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Harold, Haroldine and Zella Johnson



Haroldine "Deedie" Johnson at Samford



Robert Ross '64



"Deedie" Johnson, Robert Ross '64, Kenyon Ross '93, Robert Ross '64 and Scott Ross '95



Evangelist Billy Graham, far right, visits with, from left, Jeannette Gilbert, Cliff Barrows, Billie Barrows, Ruth Graham, unknown, and Grady Wilson

An Untold Story: The World's Greatest Evangelist and a Samford Student

A carefree kid from North Carolina named Billy Graham enrolled in a Tennessee Bible college in the fall of 1936 and soon met an older classmate, Harold Johnson. Twenty-six years old and recently converted, Johnson had a special gift of effectiveness in personal evangelism and a contagious enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel. Graham was not yet 18. Their time together was brief, since Graham transferred at the end of that semester, but through college, to worldwide fame and international respect, Graham never forgot the passion and devotion of his fellow student. Thirteen years later, in 1949, Johnson was killed in an automobile accident, leaving a wife and nine-year-old daughter.

By Nov. 20, 1958, already established as a world-famous religious personality, Graham came to Birmingham for an evening session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention at the City Auditorium. He learned from mutual friends that Haroldine "Deedie" Johnson, the daughter of his old friend, was having a difficult time finding resources for college. She had completed one year at a Baptist college in another state, where she had been successful academically and socially, having been named that campus' "Most Beautiful." But she and her mother had a hard time paying for college and meeting living expenses. After her first year of school, conceding to financial duress, she lived at home in Birmingham, working and going to night school part-time.

In Birmingham to preach, Graham was not too busy to contact Johnson's widow, Zella, asking her to bring her daughter and to meet him in his hotel lobby. He told 19-year-old Deedie that because of what Harold Johnson had meant to him, he wanted to pay for her college education. His offer was an answer to prayer, and she chose Howard College (Samford), graduating with a B.A. in education and a minor in Spanish in 1963.

Heartwarming as it is, there is more to the story. Another couple, Jeannette Gilbert and Robert Ross, was enrolled in that same Bible college that same semester that same year—1936. The Bible college was small, and they also knew both Graham and Johnson. Gilbert and Ross married, and in the summer of 1961, their teenage son, Robert Ross,

worked in Billy Graham meetings in Minnesota. When Graham heard that young Robert Ross planned to attend Howard College that fall, he asked him to look up Howard co-ed Deedie Johnson and convey his greeting.

Once on campus, Robert Ross did not encounter Deedie Johnson until he saw her in the "Miss Entre Nous" pageant. (In 1962, she was also "Miss Photogenic," chosen by the popular singing group, The Four Preps, famous for pop hits "Twenty-Six Miles Across the Sea" and "I Was a Big Man Yesterday.") The two students talked, noting their connections to the famous evangelist. Though engaged at the time, Johnson subsequently became disengaged. Before long, she and Ross were paired on some ministry teams with him preaching and her playing the piano. Romance developed, and they were married in December 1963.

Deedie '63 assisted Robert '64 in the ministry through 39 years of marriage before she died in July 2002 after suffering from brain cancer. Ross, after many years pastoring in Florida, now lives in Scottsboro, Ala.

The couple was blessed with three boys, two of whom are Samford graduates. Robert, a systems engineer, lives in Huntsville with his wife and two boys. Kenyon '93, a pharmaceutical sales representative, lives in Birmingham with his wife, the former Ami Phillips '93, and their three children. Scott '95, a film producer, resides in Birmingham and has one son.

I like to say that there is a fascinating story behind every student. This one happened to involve the world's greatest evangelist, busily in demand all over the world, but not too busy to come to the aid of a widow and her daughter. Billy Graham never wanted anything said about the scholarship he provided (among hundreds of others he and his organization reportedly gave over the years).

As with all students, this one is a story too good to keep—and a reminder that a university is from generation to generation.

Thomas E. Corts
President

SAMFORD report

Fulfilling The Promise: A One-Year Update

Samford University has made significant progress on a list of sweeping initiatives announced in spring 2004 by President Thomas E. Corts as part of “a promise for all generations.” The initiatives underscored the school’s commitment to offer “a vigorous academic experience, remain loyal to Christian beliefs, and continue as a friendly, caring community.”

The commitments were approved as part of the plan by Samford’s Board of Trustees to state “the bedrock elements of Samford University’s identity and mission,” said Dr. Corts. He described the commitments as a promise for all Samford generations.

The plan—envisioned for the next decade and beyond—included adding endowed scholarships and professorships, building new buildings and renovating old ones, increasing the size of the student body and growing the endowment.

In announcing the multiyear improvement plan, Corts said, “Our generation must leave Samford even better than we found it.”

At the one-year point, progress is evident on several of the projects outlined in Corts’ February 2004 convocation address that was the public launch of what has become known simply as the Promise.

Here is an update of activity:

■ **Russell, Ingalls Halls Renovated:** Samford marked completion of these two projects totaling \$5.3 million in May 2004. Russell was completely demolished inside and reconstructed to provide space for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Ingalls was renovated to include new or expanded research and teaching laboratories, an admission suite and other features for pharmacy.

■ **Music Building Plans Proceeding:** This \$7 million-plus project adjacent to Buchanan Hall and the Leslie Stephen Wright Fine Arts Center is expected to be the first new building completed as part of the Promise. The architectural design is almost complete, and construction bids will be let soon,

according to University officials. Fundraising has been underway for more than a year. The structure will provide a badly needed recital hall of some 300 seats, and studios and rehearsal facilities for Samford’s orchestral and band programs.

■ **Enrollment Growth:** Plans call for an increase of 400 undergraduates over several years, bringing total enrollment to 5,000. The initial undergraduate increase is targeted for 2006, and recruiting efforts to meet this goal are underway now.

■ **Marketing Intensification:** To assist Samford in both recruiting and fundraising, the University launched a series of branding/marketing initiatives in April 2004. These range from advertising in key markets to heightening Samford’s presence in community endeavors. For more than a year, Samford has done aggressive print, radio and television advertising in all Alabama media markets, and selected advertising in Atlanta, Nashville and Texas. Community projects include Samford’s sponsorship of the Percy C. Ratliff Lecture featuring British attorney Cherie Booth Blair, wife of Prime Minister Tony Blair (see page 4), and the University’s sponsorship of the mile in front of the campus for both the 2004 and 2005 Mercedes Marathons.

■ **Endowment, Scholarship Growth:** During the past 12 months, Samford has received more than \$4 million in gifts and pledges for new endowed or annual scholarships. To date, the University has received more than \$10 million in gifts and pledges specifically for projects related to the Promise. Additionally, annual giving is up among all University constituencies, according to Michael D. Morgan, vice president for University relations.

The Promise “is not something that will be accomplished in weeks, or even a couple of years,” said Corts. “They are well-thought plans that, once funded and implemented, will give Samford a running leap into the future.” ■

Rikard Receives Macon Award

History professor Marlene H. Rikard, who initiated women’s history courses at Samford and served 12 years as director of the London Program, received this year’s George Macon Award. A faculty member since 1973, Rikard



was recognized at the opening convocation of the spring semester for her ability to inspire students to greatness.

Samford Provost Brad Creed cited Rikard’s commitment to students, love for

Samford and professionalism, as well as her capabilities as a teacher, historian and director of the London Program from 1988 until 2000.

A specialist in economic and labor history, women’s history, oral history and the New South, Rikard initiated courses in women’s history as a result of her extensive research on Birmingham suffragists.

She has been president of the Southern Association of Women Historians and the Alabama Association of Historians, and chair of the Alabama Baptist and Southern Baptist historical commissions.

As this year’s Macon Award honoree, Rikard received a silver tray and \$1,000. ■

Baptist Heritage Tour to England July 29

Provost Brad Creed will host a trip to England celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Baptist World Alliance and the 20th anniversary of the Samford in London program. The Baptist Heritage Tour to England will be July 29–Aug. 7.

Alumni and friends are welcome to join the tour, which will include the BWA centennial celebration July 31 in Birmingham, England, and stops in Leicester, Kettering, Bedford and Cambridge, and three days in London.

Round-trip cost from Birmingham, Ala., to Birmingham, England, is \$2,650, which includes a \$300 nonrefundable deposit. Space is limited, and the deposit deadline is in March. Contact Billy Ivey at wrivey@samford.edu or (205) 726-2483 for information. ■



The Bullring in Birmingham, England, has been an active market since 1154.

CHERIE BOOTH BLAIR brought her message of human rights advocacy to Samford University March 1, visiting with students and other guests before delivering the Percy C. Ratliff Lecture in Wright Center.

She praised the United States for its efforts to protect human rights around the world but emphasized that much more must be done to fight oppression worldwide.

"We have the power, individually and collectively, to affect change," she told an audience of 1,700. "I would go further and say we have the responsibility."

The wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair noted that women's rights are also human rights. "The world has a long way to go to close the gap between the sexes," she said.

A practicing attorney known for her human rights concerns, Booth Blair traced the history of rights from the 18th century. She said that, in "tracing the history of the rights of man," it was "striking" that these did not include the rights of slaves or women.

There was "an emerging commitment to the abolition of slavery" in the 19th century, she noted, but even so, individuals were treated either as "aliens or nationals" before 1945 and had no rights in international law.

"The Holocaust changed that," she said, leading to the Nuremberg trials for crimes against humanity after World War II. "For the first time, individuals had rights. This was a huge step forward in human rights."

Women's rights lagged behind, however, and continue to do so, she said. "The reality is that millions of women are being denied their human rights," she added. In Kuwait, where women do not follow the traditional submissive role of Muslims, they still cannot vote, she noted.

Any nation not granting women equal rights "is failing to take advantage of the competencies of women," which constitutes "a loss for society as a whole," she said. The United Kingdom has made important strides in women's rights, she added, but there is still much to be done.

"There were more MPs named John than there were women in Parliament" as late as 1979, she noted, and that pattern repeats itself all over Europe. Recently, however, there is "real cause for optimism for women in the UK."

This has not been the case in some countries, however, where women have been tortured and raped as a tactic of modern warfare. She cited the Congo, Rwanda and Sudan in Africa, as well as Iraq under Saddam Hussein and Yugoslavia during the Balkan crisis.

"The world needs to act" on these atrocities, she said, and noted that recently, the World Court in the Netherlands had investigated such brutalities in Sudan.

Booth Blair called for education and concerted action to help break the cycle of depriving women's rights. She said she favored "equality of opportunity, not equality of outcomes."

Progress for women is not dependent on whether a country is rich or poor, or its religion, she said. "Poor countries are not the only ones with gaps in equality," she noted.

"The challenge [for change] is to us all as individuals," she said. Citing the outpouring of aid to victims of the Asian tsunami, she added, "Never underestimate the difference individuals can make."

Booth Blair closed by quoting Eleanor Roosevelt: "Human rights start in the human heart." ■



Cherie Booth Blair, left, checks out a Birmingham Civil Rights Institute exhibit with Leeds Elementary School student Carter Smith and his mother, Michelle Smith. Leeds student Heather Willingham-Clark, rear, waits her turn.

"Human

Booth Blair Cites Responsibility To 'Affect Change' for Human Rights

by William Nunnolley

rights start in the human heart.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt



Cherie Booth Blair speaks at a question-and-answer session for Samford honor students in the Robinson Hall Moot Court Room.

Can God and Caesar Coexist?

Globalization that brings the world's 6.2 billion people into greater closeness makes the need to understand world religions even more imperative.

The shock of learning that six million Jews died in the Holocaust was one of the major reasons for the formation of the United Nations in 1945 and development of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The U.N. Charter mentions the idea of internationally recognized human rights five times; 25 years earlier, the League of Nations charter failed even to include such a concept.

Both documents mention a guarantee of religious freedom. The U.N. and other bodies, beginning about 1950, developed covenants on political and economic rights, the rights of women and children, the right to be free of torture and discrimination based on race.

"Regrettably, no consensus was developed with regard to religious freedom," noted Professor Robert F. Drinan, S.J., of the Georgetown University Law Center. He spoke on "Religious Freedom and International Law" at the recent Lilly Fellows National Research Conference on Christianity and Human Rights at Samford University.

The U.N. issued its Declaration on Religious Freedom in 1981, but this document was not intended to become a binding treaty or part of international law.

More than 50 years after the U.N. charter first mentioned religious

freedom, "The future of religious freedom in the world is now more complex than at any moment in modern history," Drinan said. He is author of the book, *Can God and Caesar Coexist? International Law and Religious Freedom*, published by Yale University Press.

A central question is how a nation views the separation of government and religion. This separation is commonplace in Europe and America, Drinan noted, but in the Islamic world, the Koran and Sharia (or Muslim law) tend to overlap.

"There is no clear separation of the government and the Muslim religion," he said. "Indeed, some scholars and jurists would say the Koran actually requires a union of the state and religious institutions."

He noted that "the West knows far too little about the underdevelopment of religious freedom in the nations where Muslims live or govern."

Will the 1981 U.N. declaration gain wider acceptance, evolving into a binding covenant similar to those protecting the rights of women and children?

"No one can answer that question," said Drinan. He suggested several other questions to consider in any discussion of international religious freedom guarantees, adding an observation on each.

■ **Does a person have the right to leave his or her religion?** Some Muslim nations refuse to accept this, insisting

that the Koran specifically forbids it.

■ **Should church-related schools receive some reimbursement for providing education?** Most of the world permits this, but the United States “alone among governments” denies substantial financial assistance to schools below the college level.

■ **Would Muslim nations permit other religions?** In nations that enforce a strict version of the Koran (such as Saudi Arabia), the growth of all other religions is forbidden.

■ **Would Christian nations permit the free exercise of the Muslim religion?** Some Christian nations have policies viewed as religious intolerance in the Islamic world. The ban on the Muslim headscarf in France is one example.

Drinan attended the 1993 U.N. World Conference on Human Rights as a delegate of the American Bar Association. Religious freedom was included in the final declaration of the conference, held in Vienna. But in the aftermath of the recent end to the Cold War, the “silent assumption” that the U.S.S.R. and its satellites no longer would persecute religion made a new declaration on religious freedom seem unnecessary.

There was little talk of the problems about religious freedom in the Muslim world, Drinan recalled.

“The jubilation over the end of the Cold War and the restoration of freedom in Eastern Europe obscured much consideration of the future problems

related to governments suppressing religion,” he said.

More than two decades after it was issued, the 1981 U.N. Declaration on Religious Freedom remains the definitive statement on the issue, despite its shortcomings.

Some Americans and other people around the world feel the need for a government to reinforce their religion and moral commitments, Drinan said. But the question remains of how to do this in a way that “freedom of the believers and the rights of nonbelievers are guaranteed.”

Drinan believes it fair to assert that Christianity, with its Golden Rule and Good Samaritan, “in a sense created human rights.” Christians built on the Hebrew Bible, the Koran took the best of both traditions, and Buddhism and Hinduism “are in the same vein,” he said.

“All religions assert in unison that every person is unique and precious,” he said. “Every religion preaches love in its own distinctive way.”

Addressing the closing session of the Lilly research conference, Drinan noted that, “Interaction between God and Caesar has baffled the best minds and the greatest societies in the history of the human race.”

But the globalization that brings the world’s 6.2 billion people into greater closeness makes the need to understand world religions even more imperative, he said. ■

Samford Posts Lilly Conference Papers

Samford University was selected to host the fourth annual Lilly Fellows National Research Conference in November 2004. Scholars from across the nation presented some 70 papers centered on the theme, “Christianity and Human Rights.”

Georgetown University law professor Robert F. Drinan, who has written widely on human rights, delivered the wrap-up address of the three-day gathering. His remarks on the topic, “Religious Freedom and International Law,” are covered in the accompanying article, “Can God and Caesar Coexist?”

