: William Bugg, Wright Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- Sept. 17** Nursing continuing education seminar
Lucille Beeson Center for Healing Arts, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, (205) 726-2626
- Football: Samford at Furman University, Greenville, S.C., 6 p.m.
Department of Athletics (for tickets), (205) 726-2050
Office of University Relations (for the tailgate party), (205) 726-2807
- Sept. 18** Pharmacy continuing education seminar
Ingalls Hall, 12–4 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Joan Jackson, (205) 726-2722
- Sept. 21–26** Sorority and fraternity fall recruitment
Office of Greek Life, (205) 726-2028
- Sept. 22** Holley-Hull Lectures featuring author Brennan Manning
Reid Chapel, 10 a.m., free
Office of Student Ministries, (205) 726-2825
- Pharmacy continuing education seminar
Ingalls Hall, 12–4 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Joan Jackson, (205) 726-2722
- Sept. 24** Nursing continuing education seminar
Lucille Beeson Center for Healing Arts, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, (205) 726-2626

- Sept. 27** Faculty recital: Jeffrey Flaniken, Angie Flaniken and Donald Sanders
Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 2** Old-Song Sing-Along, featuring guest artist Brad White
Reid Chapel, 2 p.m., free
- Oct. 3–31** Paintings and sculpture by Jude Johnston
Wright Center Art Gallery, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free
- Oct. 4** Faculty recital: Betty Sue Shepherd
Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 6** Samford Philanthropy Dinner honoring major donors
HealthSouth Conference Center, 7 p.m.
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2807
- Oct. 6–9** Samford Theatre presents *Shadowlands*
Department of Theatre, (205) 726-2853
- Oct. 7–9** Family Weekend
Office of Student Activities, (205) 726-2345
- Oct. 8** Christenberry Planetarium dedication,
Sciencenter, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 11** Samford Orchestra concert
Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 11–13** Urban Missions Emphasis Week
Sponsored by the Office of Student Ministries, (205) 726-2927
- Oct. 12–14** “Faith, Vocational Calling and Core Curriculum” conference
Hosted by Samford
Dr. Rosemary Fisk, (205) 726-2995
- Oct. 13** Samford Auxiliary fall luncheon featuring the Honorable Karon Bowdre
Country Club of Birmingham, 11:30 a.m.
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2807

- J. Roderick Davis Lecture Series, featuring Fawaz Gerges, professor of international affairs and Middle Eastern studies,
Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N.Y.
Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 15** Preview Day
Office of Admission, (205) 726-3673
- Oct. 17** Samford’s Board of Ministerial Mentors fall meeting
10:30 a.m.
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2807
- Oct. 18** Pharmacy continuing education seminar
Ingalls Hall, 6 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Joan Jackson, (205) 726-2722
- Oct. 20** Faculty recital: Sherrie Lawhon and Randall Richardson
Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 22–25** Fall break (no classes; offices open)
- Oct. 23** Samford Scholarship Society Hall of Honor dedication
Beeson University Center, 12 p.m.
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2050
- Oct. 24–25** Jefferson County Water Festival
Hosted by Samford
- “Like a Mustard Seed” conference
Hosted by the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, (205) 726-4064
- Oct. 27** Samford Board of Overseers fall meeting
- Oct. 27–30** Homecoming (see pages 40–43 for details)
Office of University Relations, (205) 726-2807
- Nov. 1** Instrumental Chamber Ensembles concert
Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free

- Nov. 3** Guest recital: Olaf Muehlenhardt, saxophone
Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- Nov. 7–30** Art Student Annual Juried Show and Equestrian Art Show
Wright Center Art Gallery, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free
- Nov. 10** Samford Auxiliary meeting featuring Dr. Timothy Covington,
McWhorter School of Pharmacy
Ward Auditorium, Ingalls Hall, 10:30 a.m., free to auxiliary members and their guests
- Nov. 10–13** Samford Theatre presents *The Mikado*
Department of Theatre, (205) 726-2853
- Nov. 12** Preview Day
Office of Admission, (205) 726-3673
- Nov. 13** Pharmacy continuing education seminar
Ingalls Hall, 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Joan Jackson, (205) 726-2722
- Nov. 15** Percussion Ensemble concert
Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- Nov. 16** Alabama Minister of the Year breakfast,
Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., 7 a.m.
- Nov. 17** Samford Jazz Ensemble concert
7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, free
- Nov. 23–25** Thanksgiving holidays (no classes; offices open Nov. 23, closed Nov. 24–25)

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September 17, 2005
Samford vs. Furman Football Tailgate Party, Greenville, S.C. For more information, contact Alumni Relations Officer Billy Ivey at wrivey@samford.edu.

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