To give wide distribution to ideas presented and discussed at the prestigious conference, Samford has made papers presented available at www.samford.edu/lillyhumanrights.

A select group of papers from the conference has been proposed for publication in book form. ■



The Global Center

Offering New Resources on Christianity Worldwide

by Mary Wimberley

New exhibits and user-friendly interactive displays that focus on world affairs and global Christianity now beckon visitors to the Global Center of Samford's Beeson Divinity School.

A recently completed three-year renovation project gave the center a number of enhanced features that will prove helpful to students and others interested in global Christianity in the 21st century.

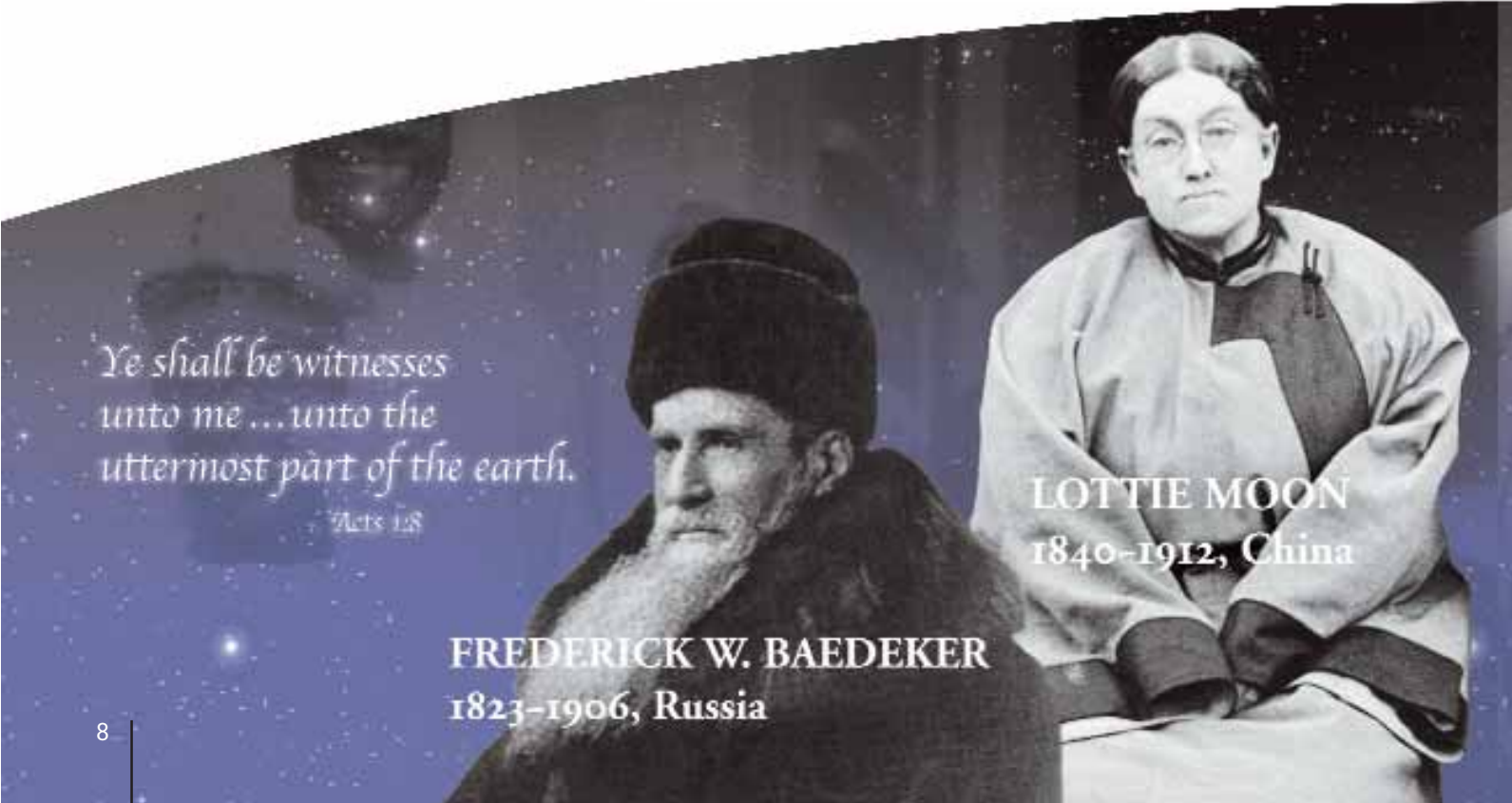
Information ranging from an obscure fact about a long-ago Christian martyr to the current political climate in a modern-day hot spot is likely included either on a wall display or accessible on a Web site on one of the center's computers.

A goal of the renovation, according to Global Center Director Mark Elliott, is to highlight personal dimensions of the growth of the church worldwide and the missionary effort supporting it.

"For example, the new wall murals featuring enlarged photographs and quotations of 25 missionaries are meant not only to inform, but to inspire and even provoke us to stir from our complacency," said Elliott, who joined the Beeson faculty as center director in 1999.

The displays highlight missionaries whose lives and work span five continents and eight centuries. They range from the earliest, St. John Chrysostom (347–407), who was a missionary in the Roman Empire, to Tokunboh Adeyemo (1944–), who serves today in Nigeria.

Additional displays honor a half-dozen Christian martyrs of the 20th century, one representing each inhabited continent. The six—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, May Hayman, Bishop Haik Hovsepian-Mehr, Archbishop Janani



*Ye shall be witnesses
unto me... unto the
uttermost part of the earth.*
—Acts 13

FREDERICK W. BAEDEKER
1823–1906, Russia

LOTTIE MOON
1840–1912, China



south and east of the church's former North Atlantic center of gravity."

The exhibits also highlight the growth of Christian renewal movements associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the rise of Christianity among the world's poorest people, the large numbers of Christians who continue to lose their lives for their faith each year, and the impact that 21st century information technology will have on Christian endeavors.

CD-ROMs and subscription-only Web sites unique to the Global Center offer a variety of information sources. Anyone wanting to know the proper way to greet a new acquaintance—or conversation topics to avoid—in any of 167 countries can tap into the center's CultureGrams CD-ROM.

"It can save a short-term missionary a lot of grief," said Elliott. Being armed with the proper knowledge, he said, can be a "safety valve" for any traveler who wants to avoid saying or doing the wrong thing in a different culture.

A CountryWatch/Country Wire program offers newspapers from around the world. "This is especially useful for people wanting to research the smaller countries," said Elliott, noting, as an example, that most libraries don't have online access to Papua New Guinea's daily newspaper.

The six-foot diameter globe that has fascinated visitors of all ages since the Global Center was opened in 1995 remains on display, as does the population clock that shows the net global growth per second, births minus deaths.

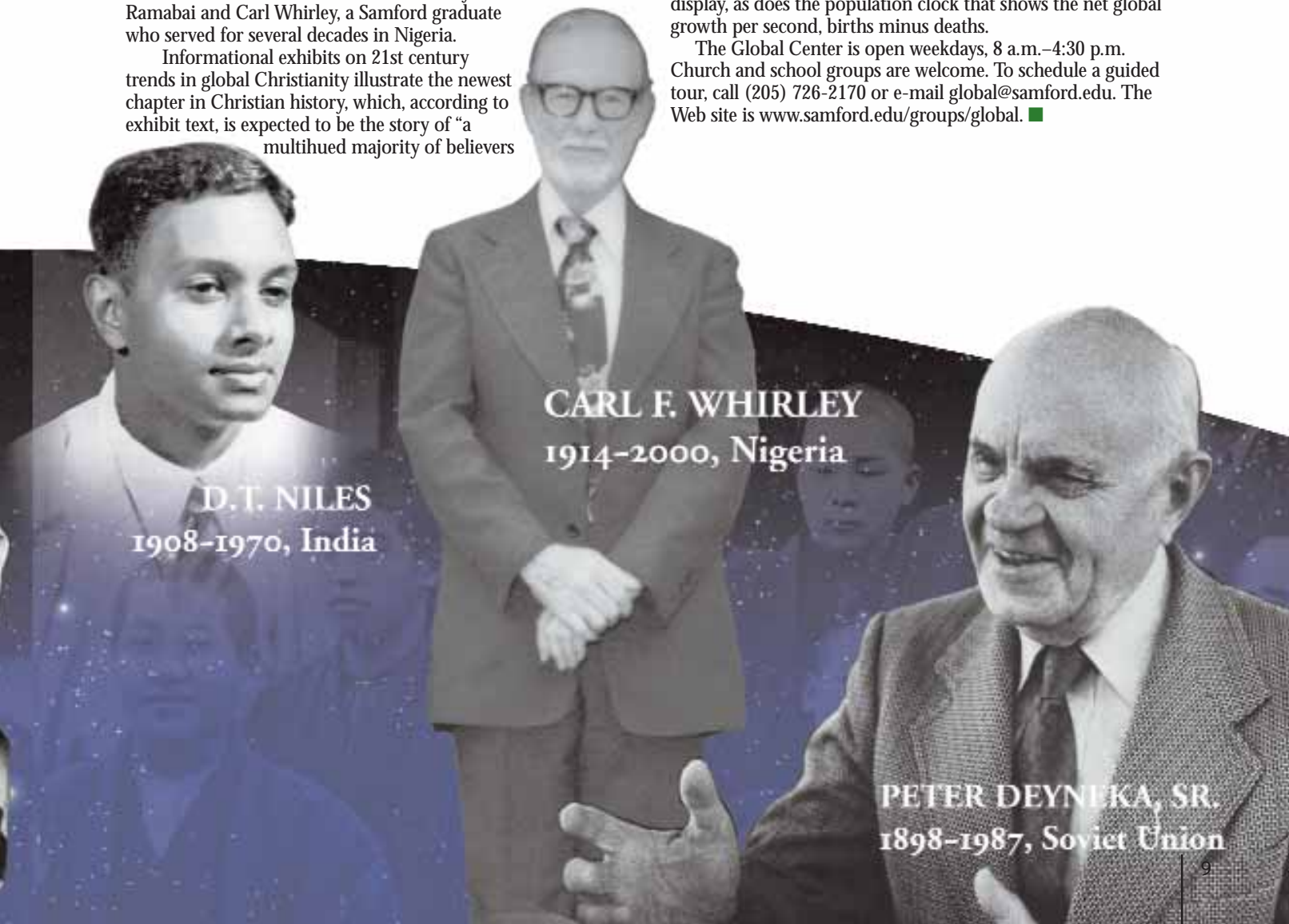
The Global Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Church and school groups are welcome. To schedule a guided tour, call (205) 726-2170 or e-mail global@samford.edu. The Web site is www.samford.edu/groups/global. ■

Luwum, Romulo Saune and Bill Wallace—also are honored in sculptured busts in the Divinity School's A. Gerow Hodges Chapel.

Each will be honored in a series of chapel services during the next two years. The series was inaugurated in November with a lecture by Ugandan Archbishop Henry Luke Orambi in honor of his mentor and predecessor, Archbishop Luwum. Rev. Robak Hovsepian-Mehr, brother of the late Bishop Hovsepian-Mehr, is scheduled to present an April 5 lecture.

Other displays feature memorabilia from the lives of celebrated missionaries Lottie Moon, Peter Deyneka, Sr., Pandita Ramabai and Carl Whirley, a Samford graduate who served for several decades in Nigeria.

Informational exhibits on 21st century trends in global Christianity illustrate the newest chapter in Christian history, which, according to exhibit text, is expected to be the story of "a multihued majority of believers

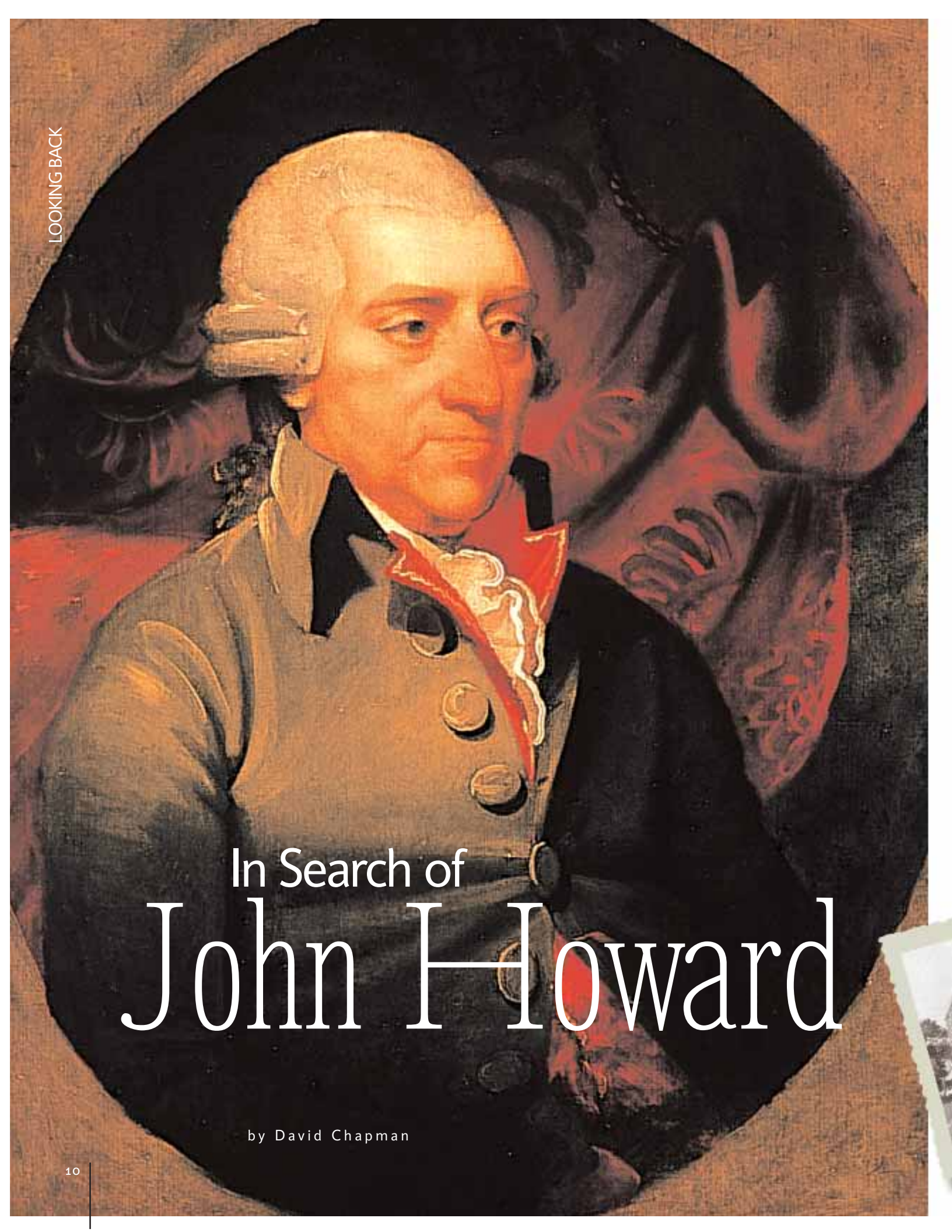


D.T. NILES
1908–1970, India

CARL F. WHIRLEY
1914–2000, Nigeria

PETER DEYNEKA, SR.
1898–1987, Soviet Union

LOOKING BACK



In Search of
John Howard

by David Chapman



When the founders of what is now Samford University decided to begin a college in Marion, Alabama, they chose to name it Howard College after John Howard, the eighteenth-century prison reformer (opposite). It may seem an odd choice today. Howard was not a Baptist, not an American, not a clergyman and not a scholar. Unlike Ann Judson, for whom Howard's sister institution was named, Howard was not a missionary or an evangelist. Howard was widely revered, however, for his Christian compassion. His visits to prisons throughout Britain and continental Europe led to a public outcry against inhumane treatment of prisoners. His disregard for his own life in an attempt to serve the outcasts of society might be compared to that of an Albert Schweitzer or Mother Theresa in more recent times.

More than 250 years have passed since Howard's birth in 1726, and many of the landmarks of his existence have been removed. Still, the determined traveler can find many reminders of Howard's life and work.

Howard's story begins at Hackney, east of London. Howard's father was a prosperous London merchant, and

Hackney provided the charms of village life within easy distance of his London business. Howard spent his earliest years here at the family home at Lower Clapton. Although the home has since been destroyed, one can view an eighteenth-century parlor at nearby Sutton House, a National Trust home. Howard's portrait is displayed there, along with those of other local luminaries.

Although privately educated from a well-known scholar, Howard seems to have shown little aptitude for learning. In fact, he was embarrassed about his lack of educational achievement throughout his life. He was not, however, bred to a life of idleness. At 16, he was apprenticed by his father to a wholesale grocer in West Smithfield. Smithfield had been a principal London market since medieval times, and even today, one can see the meat markets and grocer stalls in this area. It was also a place of public executions. The monument to William Wallace, the Scottish patriot who was tortured and killed at Smithfield, is a lasting reminder of the

gruesome punishments

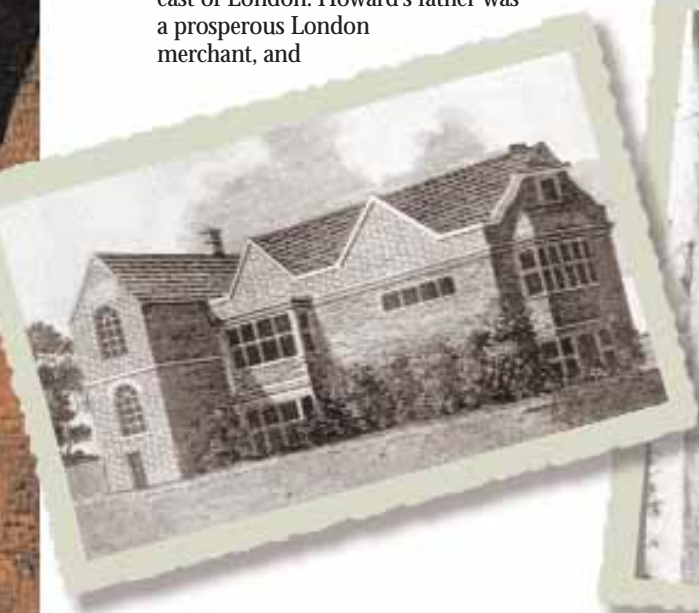
of an earlier era. Even in Howard's day, a person might be sent to the gallows for minor offenses, and public executions were still a common spectacle.

Not long after Howard began his apprenticeship, his father died, leaving most of his fortune to his son. Howard quickly bought out the remaining service due to his master and returned to the family home. Hoping to improve his education, he traveled through France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. He was in poor health for much of the trip, and returning to England's damp climate did little to improve his condition.

Looking for a more healthful environment, he moved from Lower Clapton to the nearby village of Stoke Newington, where he took lodging from a widow named Sarah Lardeau. When Howard's illness reached a critical stage, Lardeau nursed him back to health. Soon after his recovery, Howard proposed to Lardeau, who was nearly twice his age. She died only three years after their marriage, and Howard sold the home and gave all its contents to poor families in the neighborhood. It was the first recorded charitable act of a man who would become famous for his philanthropic spirit.

In 1755, a great earthquake struck Lisbon, killing hundreds and leaving many more destitute. Howard decided to contribute to the relief effort and booked passage aboard the *Hanover* to Portugal. Before he arrived, a French privateer captured his ship, and Howard was thrown into the dungeon of Brest. After he and the officers

Above: John Howard visits prisoners in a drawing by D. L. Howard. Left: Author John Bunyan was held in jail behind this door for 12 years for preaching without a license. Far left: Howard spent his early life at this family home in Lower Clapton.





In 1765, Henrietta gave birth to a son who was named after his father. A few days later, Henrietta died. The memorial to Henrietta and to their son, John, is still in the Cardington church. The church also contains the Whitbread chapel. Samuel Whitbread was a lifelong friend of Howard and an earnest supporter of his philanthropic efforts. Howard, for reasons of health, had long abstained from eating meat, and from drinking beer, wine and spirits. Yet his closest friend was the one who established the first large-scale commercial brewery in England!

Although Howard's wife was a member of the established church, he worshipped at what is now known as the Bunyan Meeting House in nearby Bedford. Scenes from *Pilgrim's Progress* are still on the old church doors. Next to the churchyard was a townhome owned by Howard so that his carriage driver would not have to make the return trip on the Sabbath. The pastor of the church was Joshua Symonds, who decided his conscience would no longer allow him to baptize infants. This occasioned a division in the church, and Howard helped establish a new church only a few doors down from the old meeting house. The church became known as Howard's Chapel and later became a school for boys.

It was also at Bedford where Howard first took office as high sheriff. This presented a dilemma to Howard, since the Test Act made it illegal for one not a member of the Church of England to hold office. Should Howard deny his principles and join the established church, or should he refuse the office and lose the opportunity for public service? Howard did neither. He defied the Test Act and accepted the appointment. Although he was never challenged under the Test Act, the decision to accept this office turned out to be a pivotal moment in his life.

High sheriff was generally considered a ceremonial role given to leading citizens in a community. Under-sheriffs carried out the actual work. However, Howard took his responsibilities seriously, perhaps because of the historic significance of the Bedford jail. Although the jail in Silver Street was torn down not long after Howard's death, it must have held special significance for a nonconformist such as Howard, for it was here that John Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, was imprisoned for 12 years for preaching without a license.

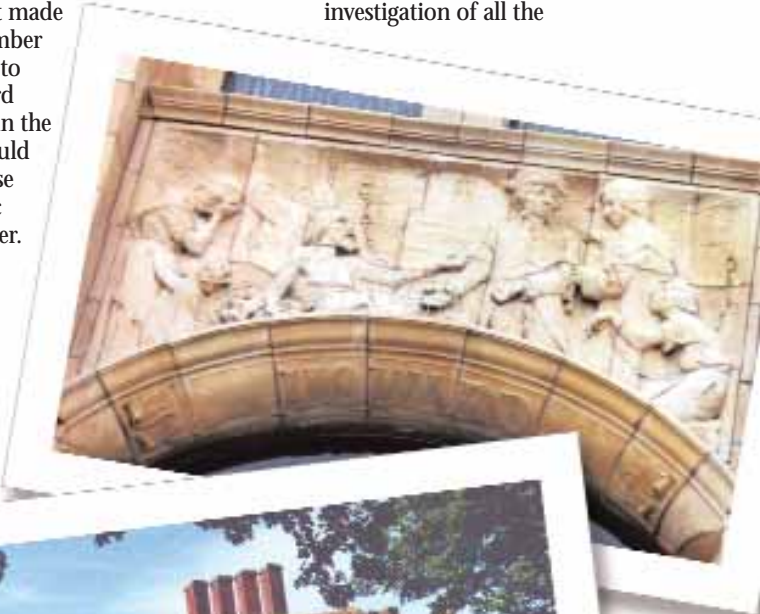
Howard was always sensitive to injustice, and he soon discovered that a person could be arrested, held in jail awaiting trial, come to trial and be found innocent, and still not be released. Why? Because the jailer depended on fees from the prisoners to pay his salary. If the prisoners could not afford to pay fees, they could be kept indefinitely. Howard found the practice unconscionable and demanded that the jailer be paid from public funds.

The local magistrates were agreeable to Howard's proposition, but they asked him to find precedents at other jails. In 1773, Howard began an inspection of the neighboring countries. He was shocked to find that not only was the abominable fee system widely practiced, but the conditions of prisoners were foul and degrading. This led to a systematic investigation of all the

were released, he sought the assistance of the Commissioners of Sick and Wounded Seamen in obtaining the release of all the crew. Although it was many years before Howard would begin his work on behalf of prisoners, the brutality he experienced left an indelible impression on him. (See Note One, page 13.)

On returning to England, Howard went to reside at the family estate in Cardington, Bedfordshire, his permanent residence for the rest of his life. Although the home is not open to visitors, it may be found easily across from the parish churchyard in Cardington.

At Cardington, Howard passed some of the happiest years of his life. In 1758, he married Henrietta Leeds, and together, they began the improvement of their home. Henrietta shared Howard's religious devotion and duty to the poor. They spent much of their annual income on improvements to the workers' cottages on their property. A row of these terraced cottages lies just across the village green in present-day Cardington.



Above: Howard was apprenticed to a grocer in West Smithfield, near the site of Scottish patriot William Wallace's execution, marked by this monument. Top right: Howard was memorialized by this frieze in Warrington, where he edited his book, *The State of Prisons*. Right: Howard's estate in Cardington was his permanent residence for most of his adult life.

prisons in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Wherever Howard went, he carefully cataloged the size of the cells, the condition of the prisoners, and in most cases, the corrupt practices of the jailers. He traveled usually on horseback, often through rain and snow, often in areas frequented by highwaymen. In the jails, he was exposed constantly to fevers and diseases. That anyone would leave a comfortable home and warm hearth to look after the dregs of society was a subject of amazement. That he could survive such hardships seemed an act of divine providence.

By 1775, Howard extended his enterprise to the Continent. He hoped that a comparison with foreign prisons might add some weight to his observations in Britain. He also hoped to learn of more enlightened practices that might be adopted in his home country. By 1777, Howard was ready to present his discoveries to the world. He journeyed to Warrington, a village between Manchester and Liverpool where some of the best minds of the Independent Church had gathered at the Warrington Academy. A large frieze to Howard in Budge Street commemorates the time he spent there editing *The State of the Prisons* with the assistance of Dr. Price and John Aiken. When the book was released in 1777, it prompted a public outcry that led to a gradual reform of the abuses that Howard had meticulously chronicled.

In 1789, Howard—then in his 60s—extended his tour of prisons northward into Russia. Through the years, Howard acquired some rudiments of medical practice, and he was summoned to assist a young woman who was dying of fever. What the weather was like in Russia in January one can only imagine. He was chilled to the bone from riding more than 13 miles from his lodging at Cherson to the young woman's home. By the time he returned to Cherson, he was sick with a fever from which he never recovered. He died January 20, 1790, confident that he was headed to a better place. (See Note Two at right.)

Although Howard had prevented every attempt to memorialize his charitable acts during his lifetime, a subscription soon was raised for a monument in his honor to be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral. It was, in fact, the first monument to be placed in the cathedral, and it stands to this day in a place of high honor, just to the right of the pulpit. The inscription reads, in part:

This extraordinary Man had the Fortune to be honoured, whilst living.

In the manner which his Virtues deserved:

He received the Thanks of both Houses of the British and Irish Parliaments

For his Eminent Services rendered to his Country and to Mankind.

Our National Prisons and Hospitals,

Improved upon the Suggestions of his Wisdom,

Bear Testimony to the solidity of his Judgment

And to the Estimation in which he was held

In Every Part of the Civilised World, Which he traversed to reduce the sum of Human Misery.

From the Throne to the Dungeon his Name was mentioned

With Respect, Gratitude and Admiration.

A great monument to Howard also was raised in his hometown of Bedford. The Howard monument towers over the city square, a reminder of the way a simple country sheriff became a lasting legend of Christian philanthropy. But it might well be argued that the best testimony to Howard's memory is the living memorial of Howard College faculty and students who continue to serve Christ through serving our fellow creatures. ■

Dr. David W. Chapman is dean of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences at Samford University.

Note One: In a curious twist of history, Gerow Hodges, a graduate of Howard College, also would be remembered for his work with prisoners. Hodges was entrusted with conducting an exchange for Allied prisoners during World War II. The exchange took place on the Normandy coast not far from where Howard was once a prisoner. A film, *For One English Officer*, celebrates Hodges' work.

Note Two: Howard's body was laid to rest in Cherson in what is now the Ukraine. A monument once marked that spot, but it was destroyed to make way for a rock quarry. In recent years, Samford's School of Business has been conducting workshops on free enterprise at a university not far from Cherson.



Above: This statue of Howard was erected in Bedford after his death in Russia in 1790. Top: Whitbread Chapel in Cardington is named for Howard's close friend, Samuel Whitbread, and is part of the church housing a memorial to Henrietta, Howard's wife, who died a few days after childbirth in 1765.

Birmingham's Smooth Jazz

by Philip Poole

The sound of smooth jazz is coming from the Samford University, and it is generating positive response from the surrounding community. The sounds emanating from WVSU-FM, Samford's radio station, are solidifying the station's prominence on the Birmingham music scene.

Although Samford has operated a radio station for more than 40 years, recent changes include a new general manager, Andy Parrish '93, more student involvement in production and expanded programming.

Parrish is not new to WVSU. He worked there as a student in the early 1990s and has seen the station evolve into the only jazz station in the Birmingham radio market. Since graduation, he has worked with Radio Alabama, the Alabama Radio Network, and stations in Hattiesburg, Miss., and Birmingham.

WVSU was very different during Parrish's student days. "The station's success during that time was dependent on how motivated students were to learn about the industry," he said. "We had little supervision, and programming often was done by community volunteers who had no connection to Samford."

WVSU General Manager Andy Parrish, right, and student Jason Studstill look over the day's playlist of jazz selections.



Parrish said there was no format consistency, and the station sometimes broadcasted dead air if a student worker failed to show up. Consequently, the University shut down the station for some time to reassess its viability.

The current stability began in 1997 with the arrival of retired broadcast veteran Berkley Fraser

to manage the station. Fraser, who had decades of professional radio experience, agreed to assist Samford part-time to create a new WVSU.

The station adopted a smooth jazz format that, combined with Fraser's industry contacts, put WVSU on the national map in the music industry, Parrish said.

Fraser retired from Samford in 2004 after improving the station's programming and technology, and building a very loyal listener base in the area.

"Berkley came to [Samford] as a seasoned professional with extensive experience in commercial radio. Because of his vast knowledge of the industry, he was able to convert the station to state-of-the-art technology," said Richard Franklin, vice president and dean of students, and the administrative officer responsible for WVSU.

"His greatest contribution was increasing the power of the signal from 125 watts to 500 and moving the antenna from campus to a site on Shades Mountain. The station now has the potential to reach into approximately 125,000 households," Franklin said.

Another programming constant for WVSU is Samford athletics. As the flagship station for the Samford sports network, WVSU broadcasts all football and men's basketball games, selected games for women's basketball, baseball and softball, and weekly coaches' shows.

Parrish is involving more students in programming and production. New programs include:

- *Ask the Professor*—weekly segments featuring Samford faculty members responding to current events questions submitted by listeners
- *Inside Samford*—excerpts from campus speakers, profiles of interesting people and performances featuring Samford groups
- *The Crew*—a student-produced, weekly review of campus and world news

Additionally, WVSU broadcasts the Sunday morning worship service for Vestavia Hills Baptist Church. The station's transmission tower is located on the VHBC property atop Shades Mountain in suburban Birmingham.

WVSU plans to add some classic jazz programs soon, Parrish said. He also hopes to begin broadcasting via the Internet so that Samford alumni and friends around the world can enjoy the music and broadcasts of Samford athletics.

To learn more about the station, go to www.samford.edu/wvsu. ■



Ida V. Moffett School of

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NEWSLETTER

Combining the Art and Science of Nursing



This inaugural publication of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing [IVMSON] newsletter serves several purposes. First, we hope this publication will help us to reconnect with the thousands of alumni who have graduated from the IVMSON (1923–2004) but have lost contact with the school. Second, we want to introduce the IVMSON to those of you who have not had the opportunity to be exposed to the school, and the many accomplishments of our faculty, students and graduates. Third, we want alumni and friends to share in the school's 30th anniversary of the merger between the IVMSON and Samford University. Fourth, we want our donors to know the impact their gifts have made in the success of our students, faculty and graduates.

In October 1921, the Birmingham Baptist Association [BBA] made a prayerful and pivotal decision to put their faith in action by beginning a health ministry. This was accomplished when the BBA purchased a 155-bed hospital and a school of nursing from Dr. William Christopher Gewin, a well-respected local surgeon. In January 1922, the Birmingham Infirmary (now the Baptist Medical Center–Princeton) began accepting patients. The commitment made more than 80 years ago has grown into the Baptist Health System [BHS], the largest health-care system in Alabama, and Samford University's IVMSON.

Although the BHS had birthed the IVMSON, when the time came for the school to make its next step in

maturity, the BHS found a new home for the school of nursing on the Samford University campus. In 1973, the IVMSON merged with Samford and began offering associate and bachelor of science in nursing degrees. In May 2005, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first bachelor of science in nursing degree awarded by Samford University. Since the merger, the program has continued to grow and mature by implementing a master of science in nursing degree program in 1995 and closing the associate degree program in 2000. In 2002, a nurse anesthesia program was added as a track within the master's program.

Once on the Samford campus, the IVMSON profited from a unique synergy. This resulted when Mrs. Moffett's vision for nursing education and practice intersected the path of Lucille Stewart Beeson's passion and ability to provide the philanthropic resources to make dreams come true. In Alabama, the name Ida V. Moffett is synonymous with nursing and caring. Throughout her career, she was characterized by her commitment to nursing education and her high ideals related to patient care. Her name is inscribed on the hearts of more than 4,000 nursing graduates, and a multitude of patients and families who have received nursing care from these graduates. Likewise, Mrs. Beeson's name is synonymous with philanthropy and a heart for giving. From academic scholarships to the construction of the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts, her generosity forever will impact the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

Mrs. Moffett's vision was based on four major pillars that have served as the foundation for the School of Nursing—academic excellence, compassion, caring and service. The IVMSON is known for the academic excellence of its students and graduates. The pass rate of our graduates on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses [NCLEX-RN] consistently exceeds the state and national rates. Our students and graduates evidence the compassion and caring dimensions of nursing by providing care in a variety of health-care settings daily.

Our commitment to service reaches

around the world. The IVMSON, through funding from the Baptist Health System Mission Tithe Fund, has sponsored a Hispanic health clinic on Chandler Mountain for the last five years. In addition, faculty and students have conducted medical mission trips to China, Germany, Morocco, Tunisia, Honduras, Venezuela and Mexico. Last year, students participated in approximately 40 local service/mission initiatives, a variety of mission projects in six states, and international mission projects in more than 20 countries. Dr. Gretchen McDaniel serves in a leadership role in preparing parish nurses to establish congregational health programs in churches throughout Alabama and surrounding states.

The IVMSON strives to maintain the balance between the art and science of nursing that was so important to Mrs. Moffett. She stated, "Nursing is both art and science. Nursing is more of a science now than when I began, but the art will always be there. Caring, compassion and communication are the arts of nursing. It is an art to soothe people by touching, just as in the other arts in which the hands are used." We believe this is one of the primary characteristics of a Moffett nurse.

In the future, our primary goal will be to build on this foundation and to be the preeminent faith-based school of nursing in the Southeast. This is quite a task, but as stated by Mrs. Moffett in 1923, "Before great things are accomplished, someone has to dream a dream." To perpetuate this legacy, we continue to dream new dreams—and the world will be better for it.

Nena F. Sanders, RN, D.S.N.
Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor
Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing



The Senior Research Project: Preparing for a Real-Life World

Nursing students absorb a wealth of information about caring for patients during their four undergraduate years. But what guarantee do they have that their knowledge will work in a practical setting?

In their senior nursing project, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing graduates get a good idea of what they will face. Every graduate participates in this project to get a taste of what to expect in the real world.

Faculty toss them real-life problems faced by administrators or leaders of health-care agencies, schools or communities in Alabama. Then it's up to the students to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills to find solutions.

Student teams of three or four people work on their problem for most of a semester. They collect data through interviews, surveys, observations and data review of the problem being studied. They use libraries, the Internet, community visits, the Centers for Disease Control and vital statistics records. They talk to patients, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, administrators and community officials.

Toward the end of the semester, they share their findings with agency representatives, faculty, outside reviewers and peers.

"Students assess the identified community and address the problem in several ways," said Dr. Janet Alexander, who directs the community health aspect of the senior project program. "They identify the needs of the community, describe actual and potential resources available, and gather evidence to support reasons for the problem and possible solutions."

The nursing school has based the senior project on problem-based learning since 1998, Alexander noted.

What kinds of problems do they study?

"They usually are related to improvement of quality of care, identification of reasons for patient or employee satisfaction, development of practice standards or policy guidelines, and



Student Mary Eleanor Wallace aspirates a medication from a vial. The pass rate of Samford nursing students on the national RN exam consistently exceeds state and national rates.

improvement of efficiency," she said.

"The situations enable students to see that life situations are seldom simple. But there's great learning value in being placed in situations in which they must combine textbook knowledge with problem-solving skills, or in situations where there's not always one obvious right answer."

Each semester, an outside consultant evaluates the senior projects. The consultants have come from such institutions as Vanderbilt University, the University of Texas Science Center in Houston, UAB Hospital, St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Baptist Medical Centers Princeton and Montclair, and others.

They speak well of Samford's approach. One consultant said the senior projects "do an outstanding job of bridging the gap between theory and practice." Another noted they "prepare students for participation in the team projects they will encounter in professional life."

Terri Poe, director of emergency and cardiovascular services at Medical Center East in Birmingham, said, "the best part of these projects is that they [the

students] help us think out of the box." She cited a student suggestion to add a float nurse during peak times that improved the flow of patients through the emergency department.

The senior projects have won honors and awards for both students and course faculty since the start of the problem-based approach. One project won first place at the American Public Health Association Conference in Washington, D.C. Fifteen projects have been presented at the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

"Graduates also report how positively this project is viewed when used as an example of scholarly work in their application to graduate school," said Professor Barbara Money, who directs the project management aspect.

"One of the great byproducts of the senior research projects is the rapport established between the school of nursing and the many agencies we use for clinical experiences," added Alexander.

But the best thing about the program is the benefit it provides seniors. They leave the project better equipped for the world they will encounter. ■

Thirty Years and Counting: A Rich Legacy of Caring

by Nancy Mann Jackson

HISTORY

It was a likely match 30 or so years ago, when a Christian university joined forces with a nursing school focused on caring for and healing the whole person. With shared values and goals, the two institutions meshed beautifully, and their collaboration continues to have a positive influence on the lives of thousands of students, graduates and their patients more than three decades later.

Operating since 1921, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing [IVMSON] has molded curious, willing students into competent, caring nurses for more than 80 years. The school originally operated as Birmingham Baptist Hospital's School of Nursing until it was renamed in 1972 for Ida V. Moffett, an early graduate and the school's visionary director of nursing from 1941 to 1969.

When the hospital's school of nursing merged with Samford University in 1973, it began a new chapter in its history, one that has added numerous successes to celebrate.

Joining Forces

With similar goals and ideals, Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and Samford University joined in a merger that was smooth and successful from the beginning. "The nursing school's partnership with Samford has been a positive experience because of the similarities in mission and values statements of Samford and those of the school of nursing," said Joy Whatley, RN, D.S.N., professor and assistant dean of the IVMSON. "Nurturing and caring is the very essence of nursing, so it fits really well with what Samford is about."

But the merger wasn't just about sharing values. The two institutions both valued academic rigor and excellence, and shared a reputation for success—Samford was a nationally recognized university, and Baptist's nursing program had been the first in Alabama to earn accreditation by the National League for Nursing.



Student Jill Butler flushes an IV line. In May 2005, Samford will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its first awarded bachelor of science in nursing degrees.

"Samford's excellent academic programs provided a strong scientific base for the preparation of the student nurse," said Nena Sanders, RN, D.S.N., professor and dean of the IVMSON. "Mrs. Moffett's vision for nursing was that nurses would be prepared in institutions of higher education. She understood that nursing was both an art and a science, and that the university setting would provide the highest level of preparation for nursing. By merging with Samford, the IVMSON had a permanent home and did not face the risk of closure like all the other hospital programs within the state."

Joining Samford gained for nursing students the benefits of attending a well-known university and the option of earning a bachelor's degree. "The major change in the merger with Samford was to move the focus of nursing from technical to professional status," said Barbara

Money, a 1979 IVMSON graduate and a current faculty member. "It moved the school to an arena of higher education and gave Samford the prestige of housing a recognized, exceptional school of nursing. This continues today to be an excellent partnership."

When the IVMSON became part of Samford, its students could for the first time choose to pursue one of two degrees: an associate of science in nursing or a bachelor of science in nursing. "The multiple-entry, multiple-exit approach to nursing education was a unique articulation arrangement that afforded many students the opportunity to obtain a college education and begin to work as a registered nurse, and at the same time continue studies toward the bachelor's degree," said Sharron Schlosser, who joined the faculty in 1975. "This type of program was one of a very

limited number in the nation and resulted from a vision of Mrs. Moffett and the first dean, Dr. Laurene Gilmore.”

Over the years, the IVMSO’s historical relationship with the Baptist Health System has continued to afford it numerous benefits. For instance, until the entire nursing faculty relocated to the Samford campus in 2003, the school maintained some of its offices and classrooms at Baptist Medical Center–Montclair. The hospital system has continually offered resources including clinical opportunities and financial support.

Accomplishing Success

While merging with Samford was an accomplishment for the IVMSO, it certainly wasn’t the school’s pinnacle. In the more than 30 years since, the school has continued to celebrate milestone after milestone in the spirit of Moffett’s words: “Before great things are accomplished, someone has to dream a dream.”

In 1988, the IVMSO moved into its own facilities, the Dwight M. and Lucille S. Beeson Center for the Healing Arts. In 1995, the IVMSO added a master of science in nursing degree program and later received accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. In 2003, the school launched a master’s program in nurse anesthesia, one of only two such programs in the state. The IVMSO also has increased its number of faculty members and faculty members’ educational criteria—50 percent now hold doctoral degrees. Other accomplishments of the IVMSO



Nursing school art features a healing theme. Artist Jeffrey Mims’ oil painting of Jesus restoring a blind man’s vision is one of four rotunda murals depicting biblical healing scenes. Nursing’s most visible symbol, the Angel of Mercy (see page 15), was crafted in Italy by Urbano Buratti from a design by a former Samford art student, Tim Britton. Watercolors of medical scenes by Nenad Mirkovich decorate nursing school offices.

include providing international learning experiences in countries such as China, Great Britain, Honduras and Venezuela, and introducing problem-based learning and information technologies as innovative teaching strategies.

In addition to the legacy of Ida V. Moffett, the success of the IVMSO honors the legacy of another caring woman, Lucille Beeson, who donated the money to build the nursing building, and at her death, bequeathed \$1 million for IVMSO scholarships. Her brother-in-law, Ralph Beeson, provided funds to endow the IVMSO deanship and nursing scholarships.

As the nursing school continues to excel, its focus never wavers. “Our most important accomplishment has been the continued philosophy of Ida V. Moffett as a caring institution that produces quality nurses prepared to meet the challenges of our century,” Money said.

Returning the Favor

As Samford afforded nursing students and the nursing school new opportunities and prestige, the IVMSO has returned the favor over the years by providing the university with active, involved students and faculty. IVMSO faculty members continually make important contributions in research, teaching and service to the community. Their students take an active role on campus and serve as positive representatives of Samford in the community through their clinical and employment experiences.

As Samford nursing students and graduates work in clinical and employment experiences, they serve to cement Samford’s positive reputation, earning consistent, positive feedback from the community. “Samford nursing students make a difference in the lives of the patients and the families they care for in the health-care setting,” Money said. “They care for the total patient . . . and they care.” ■

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Nursing school benefactor Lucille Stewart Beeson, left, visits with nursing legend Ida V. Moffett during the dedication of the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts in 1988.

Nurses Show Chandler Migrants Someone Cares

Chandler Mountain northeast of Birmingham is one of Alabama's primary tomato-growing areas. The distinctive outline of the mountain rises 1,500 feet above surrounding valleys in St. Clair County about 20 miles southwest of Gadsden. The level plateau atop Alabama's third highest mountain annually produces some of the state's best tomatoes.

Each year in April and May, Chandler's population swells by 1,000 to 2,000 people. These are Hispanic/Latino migrant farm workers who head to the mountain for harvesting season, which runs through September. They bring with them a willingness to work in the hot sun for meager wages, and the problems that face migrant workers in many places—poverty and poor health care. Most don't earn enough to pay for health care, and many are not eligible for community care programs because they are in the United States illegally.

Five years ago, Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing began a program to help the migrants that continues today. It started with a phone call from a concerned citizen who reported families with small children sleeping in their cars on the mountain. This prompted the nursing school to open a clinic site two days a week at an old Chandler Mountain school.

"The Chandler Mountain Project began as a medical mission's project by nursing faculty from Samford supplied with a grant from Baptist Health System," said Professor Elaine Marshall, who coordinates the program with Dr. Jane Martin of the nursing school. "However, soon after arriving on the mountain, we realized that residents were in need of much more than health care. Some were hungry, and others needed clothes. The project has evolved slowly and will continue to change as the needs of the community change."

Now, health services include screenings, health advice and education, treating primary care problems, and assisting with physician referrals, prenatal care, basic needs and access to additional health care. A physician referral process is in place for those in need of serious medical attention.

In addition, the project works jointly with the local health department in testing, tracking and treating communicable illnesses. Clothing is collected for anyone in need. Canned goods and water are provided, and farm workers are warned of the seriousness of dehydration.

Those working in the Samford project saw more than 1,000 Hispanic farm workers and their family members during a two-month period last summer. They identified and helped find treatment for

such recurring health concerns as diabetes, dermatology, respiratory, and eye and vision problems.

Samford students are given the opportunity to earn class and clinical credits by taking a nursing elective course. Amy Armstrong, a Spanish and religious studies major, served as an interpreter and took migrant workers to medical appointments.

"I took women to prenatal visits, assisted Elaine and just helped people," she said. "We primarily showed them that someone cared about them."

Facilities for helping the migrants have improved over the past several years. Initially, the project set up tents in front of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Program along Chandler Mountain Road. Later, the program moved to an old school house that had no water or electricity. Last year, it moved inside a daycare center with water, air conditioning and bathrooms.

The project also received funds from the Samford in Mission Faith Vocation and Learning grant for a research project assessing the migrants' perception of their spiritual health. The study found "presence of a perceived personal relationship to God and a moderate to high sense of spiritual well-being," according to Marshall. The Samford in Mission project is funded by a five-year grant from the Lilly Foundation.

"Assessing and providing spiritual care is a very important part of the nursing profession, especially here in Samford's school of nursing," she said. "The survey uncovered some needs of the migrant workers which we will continue to provide."

As spring approaches, Chandler Mountain tomato growers are ready to produce a new crop. Soon, the migrant workers will reappear for another season in the sun. And with them this summer, Samford nursing faculty and students will make their annual pilgrimage to the mountain, as Amy Armstrong said, to show them someone cares. ■

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Family nurse practitioner graduate student Max Thrower '04 helps examine a child at the Chandler Mountain Migrant Day Care Center.

Samford a Leader in Parish Nursing

When Debbie Duke admitted to herself that her nursing position had become routine, she knew it was time for a change. Her solution was to take a course in parish nursing. This was back in 2000, when she had been a registered nurse for five years.

“As soon as I heard about the course, I felt an excitement I had not felt in a long time,” she said.

Parish nursing works through churches and faith communities to emphasize healthier lifestyles by offering such services as education, counseling, referral, support groups and coordination of volunteers.

The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing promotes congregational health ministries by providing parish nursing education programs. In 1999, the school was one of the first 50 nursing programs in the nation to offer the Basic Preparation for Parish Nurses certificate course developed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center.

Dr. Gretchen S. McDaniel, the program director, was the first and only nurse in Alabama certified to offer the Basic Preparation curriculum and has been the leader in preparing nurses to practice as parish nurses.

Samford has offered the certificate course 12 times to approximately 400 parish nursing students since 1999. The course remains a distinction for the nursing school within the state. Offered in conjunction with the Alabama Woman’s Missionary Union/Baptist Nursing Fellowship and Baptist Health System, it requires five full days of content and usually is offered in a retreat setting.

“This course not only changed my career direction, it changed my life as well,” said Duke, now congregational health program coordinator at Baptist Health System in Birmingham. For Duke, attending the course “was as much a spiritual retreat as an educational opportunity.”

She said it is hard to minister to patients in the hospital setting, but in a church setting, “you get back as much or more than you give to others. A parish nursing ministry will enable you to bless and be blessed by what you can share with others.”



More than 400 students have enrolled in the course to earn a Parish Nursing Pin since Samford began offering the program in 1999. The course is a distinction for the nursing school within Alabama.

Since completing the parish nursing course, she has seen “story after story” of how a parish nurse affected individuals. She saw a 34-year-old construction worker placed on medication after hypertension was diagnosed in a church screening program; a congregation member learn of the need for a liver biopsy from a parish nurse; a woman discover a lump that was malignant after she attended a breast health seminar; and church members join Weight Watchers and exercise classes to lose hundreds of pounds.

In parish nursing, Duke has watched health ministry become a tool that churches use “to minister holistically” to the congregation and the community.

“It doesn’t get much better than that!” she said.

Debbie Moss, minister of health and wellness at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood, is another believer in health ministry.

“During Jesus’s ministry, Scripture reveals he was involved in people’s physical, emotional and spiritual wellness,” she said. “Health and wellness are an incredible ministry that models the life of Christ.”

About 120 people of all ages attended a 12-week “Healthy Lifestyle Changes” program at Dawson last year. People in the program achieved significant improvements in many physiologic measures such as weight, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, strength, flexibility and endurance. Dawson offered another program this spring.

In addition to her role at Baptist Health System, Duke also coordinated a parish health project at Clear Branch United Methodist Church in Argo, Ala. She helped coordinate blood pressure screenings, health-related guest speakers, health educational bulletin boards, diabetes and cancer support groups, flu shots, and weight-loss programs.

“The American Nurses Association recognizes parish nursing as a specialty practice and professional model of health ministry,” said McDaniel. “Congregational health ministries are increasing nationally as the relationship between faith and health gains validation.” ■

Anesthesia Graduates Establish Lectureship Honoring Funderburg

An anesthesiologist who mentored scores of nurse anesthetists over four decades has been honored with a lectureship established in his name. The Lonnie Funderburg Lectureship is a tribute to the man who many consider laid the foundation for today's graduate nurse anesthesia program in the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

"Dr. Funderburg was a mentor to so many of us," said Kerry Gossett, CRNA, a 1982 Samford anesthesia graduate who has taken a lead in establishing the lectureship.

Funderburg, a 1942 Samford graduate and former Alumnus of the Year, helped train many nurse anesthetists during his 32 years (1953–85) as director of anesthesia at Birmingham Baptist Hospitals. In the mid-1970s, he helped launch Samford's baccalaureate nurse anesthetist program, which he directed until it ended in 1985. During that time, almost 100 graduates received bachelor's degrees in anesthesia.

Anesthesia graduates have met for reunions through the years. Several years ago, after Samford announced a new graduate-level anesthesia degree program in its Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, these alumni decided to honor their friend and mentor.

Gossett, who graduated from the nursing school in 1973 before earning a bachelor's in anesthesia, mentioned this to Dr. Michael Fiedler, chair of the school's new Department of Nurse Anesthesia.

"I told Dr. Fiedler about our desire for a scholarship honoring Dr. Funderburg," recalled Gossett. "He suggested sponsoring a visiting lecturer. Instead of helping just one student, it would help many." In addition, it would benefit practitioners, he noted.

The first Funderburg Lectureship Golf Tournament last September in Birmingham raised \$4,000 for the fund. Other fund-raisers are planned, including a bass fishing tournament May 14 at Logan Martin Lake. For information, contact Gossett's son, Matt, at mgossett@vtlmed.com.

Dr. William Hartland, associate professor of nurse anesthesia at Virginia Commonwealth University, presented the inaugural Funderburg lectures in October.

Before nurse anesthesia became the profession it is today, Gossett said, physicians would identify a skilled nurse they could show how to drip ether.

"Dr. Funderburg wanted to elevate the nurse anesthetist to become an extension of the physician, combining good clinical skills and a solid knowledge base," said Gossett, director of clinical anesthesia at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham and a founding partner of Anesthesia Resources Management.

"He not only taught us anesthesia, but was our mentor, shaping the character of so many of us. He expected a lot out of us, but he was always there for us." ■



Dr. Lonnie Funderburg, longtime director of anesthesia at Birmingham Baptist Hospitals, led the nurse anesthesia bachelor's degree program offered by Samford in the 1970s and '80s.

New Anesthesia Program Alleviates CRNA Shortage

Two years ago, in response to a chronic shortage of nurse anesthetists, Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing expanded its master of science in nursing to include a course of study in nurse anesthesia. At the end of the fall semester of 2005, the first 18 graduates will complete this curriculum, earning master of science in nursing degrees and fulfilling requirements to take the national Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist [CRNA] exam.

About 29,000 CRNAs provide anesthetics in hospitals and other anesthetizing locations in all 50 states. They are the sole anesthesia providers in approximately two-thirds of the nation's rural hospitals and about half of all hospitals. Even so, "there is a nationwide 14 percent job vacancy rate, which is higher in rural and underserved areas," said Dr. Michael A. Fiedler, chair of Samford's Department of Nurse Anesthesia.

A National Institutes of Health [NIH] study called for a 40 percent increase in CRNAs by 2010. Samford created its department in 2002 in response to this call. Since then, the department has been accredited, recruited faculty, developed a curriculum, secured diverse sites for clinical learning and admitted two classes of graduate students.

Samford receives more than 100 completed applications for about 18 openings in each class, Fiedler noted, and will have almost 60 students when the third class is admitted in June.

The anesthesia curriculum spans approximately 28 months of full-time graduate study, Fiedler said, and is open to RNs holding the bachelor of science in nursing degree.

"Graduate nurse anesthesia students now in clinical preceptorships report being well-prepared for the learning opportunities they encounter," he said. "And the professionals who supervise and mentor Samford students in the operating room report they are impressed by their depth and breadth of knowledge, work ethic and eagerness to learn." ■

Mary Smothers and her father, Jim, center, chat with Samford President Thomas Corts at the graduation reception in December.

by Mary Wimberley

Iraq Veteran Smothers Earns Degree, Prepares for Study in Australia

Mary Smothers received warm, heartfelt applause from the audience when Samford President Thomas E. Corts asked her to stand during December graduation ceremonies in Wright Center.

The history major and cum laude graduate from Talladega, Ala., was singled out because of the unusual circumstances leading to her delayed degree.

As a sergeant in the Alabama Army National Guard, Smothers spent a year in Baghdad, helping train Iraqi police officers. Her Samford classes were interrupted in February 2003, when her unit was called to duty. She resumed her college career in September 2004.

Now, armed with a bachelor's degree and life experiences not available in any college classroom, she is ready for the next stage of her life. In late June, she heads to Australia, where she will use a Rotary International Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in international studies at the University of Melbourne. Smothers' scholarship will cover airfare, tuition and all living expenses during her year in Australia.

"My time and work in Iraq led me in that direction. I have always enjoyed international study and feel strongly about helping with conflicts, hopefully in a peaceful manner," said Smothers,

who would like to follow her master's with a law degree.

Her thoughts are never far from Iraq. She stays in touch with a few soldiers and her Iraqi interpreters with whom she worked so closely. "The situation continues to be dangerous, but everyone seems in good spirits, all things considered," she said.

She was "very excited" about January's landmark voting, in which Iraqi citizens experienced their first independent elections in more than 50 years.

"I was nervous that Sunday," she admitted, "but it went much better than anybody anticipated. It proved the point that there is hope there."

"Hers was one of the more unusual cases," said retired history professor Dr. Donald Wilson, who as chair of the Vestavia Hills Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee has helped more than a dozen Samford students receive Rotary International Scholarships for graduate work.

Smothers' application process began within months of her arrival in Iraq. "We sent the application forms to her in Iraq, and got the recommendations together here," said Dr. Wilson. "Much of the early communication was by e-mail messages relayed to her through her father."

Final details were handled once she returned to the States in May, just in time to meet the June application deadline. She is one of six Rotary International Scholarship recipients from the north Alabama Rotary district, and one of only 300 nationwide.

This spring, she is living in Birmingham and working two part-time jobs: one at a law firm and another as a substitute teacher in Vestavia Hills. She also is working on a book, which will be based on a journal she kept in Iraq and articles that were published in the *Birmingham Post-Herald* during her tour of duty.

As a Rotary scholarship recipient, she is following a family tradition. Her mother, Sinikka, first came to the U.S. to study on a Rotary scholarship. While enrolled at Jacksonville State University, she met Jim Smothers. They married and settled in Talladega, where they have raised their family.

Although her mother did not return to live in her native Finland, this Rotary scholar does not expect to take up permanent residence in Australia.

"I've promised my mother I will not do that," said Smothers. "Besides, I have too much invested here in the United States." ■

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'30 **Osie Hosch Aldridge** lives in Petal, Miss. She is a retired nurse who remains interested in her church and life in general.

'39 **George R. Yeager** lives in Birmingham. He is a retired Internal Revenue Service agent and former deputy tax commissioner for the government of Guam.

'52 **Julian R. Campbell** of Cullman, Ala., completed a book-length memoir of his life, focusing on his 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. During World War II, he flew a B-26 bomber on raids over Sicily, Italy, Sardinia and France. After leaving the Air Force, he became a real estate broker.

'53 **Ruth Bloom Blankenship** of Lewisburg, Penn., received an award from Pennsylvania's secretary of the commonwealth for voting 50 consecutive years.

'54 **George Payton Hayes** of Birmingham received the Tom Rast President's Cup, a lifetime achievement award, from the Birmingham Association of Realtors.

'56 **Charles H. Talbert** is the author of a new book, *Reading the Sermon the Mount: Character Formation and Decision Making in Matthew 5-7*. He is distinguished professor of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and the author or editor of 20 books.

'58 **Charles Goodwin** and his wife, Sue, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 25. They live in Meridianville, Ala.

'59 **Minna R. Butler West** of Byron, Ga., retired after 38 years of teaching and is educational supervisor at Georgia Industrial Children's Home, Macon, Ga.

'60 **Rayferd B. Bowman**, age 80, is part-time minister to senior adults at Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.

Tom Cox received an honorary doctorate degree during November graduation exercises at Tom Cox Baptist Theological Seminary in Trijijillo, Peru.

Harry E. Kinnane, M.D., recently retired as chief, behavior medicine, Fox Army Health Center, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. He practiced medicine and psychiatry for 36 years with the U.S. Air Force, Veterans Administration and U.S. Army. He was also in private practice.

'62 **William Hornbuckle** of Austin, Texas, retired from Xerox Corporation.

L. Morgan King is owner of King R.V. Sales, Russellville, Ala.

Henry Cox was elected president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention during its annual meeting in November. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bay Minette, Ala., since 1981. He holds a doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

'66 **Glenda Williams Holter** of Carrollton, Ga., teaches at Jonesville Middle School, Bowdon, Ga.

Thomas Lee Rountree, J.D., of Oneonta, Ala., is the first elected district attorney for the 41st Judicial Circuit of Alabama. The circuit, which includes Blount County, was created in 2001.

Ray C. Williams received the American Academy of Periodontology's Outstanding

Educator Award for 2004 as an exemplary periodontal faculty member who has been an inspired and dedicated teacher. Dr. Williams is Straumann distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Periodontology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. He is chair of the advisory board of Journal of Periodontology.

'67 **Dorsey L. Shannon, Jr.**, is a financial adviser with Wachovia Securities, Tulsa, Okla. He retired from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in 1995, and was a member of the DEA trauma team following the bombing of the Murrah building.

'68 **Marthanne Burgess Brown** was appointed by Alabama Governor Bob Riley to the board of directors, Alabama Humanities Foundation. She is associate dean, Wallace College Campus of Beville State Community College, Jasper, Ala. She and her husband, **O. H. Brown, M.B.A. '68**, have two grown children, Elizabeth and Richmond.

Rick Carroll is a senior consultant with McKenzie Scott Career Transition Resources, Denver, Colo. He lives in Pensacola, Fla.

'70 **John B. Holley** retired in 2002 after teaching music for 30 years. He lives in Hampton, S.C.

Loretta Pearl Minor is an interior designer in Birmingham.

Robert Wilkerson is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Carbon Hill, Ala.

'71 **Janice Lucille Folsom** of Fayetteville, Ga., recently earned national teacher certification.

Milton Fullman of Birmingham was elected president of the Society of American Travel Writers. He and his wife, **Lynn Grisard Fullman '71**, work as a photographer/writer team. They cowrote a book for travel professionals entitled *What a Travel Writer Wishes You Knew*.

'72 **David L. Sikes**, pharmacy manager, recently celebrated 32 years with Little Drug Co., New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

'73 **Carl W. Robinson, J.D. '76**, joined the Montgomery, Ala., law firm of Thomas, Means, Gillis and Seay, P.C. He is a specialist in plaintiff and defense litigation.

Paul Lee Seegraves, a pastor in Williamsville, Mo., recently returned from a mission trip to Belarus.

Samford President Thomas E. Corts, left, visits with Dr. Boyce Albright '48, center, and his brother, Larry, of Haleyville, Ala. Dr. Albright, retired superintendent of the Haleyville Board of Education, served more than two decades on the Samford Board of Trustees. Larry is mayor of Haleyville.

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Countryman Publishes Margaret Rhea McSweeney Book

Margaret Rhea McSweeney '84 earned a master's degree in international business and entered the banking world in New York City after graduation from Samford. But she retained an interest in writing from university days, when she wrote for the *Samford Crimson*. When she and her husband, David, moved to Chicago in the early '90s, she decided to leave banking and try writing.

Her mother, the late Carolyn Rhea, wrote nine books, and encouraged Margaret to pursue writing. Margaret, known as Meg at Samford, began writing a column for a Chicago suburban paper and freelance articles.

Now, she has written her first book, *A Mother's Heart Knows*, and J. Countryman, a division of Thomas Nelson Christian books, is

publishing it as a gift book for Mother's Day 2005.

The Rhea family has deep roots at Samford. Margaret's father, Claude Rhea, Jr., was dean of the School of Music from 1969 until 1981, when he was named president of Palm Beach Atlantic College. He died in 1990. Margaret's brother, Claude Rhea III '76, J.D. '80, is also a graduate. ■



McSweeney '84

Mike S. Hight, M.B.A., joined Nationwide Life Insurance Company of America and will work with Revanta Financial Group, LLC, Sandy Springs, Ga. His agency, the Hight Agency, will continue operation in Loganville, Ga. He also teaches life and health insurance courses through the University of Georgia Risk Management and Insurance program.

'85 **Gilbert E. Barrow, Jr.**, is vice president of People's Bank & Trust, Montgomery, Ala.

John Floyd, J.D. '88, M.S.E.M. '99, an attorney with Vulcan Materials Company, Birmingham, was named to the Board of Directors of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc., [PLAC]. The nonprofit association represents a broad cross-section of American and international product manufacturers who seek improvement of laws related to the liability of manufacturers.

Greg Womble is president of Greg Womble Communications in Homewood. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

'86 **Patrick N. Horn** is associate dean of Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, Calif. He is the author of a new book, *Gadamer and Wittgenstein on the Unity of Language*.

Maria D. Parker is director of student financial aid at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala.

'87 **Martha Anderson Dewitt** of Louisville, Ky., recently completed her third medical mission trip to Brazil.

Dawn Sellers Driggers of Clinton, S.C., is accompanist for Jubilate Children's Choir, sponsored by Presbyterian College's Preparatory Division, and the Laurens County Chorale community chorus. She and her husband, **Morris Driggers '86**, have two sons, Taylor and Benjamin.

Robert Fowler, J.D. '96, and his wife, Anna, live in Birmingham with their two children, Zivan, four, and Sasha, one, both adopted from Russia. He is an attorney with Balch & Bingham.

Charles and Katherine Wilhite Powell live in Calera, Ala. He is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Columbiana.

Brian Sharp is CEO of Prime Health Services, a PPO network in Franklin, Tenn. He and his wife, **Lynn Dean Sharp '87**, have three daughters.

'88 **Larry Doyle McQuiston** is principal of Wedowee Middle School, Wedowee, Ala.

Allan and Karen Covington Thompson '87 of Indian Springs, Ala., recently adopted two children from the Ukraine, Alexalove, 16, and Jessica Faith, 15. They also have a birth daughter, Savanna Grace, three.

Kay Calfee Wideman received the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors. Dr. Wideman is assistant superintendent, Cobb County School District.

'74 **Ruth Ellis** of Birmingham is adviser to Samford's Alpha Iota chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon education honor society.

Michael L. Roberts, J.D. '77, is the author of *Alabama Tort Law*, a two-volume, 1,600-page treatise recently released in its fourth edition. He practices in Gadsden, Ala., with the law firm of Cusimano, Keener, Roberts, Kimberley & Miles, P.C.

'75 **John Hester** and his wife, Cindy, who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, live in Flagstaff, Ariz. He is a pharmacist at Sage Memorial Hospital pharmacy and outpatient clinic in Ganado, Ariz., on the Navaho Nation. They have a son, Jackson.

'76 **Marcella Gradus Cohen Auerbach, J.D.**, retired from the U.S. government in 2004 after 25 years with the Department of Justice and has opened a law firm in Pembroke Pines, Fla. She will focus on the representation of corporations and individuals in civil litigation.

Luther J. David Wallace III works at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

'77 **Cathy Elkins** is director of business operations support for Verizon Communications, Irving, Texas. She lives in Carrollton, Texas.

David Martin of Toronto, Canada, is cowriter of "Center of My Heart," a song featured in the ABC-TV movie, *Blizzard*, which aired in December. The song was nominated for a 2003 Genie Award, Canada's equivalent of the Oscars.

Susan Goins Newell and Herbert Newell '78, J.D. '81, live in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is senior partner with the law firm, Newell,

Hocutt, LLC. She teaches journalism and speech at Northridge High School.

Terry Robertson recently was elected executive director of New York Baptists, headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y.

'78 **S. Craig Brannon** is part-time minister of music at First Baptist Church, Southport, Fla.

Jane W. Young and her husband, Bill, live in Signal Mountain, Tenn.

'79 **Terry L. Kieran** was a featured speaker at the second annual Technology Commercialisation Conference in Sheffield, United Kingdom, in October. She is president of T. K. Kieran Associates, Inc., a sales growth consulting firm in Atlanta, Ga.

'80 **Charles Davis** is a pharmacy manager in Hermitage, Tenn. He and his wife, P. J., and their children, Corey and Dana, live in Hendersonville, Tenn.

'81 **Lois Gillis Brown, M.A. '83**, of Fairfield, Ohio, is head of children's services, Lane Public Library, Hamilton, Ohio.

'83 **Clell Wright, Jr.**, professor of church music at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, has released a new CD, *How Great Thou Art: Piano Arrangements of Timeless Hymns*. He and his wife, **Carol Riggins Wright '82**, have two children, Joshua and Laura. Carol teaches math in Abilene.

'84 **Roger Lawrence Cole** of Jacksonville, N.C., received this year's Perry Langston Outstanding Christian Educator Award from the Christian Educators of North Carolina in recognition of excellence in Christian ministry and a commitment to high standards of professional leadership.

J. Clayton Davie, Jr., J.D., M.B.A., joined the Montgomery, Ala., law firm of Thomas, Means, Gillis and Seay, P.C. He is a civil trial attorney and certificated mediator.

Kenneth Rodney Greene of Statham, Ga., recently received a Ph.D.

'89 **Dodd Campbell Allee** received a master of theological studies degree from Samford's Beeson Divinity School in December.

James Steven Layton of Birmingham received a doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December.

James Sowell is a clinical pharmacist at Centennial Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

'90 **Prasannata Verma Anumolu** lives in Milwaukee, Wisc., with her husband, Vivek and son, Joshua Karun, four.

'91 **Marc and Mary Prugh Beaulé** live in Greenville, S.C. with their two sons, Jack, five, and Connor, two. Marc received a President's Club honor for sales achievements in 2004 with his company, Scansource/Catalyst Telecom. He is involved with Samford's Upstate South Carolina Alumni Association.

Martie Johnson is a Mary Kay representative in Helena, Ala.

Matt and Sonja McDaniel McCuen '92 live in Plano, Texas. He is a sales executive for Group and Pension Administrators. They have two daughters, Anna Kate, two, and Lily, born in August.

Rebecca Leeann Condrey Nix lives in Simpsonville, S.C. She and her husband, Jeff, have two children, Sara Katherine and Caitlin Noelle.

Justin Rudd was named Volunteer of the Year by the Keep California Beautiful environmental steward program for his leadership efforts with 30-Minute Beach Cleanup project in Long Beach, Calif. Another of his projects, the creation of a dog zone on the

beach, earned a Park Planning Achievement Award from the California Parks and Recreation Society.

Mark Edward Webb and his wife, Kristy, are starting a new church, Innercom Church, in Fairfield, Ohio.

'92 **Kristi Vaughn Gardner** and her husband, Rickie, live in Danville, Ala., with their daughters, Maggie, six, and Lila Nadya, two. She is a pharmacist.

Jay Churchill Hogewood earned a Ph.D. in theology at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School in December. His dissertation topic dealt with biblical interpretation.

Shijuana B. Hudson-Coleman, J.D. '96, is a member of the Board of Editors of *The Alabama Lawyer*, a publication of the Alabama State Bar.

Gregory Rader is a technical sales representative with IBM in Oklahoma City, Okla.

David and Kari Russo live in Apopka, Fla. He is director of marketing, Florida Hospital Association.

'93 **Julie Cantrell Bryant** teaches music at Arnold Mill Elementary School in Woodstock, Ga. She and her husband, Keith, have three children, Emma Victoria, Avery Mitchell and Aaron Keith.

John Carter is a platoon leader, U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Polk, La., with the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Christopher W. Deering, J.D. '97, is a partner in the law firm of Johnston, Barton, Proctor & Powell LLP, Birmingham.

Michael and Summer Sisk O'Neal '99 live in Birmingham. They have a son, Griffin Davis, one.

Jill Robinson earned a master's degree in organization behavior in 2002 and a master of business administration degree in 2004, both from Trevecca University. She lives in Nashville, Tenn.

James Ralph Wooten, Jr., is an English teacher at Eufaula High School, Eufaula, Ala.

'93 **Michael and Summer Sisk O'Neal '99, M.S.E. '00**, live in Birmingham with their son, Griffin Davis, one.

Kenyon and Ami Phillips Ross '94 live in Birmingham. She is pursuing a master's in anthropology at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He is a pharmaceutical and hospital sales representative for Johnson & Johnson, Inc. They have three children, Jackson, Katie and Isabella.

'94 **James Taylor "Jim" Camp, J.D. '97**, is magistrate judge for Carroll County (Georgia) Magistrate Court. He and his wife, Amanda, and their daughter, Emma Grace, live in Carrollton, Ga.

Matthew D. Eddy is lecturer in history and philosophy of science at the University of Durham, England. He recently completed a joint postdoctoral fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Dibner Institute and Harvard University's history of science department. He will lecture at a workshop sponsored by the European Science Foundation in Bratislava, Slovakia, in June.

Anthony Greer is a physician in internal medicine with Corinth Medical Specialists, Corinth, Miss.

Rodney Johnson is division marketing manager for Farmers Insurance in Nevada. He and his wife, **Kim Culpepper Johnson '94**, live in Las Vegas, Nev., with their daughter, Jenna Caroline.

Brian A. Moore of Birmingham is art director for Wide Screen Media Group. He handles advertising for Cobb Theatres in Tuscaloosa.

'95 **Derek Bell** of Brentwood, Tenn., recently launched a private consulting firm, Mosaic Trust. The organization will help maximize the efforts of authors and publishing houses.

Robin Schlosser Poulos of Acworth, Ga., recently received a master's in education with a focus on reading and literacy from Walden University.

'96 **Allison Lee Dearing, J.D. '00**, is staff attorney with Legal Services Alabama, Inc. She works primarily in Domestic Relations Court, providing legal representation to victims of domestic violence. She and her husband, Jason, have a son, Dennis Russell, born in September.

David and Stacy Northington Farry '95 live in Helena, Ala. He recently earned a master of divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and is

dates

- April 1** A Cappella Choir Home Concert, Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19** Earth Day, Peter Illyn, director, Restoring Eden, 10 a.m.
Live at the Library, Doug Phillips, host, Discovering Alabama on Alabama Public Television (APT)
- May 3** Combined Choirs and Samford Orchestra Concert, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- May 20** Graduating Student Reception, Beeson University Center, 2:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service, Wright Center Concert Hall, 5 p.m.
- May 21** Commencement, Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena, 10 a.m.
Law School Commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall, 3 p.m.
- July 29–
August 7** Samford Baptist Heritage Tour to England

hospice chaplain with Odyssey Healthcare in Birmingham. She is agency relations coordinator with United Way Community Food Bank. They have a son, Evan William, born in June.

Brad Preston Mangus is manager of Latin American sales for Gerber Agiri International, Atlanta, Ga.

Sonja Voelzke Rea earned a master's degree in counseling, and was a college and career counselor at East Haven High School in Connecticut. She and her husband, John, live in New Haven, Conn., with their daughter, Elisabeth Marie, born in December.

Mary Abigail Sessions, J.D. '02, married Lt. Paul B. Reinhardt, U.S. Navy, in November. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

'97 **Mark James and Kim Martin Downey '96** live in Birmingham. He is in his third year of residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in physical medicine and rehabilitation (sports medicine). She teaches four-year-old kindergarten at Covenant Day School. They have a son, Jonathan Grant, born in August.

Andrew Jernigan of Sylacauga, Ala., and his wife will begin a five-year ministry in Ghana, West Africa, in May.

Amy Litz Lato recently completed two degrees in learning and human systems at Florida State University and is a staff psychologist with Leon County Schools. She and her husband, Scott, live in Tallahassee, Fla.

Jake Rackley is regional sales manager for Sauer-Danfoss mobile hydraulic systems company. His area includes Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Mexico. He and his family live in Celina, Texas.

Laurie Michelle Richwine works in the neonatal intensive care unit at Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, Penn.

Debra Walker Smith of Birmingham is assistant principal at South Shades Crest and Trace Crossings elementary schools.

Joseph B. Winchester, Pharm.D., and his wife, Dee Anne, live in Lexington, S.C., with their two children, Brooks, eight, and Mackenzie, five. He is director of business operations for WellPoint Inc., based in West Hills, Calif.

Rusha Franklin Woodson and her husband, Eric, live in Chattanooga, Tenn., with their two children, Emily and Joshua.

'98 **Jamie Lynn Minton Garrett** is pursuing a master's in divinity at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

Josh, M.Div. '02, and **Courtney Craft Reeves '99** live in Boston, Mass. She works part-time as a nurse at Children's Hospital Boston while pursuing a master's in

Washington Club Meets

The Samford Club of Washington, D.C., held its first official meeting Feb. 1. The club plans to meet the first Tuesday of each month. It will hold a special event in April.

Huntsville, New Orleans Clubs Forming

Samford clubs are forming in Huntsville, Ala., and New Orleans, La. They will join Samford clubs in Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, Nashville and the new club in Washington.

Cullman/Hartselle Alumni Meet

Cullman/Hartselle, Ala., alumni held their annual dinner meeting at the All-Steak Restaurant in Cullman March 15. Samford Provost Brad Creed was the speaker.

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counseling psychology at Boston College. He recently received a master's degree from Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, and is enrolled in the interdisciplinary science, philosophy and religion Ph.D. program at Boston University.

Chris and Erin Cheek Robbins are middle school teachers in Hoover, Ala. She recently earned national board certification in early adolescence/social studies–history. He is pursuing an educational specialist degree in educational leadership. They have a daughter, Anna, born in August.

Amy Chandler Simpson recently completed a master's in higher education administration at Florida State University. She and her husband, **Brad Simpson '99**, live in Niceville, Fla., with their daughter, Lillian Katherine, born in October.

John Michael Sirasky and his wife, Melissa, live in Florence, Ala.

Wendy Elizabeth Willingham is an elementary school counselor in Collierville, Tenn. She is pursuing a doctor of education degree in counseling education at the University of Memphis.

'99 **Courtenay Cox** married J. Paul Brooks in April. They live in Cornelia, Ga. She is a social services case manager for the Habersham County Department of Family and Children Services, Clarksville, Ga.

Andrew Michael Daniels of Gallatin, Tenn., is national sales and marketing manager for SERVPRO Industries, Inc. He and his wife, Tabitha, have three children, Dustin Grady, Kali Elizabeth and Emma Grace.

Jennifer Hope Duke teaches fourth grade at Ocee Elementary School, Alpharetta, Ga. She has a son, Charlie, born in May.

Abbey Suzanne Holmes-Pitt and her husband, Donald Pitt, live in Atlanta, Ga., with their three children. She is involved in the city's Phi Mu alumnae chapter.

Alan Parish married Jessica Naklicki, whom he met while living in Zambia, Africa, in November. They live in Franklin, Tenn.

Sarah Rutherford Smiley writes a weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Shore Duty," which appears in 11 publications nationwide. She is author of a book to be published next fall. She and her husband, Dustin, and their two children, Ford and Owen, live in Pace, Fla.

Paul and Anna Root Wamsted '00 live in Montgomery, Ala. He earned a master's degree in technical and professional communication from Auburn University in May, and is a systems analyst at Unisys Corporation. She is pursuing a master's degree in special education–learning disabilities at Auburn University and is lower school learning specialist at Trinity School.

'00 **Neal Brock** joined the leasing division of Bayer Properties, Inc., Birmingham. He is on The Summit leasing team for lifestyle centers under development in Reno, Nev., and Fort Collins, Colo.

Amy Daniels married Jon P. Seay in December in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kevin Hall is resource manager for Comforce Information Technologies, Inc., of Birmingham. He and his wife, **Stephanie Hudson Hall '01**, live in Leeds, Ala., with their daughter, Emily Gale, one.

Rick Rogers of Chattanooga, Tenn., graduated from Wake Forest Divinity School in May, and is a professor at Chattanooga State University.

Meridith Nealy Starling is a social worker in the After Completion of Therapy [ACT] clinic at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. She interned at St. Jude's while completing her master of social work degree at the University of Tennessee in 2004.

Jason and Jenny Anderson Waltman '98 live in Hoover, Ala. He is part owner of Amata Restoration, Inc., and she is a bookkeeper. They have a daughter, Amelia Grace, born in June.

'01 **Jason Jeffreys** graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in May. He is a management analyst for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Herbie, M.Acc., and Ashley MacCaughelty Newell '02 live in Birmingham. He is executive director of Lifeline Children's Services adoption agency/ministry. They have a son, Caleb Herbert, born in December.

Mary Anna Argo Waldrop, M.Acc., of Hueytown, Ala., is controller at Mitchell Mechanical.

'02 **Kelly Brown and Brad Thomas** married in October and live in Birmingham. She works for Southern Progress Corporation. He attends Beeson Divinity School.

Andrew Lynn Brasher and Julia Cain '03 married in June. He attends Harvard Law School, where he is a member of the *Harvard Law Review*. She works in the marketing department of Wellington Management in Boston, Mass.

Erica Lynn Glenn Hochberger completed a master's in social work at Alabama A&M University in 2004 and is a therapist with Kaleidoscope Counseling Services, Huntsville, Ala. She and her husband, Todd, live in Hazel Green, Ala.

Lindsay Rogers Keith is a photo stylist with Hoffman Media Inc., which publishes *Southern Lady* magazine. She lives in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Zack and Mandy Hammond Layman live in Orlando, Fla. He is a recruiter for Healthcare Support Staffing. She completed a master's at the University of Florida in December and is a clinical dietician for Orlando Regional Healthcare System.

Jonathan Vieira is assistant athletic trainer for men's soccer and baseball at Birmingham-Southern College. He earned a master's in sports administration at Mississippi State University in 2004.

'03 **Natalie Fuller** opened for country music star Tracy Byrd at Wild Bill's Dancehall in Duluth, Ga., in January.

Julie Greenplate married Nathaniel Head in June. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Bradley Michael Hodges, M.Div. '03, is outreach pastor at First Redeemer Church in Cumming, Ga. He and his wife, **Raegan Sappington Hodges, Pharm.D. '01**, have a daughter, Callie Alyssa, born in November.

Justin Ireland is conference tour director and beach camp director for Student Life Inc., Birmingham.

Bradley Jackson Landry is youth pastor at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham.

Rebecca Elizabeth Lewallen Landry is a registered nurse at Brookwood Hospital, Birmingham.

Elizabeth Hill Wilder and her husband, Kelly Glen, live in Loxley, Ala.

'04 **Amy Lynn Carrington** of Mt. Sterling, Ky., is studying at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, on a Rotary International Scholarship.

Philip Michael Hall is a pharmacist in Jamestown, Tenn., and a radio announcer for Clarkrange High School basketball.

Marisa Serna married Mike Frizzell in November. She is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas. They live in Garland, Texas.

Camille Smith married Daniel Platt, a third-year student in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, in July. They live in Hoover, Ala. ■

Members of Independent Women's group, sporting gray wigs and glasses, take first runner-up honors with their parody of romantic relationships, "The Way We Were."

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births

- '82 **Harry E. and Nanette Bloodworth Hoover '84** of Birmingham, a son, Hayden Hampton, born Jan. 6, 2004.
- '89 James and **Laura Lee Williams** of Birmingham, twins, Christopher Stephen and Katherine Rose, born Oct. 28, 2003.
- '90 Brent and **Katherine Montgomery Cate** of Fairhope, Ala., a son, Brenton Edward, Jr., born Sept. 2, 2004.
Jeff and **Susan Dean Mies** of Cold Spring, Minn., a son, Anson Samuel, born April 19, 2004.
- '91 Paul and **Pamela LaFon Bolin** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Anna Rose, born July 28, 2004.
Matt and Sonja McDaniel McCuen '92 of Plano, Texas, a daughter, Lily Whitt, born Aug. 11, 2005.
Melanie and **Scott L. Smith** of Douglasville, Ga., a son, Caden Scott, born Dec. 29, 2004.
Sarah and **Tim Whitlock** of Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Josiah David, born Oct. 20, 2004.
David and **Nicole Stine Williams** of Birmingham, a daughter, Chloe Layne, born Sept. 29, 2004.
- '92 **Johnny and Carol Witt Barthel '96** of Jacksonville, Fla., a daughter, Lauren Sarah, born June 3, 2004.
Rickie and **Kristi Vaughn Gardner** of Danville, Ala., the adoption of a daughter, Lila Nadya, born July 15, 2002, in Kemerovo, Russia, adopted Aug. 16, 2004.
Steve and **Eve Pennington Henry** of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Lily Delaine, born Jan. 5, 2005.
Thaddeus and **Shijuana Hudson-Coleman, J.D. '96**, of Birmingham, a son, Harrison Miles, born May 26, 2004.
- '93 Evan and **Paige Munson Bates** of Richmond, Va., a daughter, Rebekah Anne, born June 3, 2003.
Keith and **Julie Ann Cantrell Bryant** of Canton, Ga., a son, Aaron Keith, born Nov. 24, 2003.
Allyson and **Matt Cook** of Rosebud, Texas, a son, Nathaniel Harper, born Aug. 22, 2004.
Grayson and Katherine Tollison Hilton '95 of Hoover, Ala., a son, Nicholas Ethan, born Oct. 4, 2004.
Kenyon and Ami Phillips Ross '94 of Birmingham, a daughter, Isabella, born May 14, 2004.
- '94 Ryan and **Nicola Bradburn-Fuller** of Powder Springs, Ga., a son, Ethan Thomas Fuller, born May 15, 2004.
- Jeremy Scott and Deandra Little Hunt '99** of Charlottesville, Va., a daughter, Molly Rose, born Oct. 31, 2004.
Jeff and **Laura Lee Leazenby McCain** of Owensboro, Ky., a son, John Ross, born April 15, 2004.
Scott and **Stephanie Townsend Underwood** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Grayson Scott, born Oct. 17, 2004.
- '95 Chris and **Melanie Carol Chafin Bradle** of Charlotte, N.C., a daughter, Keely Caroline, born Sept. 12, 2004.
Adrian and **Angela Christy Carpenter** of Lanett, Ala., a daughter, Kathryn Grace, born June 23, 2004.
Jeff and **Rhonda Bigbee Conaway** of Springville, Ala., a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born Sept. 14, 2004.
Suzanne and **Maury Scott Curry** of La Vergne, Tenn., a son, Nathan James, born Dec. 3, 2004.
- James Roger '96 and Becca Butler Davis, M.Div. '98**, of Birmingham, a son, James Sterling, born Oct. 27, 2004.
David '96 and Stacy Northington Farry of Helena, Ala., a son, Evan William, born June 16, 2004.
Stan and **Beth Becker McMeekin** of Taylors, S.C., a daughter, Lillian Grayce, born Sept. 20, 2004.
- Constantine T. "Dennis" and Robin Schlosser Poulos** of Acworth, Ga., a son, Theodore Constantine, "Bud," born Dec. 7, 2004.
- '96 Jason and **Allison Lee Dearing, J.D. '00**, of Birmingham, a son, Dennis Russell, born Sept. 23, 2004.
Anna and **Robert Fowler** of Hoover, Ala., the adoption of a son, Zivan, and a daughter, Sasha, from Russia.
Chris and Weslee Edwards Hill '97 of Chapel Hill, N.C., a son, Jonathan Daniel, born Oct. 21, 2004.
William and **Carolyn Dewberry Jacks** of Birmingham, a daughter, Caroline Avery, born Jan. 4, 2005.
Eric and **Amy Alisa Armstrong Masaschi** of Sugar Hill, Ga., a son, Jake Harrison, born Aug. 14, 2005.
John and **Sonja Voelzke Rea** of New Haven, Conn., a daughter, Elisabeth Marie, born Dec. 11, 2004.
Eric and **Emily Ann McCallum Scott** of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Cameron Eric, born Feb. 24, 2004.
David Mitchell M. Div. '00, and Holly Leo Watson '97 of Powder Springs, Ga., a daughter, Claire Elisabeth, born Oct. 21, 2004.
- '97 John and **Amy Liner Allen** of Ringgold, Ga., a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, born Dec. 29, 2003.
Adam and Ellen Bell Bishop, M.S.E. '99, of Rome, Ga., quadruplets: Evan Royce, Garrett Allen, Patrick Samuel and Kenneth Edwards, born Sept. 10, 2004.
- Jeff and **Amy Schumann Conn** of Landerberg, Pa., a son, Andrew, born March 4, 2004.
Jamie and **Tracie Marie Edwards** of Birmingham, a son, John William, born June 26, 2004.
LeAnne and **Brian Jenkins** of Oxford, Ala., a son, Christopher Jordan, born June 14, 2004.
Ryan and **Kara Davis Santeufemio** of Orlando, Fla., a daughter, Isabella Ryan, born April 14, 2003.
Brian Edward and **Ashley Steele McCarty Welcher** of Jackson, Miss., a daughter, Caroline Steele, born Dec. 19, 2003.
Jacob M. and **Ashley Page Wood** of Selma, Ala., a son, Jacob Myles, Jr., born Oct. 6, 2004.
- '98 John and **Brenda Denson** of Birmingham, a son, Logan, born Oct. 4, 2003.
Bill, J.D. '03, and Michelle Farrington Bensing of Greenlawn, N.Y., a daughter, Rachel Katherine, born June 12, 2004.
John and **Melissa Kay Fox** of Kennesaw, Ga., a daughter, Julianna Kathryn, born Sept. 11, 2004.
Chris and **Jennifer Lynn Johnson Giadrosich** of Birmingham, a daughter, Jolee Kate, born Dec. 10, 2004.
Jim and **Sarah Rosalee Harris, M.S.E.,** of Leeds, Ala., a son, Phillip Lee, born June 9, 2004.
Jeff and **Ginny Slusher Haynie** of Alpharetta, Ga., a daughter, Jenna Kate, born Sept. 10, 2004.
Brad and Bethany Davies Herrington '01 of Birmingham, a son, David Carter, born Sept. 29, 2004.
Rob and **Michelle Gaines Johnson** of Evans, Ga., a son, Gaines Taylor, born June 8, 2004.
Kelly and **Eric Warren Katauskas** of Winter Park, Fla., a daughter, McKenna Grey, born Nov. 17, 2004.
David and **Jenna Reynolds Ray** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Michaela Mercy, born July 26, 2004.
Brad '99 and Amy Chandler Simpson of Niceville, Fla., a daughter, Lillian Katherine, born Oct. 11, 2004.
Mark and **Kris Wenzel Stejskal** of Fairhope, Ala., a son, Blaine Andrew, born Feb. 12, 2004.
Jason '00 and Jenny Anderson Waltman of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Amelia Grace, born June 7, 2004.
'99 Tabitha and **Andrew Michael Daniels** of Gallatin, Tenn., a daughter, Emma Grace, born July 22, 2004.

Jennifer Hope Duke of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Charles Philip, born May 25, 2004.

Scott and **Julie Mims Hunter** of Cumming, Ga., a son, Tate Charles, born May 20, 2004.

Danner '00 and **Jennifer Mitchell Kline** of Birmingham, a daughter, Anne Camille, born April 13, 2004.

Joel and **Melissa Wayne** of Louisville, Ky., a son, Carson, born Sept. 4, 2004.

Katie and **John David Yingling** of Kansas City, Mo., a son, Jackson John, born Sept. 16, 2004.

Jeremy and **Kathryn Anne Huckabee Youngblood** of Cleveland, Ga., a son, Tristan Anderson, born Dec. 20, 2004.

'00 **Kevin** and **Stephanie Hudson Hall '01** of Leeds, Ala., a daughter, Emily Gale, born Feb. 27, 2004.

Latta Crawford III '03 and **Kristen Castle Johnston** of Homewood, a son, Latta Cooper, born May 13, 2004.

John Aaron, M. Div., and **Emily Jane Martin '01** of Ooltewah, Tenn., a daughter, Emeline Riley, born March 15, 2004.

Brian Michael and **Britton Gowing McPherson** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a son, William Bradley, born Sept. 9, 2004.

Chris and **Danna Stallings Roberts '01** of Bremen, Ga., a son, Dayton Christian, born Feb. 22, 2004.

'01 **Ash** and **Jennifer Tate Gale** of Sierra Madre, Calif., a daughter, Emma Madison, born Aug. 24, 2004.

Bradley Michael, M. Div. '03, and **Raegan Sappington Hodges, Pharm.D.**, of Cumming, Ga., a daughter, Callie Alyssa, born Nov. 23, 2004.

Herbie, M.Acc., and **Ashley MacCaughelty Newell '02** of Birmingham, a son, Caleb Herbert, born Dec. 21, 2004.

'02 **Ben** and **Jenny Edgar Harris** of Lawrenceville, Ga., a son, Joseph Benjamin, born Sept. 9, 2004.

'03 **Rick** and **Nicole Pickle Chambliss, Pharm.D.** of Calera, Ala., a son, Andrew James, born May 8, 2004.

Sarah and **Michael Luckey** of Brownsville, Texas, the adoption of a daughter, Janna Grace, Aug. 21, 2004. ■

in memoriam

'26 **Verna Kirkland**, age 108, of Birmingham died Oct. 31, 2004. A registered nurse who served mostly with Baptist Health Systems, she was involved in nursing and health issues of her time. She graduated from nursing school with Ida V. Moffett, for whom Samford's nursing school is named.

'31 **Norman E. O'Neal**, age 96, of Clinton, Miss., died Oct. 11, 2004. He was a retired professor at Mississippi College, where he was head of the religious education department for 38 years.

'32 **Harold Edward Greer, M.A. '34**, age 95, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Nov. 4, 2004. He was an educator at schools in Cleburne County, Gordo, Ala., and Tuscaloosa, Ala. He had 30 years of perfect attendance in the Lions Club, which he served in many capacities, including president.

'35 **Margaret Elizabeth Sayers**, age 89, of Demopolis, Ala., died Oct. 7, 2004. She was retired and a member of the Chautaugua Club.

'36 **Giles Baker**, age 91, of Birmingham died Oct. 3, 2004. He was an executive with a national advertising company before forming his own company. A commercial artist, he never charged for the work he created for school orders.

'37 **Claudia Mae Huston**, age 90, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Nov. 30, 2004. She was an educator in Alabama schools and at the School for the Deaf in Talladega, Ala. She retired as principal of Norwood Elementary School. During World War II, she was stationed at the Pentagon as a technical sergeant in the Woman's Army Corps. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma education honor society.

'40 **N. Roscoe Griffin**, age 87, of Grove Hill, Ala., died Sept. 25, 2004. He was a long-time pastor of Alabama Baptist churches in Citronelle, Bessemer, Sheffield and Thomasville, and also was pastor in Monticello, Ark. An avid student of Clarke County and Alabama history, he helped establish the Clarke County Museum. At Samford, he was president of Trident honor society, and began his ministry as a student member of the Ministerial Association. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

'41 **Kathleen Cones Gilmer**, age 86, of Birmingham died Oct. 30, 2004. She retired from Jefferson County Probate Court and was a longtime member of Business and Professional Women.

'43 **Laurine Davis Cater**, age 86, of Birmingham died Nov. 1, 2004. A retired nurse, she was a longtime employee of Baptist Medical Center-Princeton.

Harold Malone, age 86, of Augusta, Ga., died Sept. 17, 2004. A pastor of churches in Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Iowa, he was also a pastoral counselor, hospital chaplain, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a missionary in Southeast Asia and Australia.

Mildred Kelley Paschal, age 81, of Birmingham, died Sept. 27, 2003. She was a retired nurse.

'44 **Marie Kelly Bishop**, age 81, of Brandon, Fla., died Oct. 4, 2003. She was a nursing graduate.

Geraldine Wesley Hartwig, age 82, of Oak Island, N.C., died Dec. 10, 2004. She was a nursing graduate.

'47 **Marshall E. "Pat" Smith**, age 82, of Birmingham, died Dec. 25, 2004. He was owner of Smith Appliance Company, a real estate broker, and owner of Home and Hearth Realty in Fairfield, Ala., where he was president of the Chamber of Commerce. He served with the U.S. Army in England and France during World War II.

'49 **John F. Brodie, Sr.**, age 77, of Huntsville, Ala., died Dec. 18, 2004, of a heart attack during his daily walk. He spent a half-century as a pharmacist, working at or co-owning several Huntsville drugstores.

James Hollis Williams, age 80, of Daphne, Ala., died Oct. 18, 2004. As a civilian employee with the U.S. Air Force, he served 30 years at five federal installations. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific aboard the USS Dennis, which fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest engagement in U.S. Navy history.

'50 **James L. Johnson**, age 78, of Fairhope, Ala., died Dec. 6, 2004. He was a pharmacist for 38 years, both in private business and with the Veterans Administration.

Robert J. "Bob" Norman, of Brentwood, Tenn., died Dec. 31, 2004. A pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama, Tennessee and Texas, he led Bible conferences and revivals around the world.

Betty Jane Tisdale, age 76, of Pelham, Ala., died Jan. 3, 2005. She was a retired nurse, having worked at Baptist Medical Center-Princeton for 38 years.

'51 **Charles B. Barksdale**, age 78, of Auburn, Ala., died Sept. 29, 2004. An optometrist who practiced 42 years at Barksdale Vision Clinic, he was a pioneer in the development of contact lenses and contact research.

Blaine A. Lambert, age 91, of Geneva, Ala., died Sept. 28, 2004. He was an Alabama Baptist minister for more than 50 years, retiring as director of missions, Geneva County.

W. L. "Luther" Carden, age 75, of Gardendale, Ala., died Jan. 5, 2005. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Hartselle, Ala., for many years, and retired from Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn. He was editor of what is now the Explore the Bible series.

Peggy Collins Edwards, age 74, of Birmingham, died Jan. 4, 2005. She was a counselor for Birmingham schools and a psychometrist for Shelby County schools. A frequent guest soloist in Baptist churches throughout the Southeast, she was a member of the first class to graduate from Samford's Department of Music, which was established in 1950. She was the wife of longtime Samford religion faculty member W. T. Edwards, Jr.

'53 **Howard H. O'Daniel**, age 74, of Trussville, Ala., died Oct. 4, 2004. He worked at ACIPCO for 38 years, retiring as research supervisor. He was choir director at various Methodist churches.

'56 **William D. Riddle** of Sumterville, Fla., died Jan. 27, 2005. Memorials may be made to the Hezz and Suaylor Wyatt Cox Scholarship Fund.

Ruby Lee Moore Starr of Fallston, Md., died Sept. 11, 2004. She was most recently an employment specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education.

'58 **Howard Lawrence "Larry" Allison**, age 70, died Sept. 29, 2004. A survivor of polio at age 11, he worked for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., and for the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in Washington, D.C. He built a universal user home in Lake Forest, Fla., where he spent his retirement.

'59 **Roy D. Vann** of Montgomery, Ala., died Dec. 24, 2004. He was owner of Norman Bridge Drug Company and active in many fine arts organizations and pharmaceutical associations. He was a member of Phi Delta Chi professional fraternity and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He served in a hospital pharmacy in southern France during the Berlin crisis, 1962-63.

'60 **Orlene Bailey Clayton** of Birmingham died Sept. 29, 2004. She was a school teacher who after retirement remained active in the research and documentation of Blount County family histories.

William E. "Billy" Fields, age 69, of Madison, Miss., died Nov. 10, 2004. A retired pharmacist, he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

John Robert McFarland, M.B.A. '67, age 78, of Selma, Ala., died Dec. 27, 2004. An employee of Alabama Gas Corporation for 45 years, he retired as manager of the Selma District. He was a longtime member of Gideon's International. At Samford, he was a member of Sigma Nu, Alpha Kappa Psi, Pi Gamma Mu, Omicron Delta Kappa and Trident. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

'61 **Thomas Lundy Clements**, age 63, of Hoover, Ala., died Oct. 25, 2004. Dr. Clements taught math at Shades Valley High School, and was principal at Berry, McAdory, Minor and Shades Valley high schools. As a Samford student, he was a commander of Sigma Nu fraternity.

'67 **James Curtiss Cobern**, USNR (ret.), age 79, of Shelby County, Ala., died Dec. 9, 2004. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was retired from Combustion Engineering. He was director of the disaster relief program for the 11th district, Alabama Baptist Convention.

Carol M. Warner, age 65, of Tampa, Fla., died Dec. 31, 2004. A retired branch manager for SouthTrust Bank, she was also an incorporator and a 30-year board member of Dixie Softball.

'74 **James Harvey Dumas, Jr., J.D.**, age 55, of Parker, Colo., died Nov. 7, 2004. After serving in the U.S. Army, he worked in the electronic calibration business.

'77 **Joseph F. Storumt**, age 51, of Tupelo, Miss., died Jan. 10, 2005. He was a pharmacist.

Preston Widoff, J.D., age 60, of Tampa, Fla., died Jan. 4, 2005. A former editor-in-chief of the *Cumberland Law Review*, he was an attorney for 27 years.

'79 **Wendol Doyle Wells**, age 52, of North Richland Hills, Texas, died Sept. 22, 2004. He worked in sales with DNR, Inc. He was a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

'81 **Frances W. Green**, age 68, of Birmingham died Oct. 2, 2004. She was a nurse.

'82 **Evelyn "Lynn" Cox Harrison**, age 46, of Birmingham, died Dec. 4, 2004. She was a principle of The Arbor.

'89 **Laury Lea Gordon Estrada, J.D.**, age 46, of Alexandria, Va., died Nov. 28, 2004. She was an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, and was also a counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee during the 105th Congress.

Cletis Theodore "Ted" Strickland, Jr., J.D., age 44, of Northport, Ala., died Nov. 2, 2004. He was district manager with Olan Mills, Inc., before law school. He practiced law in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Vicki L. Wates, age 39, of Birmingham, died Jan. 14, 2005. She was an employee of Lloyd, Gray and Whitehead, P.C. At Samford, she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

'91 **L. Byron Reid, J.D.**, age 46, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died Sept. 5, 2004. He was in law practice in Panama City, Fla., before returning to Ft. Lauderdale.

'92 **Benjamin Boyanton**, age 34, of Huntsville, Ala., died Dec. 19, 2004. A graduate of Birmingham School of Law, he was an attorney in private practice, and an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

Bruce F. Broll, age 48, of Dakota Dunes, S.D., died Dec. 5, 2004. He earned a law degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law and lived in the Siouxland area for seven years.

'95 **Donna Carlisle Hester, M.B.A.**, age 41, of Alabaster, Ala., died Nov. 24, 2004. She was an account executive with Capital Partners Leasing, and a founder of the Little Ones Memory Garden at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

'03 **Dustin Lee Heitschmidt, M.B.A.**, age 34, of Warner Robbins, Ga., died Oct. 14, 2003. He was a forestry services specialist with Georgia Power Company. ■

Trustee Deaths

William I. Byrd, age 82, of Daphne, Ala., a trustee from 1977 to 1989, died Nov. 26, 2004. A retired circuit judge and longtime attorney in Alexander City, Ala., he held a juris doctor degree from Creighton University. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army, combat infantry, Third Army, under General George Patton.

Harry Earl Kirkley, age 77, of Guntersville, Ala., a trustee from 1977 to 1989, died Dec. 13, 2004. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1982. He was pastor of 13 Alabama Baptist churches, serving First Baptist Church, Guntersville, from 1973 until 1991, and taught Samford Extension classes for 48 years. A 1949 Samford graduate, he served in the Air Corps during World War II.

Ray Pearman, age 79, of Huntsville, Ala., died Dec. 6, 2004. A life trustee, he was elected to the board in 1972. He was owner of Ray Pearman Lincoln-Mercury. He was president of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Huntsville Civitan, Volunteers of America and Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Tom Williams, age 73, of Birmingham, died Jan. 18, 2005. He was elected to the Samford board in 2000. He was owner of Tom Williams Automotive, and had been president of the Alabama Automobile Dealers Association and a director of the National Automobile Dealer Association. A graduate of Furman University, he served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division. ■

Elder Papers Are Latest Addition to Treasure Trove of Baptist History

by Jack Brymer

The Samford Special Collection recently grew by more than 150,000 pages with the addition of the Lloyd Elder Papers, one of the largest Baptist historical collections ever received by the Samford library.

Elder was the seventh president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, serving during 1984–89. His gift adds to a growing number of Baptist leaders who have chosen to deposit their papers at Samford.

Included are Grady Cothen, Elder's predecessor at the Sunday School Board; Frank Stagg, eminent Southern Seminary professor; Dotson M. Nelson, longtime pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church and denominational statesman; and Wayne Flynt, noted Baptist historian.

The papers of Elder and Cothen are significant because they record oral and written histories of the key people



Lloyd Elder

involved in the SBC controversy for two decades, according to Elizabeth Wells, Special Collection librarian.

"Their papers reveal the internal ethos of the place as well as the chaos of what was going on not only in a particular agency but throughout the entire SBC," she said.

Already known for its extensive holdings in Alabama Baptist history, the Samford collection has become a treasure trove of Southern Baptist history with the addition of papers from such denominational leaders as Elder, Cothen and Stagg, said Wells.

What prompts these and other Baptist figures from outside Alabama to donate their papers?

"Samford is known as a safe-place depository," said Wells. A safe place, she said, is one that is balanced, objective and open to research.

"Having a balanced collection, and an experienced and trained staff residing in a climate of intellectual and academic

scholarship such as Samford's, helps influence donors to give to the University," she said. Other larger repositories courted these collections, she noted, adding, "We are privileged to have been chosen."

The records of an agency or institution record official actions, but the business and personal papers of an individual reveal what took place behind the scenes, she said. A neutral site such as Samford ensures objective and uncontrolled access to information.

Wells noted the significance of preserving not only the history and heritage of a person, but also how that person worked within the bounds of the convention or other organizations.

"It takes all the resources to tell the whole story," she said. "A biased collection will only share part of the truth. Our job is to collect objectively as many of the parts as we can, and allow the researcher access to all the resources to discover his or her truth. In the activity of researching and writing, the researcher also decides how he or she will use what information is found to tell the story." ■

Listen to Perspective Behind Other Voices, Creed Says at 'Be Aware' Convo

Samford Provost Brad Creed recently told students that, while they may struggle to understand and articulate their own beliefs, trying to understand the beliefs of others is essential to intellectual growth.

"Listening to the perspective behind other voices lies at the heart of what we are trying to accomplish at Samford University," he said at a convocation highlighting Samford's "Be Aware" campaign. "It leads us closer to the kind of transformational learning that transcends credit hours, [academic] major and grade point average. This is central to the purposes of a liberal arts education."

"Be Aware" is the Student Government Association's effort to promote reflection on and respect for the multitude of beliefs, backgrounds

and views represented in the Samford community.

Mindful that some might fear that Christianity and cultural diversity are incompatible, Creed added that being aware of how what we do affects others "also lies at the heart of authentic and vital religious faith."

"In stating the great commandment—which is to love God and love neighbor—Jesus is admonishing his followers to be aware," Creed said. "Your neighbor is not just the person you are comfortable with, or who thinks like you, or votes like you, or is a member of your organization or club. Your neighbor is 'the other'—the hungry, the thirsty, the prisoner and the stranger. Your neighbor is the one who's on the margins of your life."

Creed reminded his audience that

Jesus was criticized for associating with those on the margins of his own culture. "His message, through word and deed, was that there was nothing wrong with 'the wrong people,'" Creed said. "They were just different. They were loved by God as much as anyone else, and when they were loved and forgiven by Jesus, those differences became a source of beauty, power and a new community of faith."

Following Jesus away from comfortable routines to better understand oneself and one's community might not be at the top of every undergraduate's to-do list, but Creed encouraged students to make the extra effort. "It will be a mind-expanding, soul-stretching, community-building experience," he said, "and Samford will be better for it." ■

Arthur Walker Dedicated His Life To Christian Higher Education

Former Samford professor Arthur L. Walker, Jr., was part of a wave of young military veterans who went to college after service in World War II. These men were about the same age as traditional college students, but they had fought a war. Some of them became active in a youth-led revival movement that swept the South during the late '40s. Walker recalled that experience during a 1999 reunion of former youth revivalists at Samford.

"Many of us had been in World War II and were seeking answers, and so these youth revivals provided some basics for religious experience," he said. Walker

remembered attending such a revival that drew 5,000 people to the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium in 1949, the year he graduated from Samford.

Walker went on to earn a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in 1956 and charted his career toward Christian higher education. He

returned to Samford to teach religion that same year and remained on the staff until 1976, also serving as vice president of student affairs for several years during the late 1960s and early '70s. He left Samford to join Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he taught and was dean of students.



Arthur L. Walker '49

From 1978 until retirement in 1993, he served as executive director of two Southern Baptist Convention agencies—the Education Commission and the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary. After retirement, he came back to his hometown of Birmingham, where he once again taught as an adjunct professor at Samford and was active in Brookwood Baptist Church.

He died Jan. 14 at age 78.

Walker became impressed with the potential of Christian higher education "as a preacher boy at Samford years ago," noted Samford President Thomas E. Corts, who knew him as a professional colleague and as a fellow church member. This impression was "deepened by his decades of service as a professor and administrator, and then as chief advocate for Baptist colleges and universities. He dedicated his life to that ministry.

"He brought a warm pastoral approach to all he did," Corts added. "His integrity and conviction earned great respect among colleagues privileged to work with him."

Before his retirement, Walker received the Charles D. Johnson Outstanding Educator Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools. Samford named him Alumnus of the Year in 1988.

Walker is survived by his wife, Gladys; a daughter, Marcia Hamby '75, director of counseling at Samford; and three grandchildren. The family requested memorials to the Gregory Arthur Walker Scholarship at Samford. ■



Samford-Sponsored Event Set for April 9

Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a bike ride through Alabama's historic Black Belt Saturday, April 9, to benefit the Sowing Seeds of Hope nonprofit initiative in Perry County.

The "Old Howard 100" will feature routes of approximately 30, 50, 70 and 100 miles in and around Perry County, where Samford was founded in 1841 as Howard College in Marion.

The ride will begin at 9 a.m. on the parade grounds at Marion Military Institute, site of Samford's campus before its move to Jefferson County. Registration is \$25 through March 31 and \$35 afterward. Rain date is April 16.

Proceeds will benefit the initiative that seeks to improve the quality of life and work in Perry County through improved education, health care, tourism, transportation and economic development.

Sponsorship of the Old Howard 100 project is one of several ways Samford seeks to assist the area that nurtured the school during its early days. Students and faculty members regularly visit Perry County to serve as volunteer tutors, health-care workers and community boosters.

For information, go to www.samford.edu/groups/oldhoward100 or call (205) 726-2229 for details and online registration. ■

Old-Song Sing-Along April 17 to Recognize Easterling Music

Due to its popularity, the annual Old-Song Sing-Along has become a semiannual event. The next sing-along is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in Reid Chapel. It will feature congregational singing of hymns and gospel songs of yesteryear.

Pianist Brad White of Memphis, Tenn., who was accompanist for the James Blackwood Quartet for eight years, will direct and accompany the April program. In full-time music

ministry since 1989, White was accompanist for the Blackwood Brothers Reunion Quartet appearance at Samford in August 2004.

The program also will feature the Campus Ministries Choir, under the direction of Trey Harper, and a quartet of faculty and staff.

Additionally, the program will pay tribute to the legacy of the late gospel music composer Marion W. Easterling. A native of Clanton, Ala., Easterling wrote

more than 300 gospel songs, including "Lord Lead Me On," "Standing by the River" and "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me." Easterling's music is sung by many national gospel music quartets. A member of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Easterling hosted a daily radio program of gospel music for almost 40 years over WKLF radio in Clanton.

The program is free and open to the public. ■

BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Men's Team Surprises the Experts

The Samford men's basketball team was picked to finish 10th in the Ohio Valley Conference this season, but somebody forgot to tell the Bulldogs.

"This was supposed to be the team that had its third straight losing season," Coach Jimmy Tillette recalled. "They didn't think much of our chances." Tillette, meanwhile, talked about his team's "good chemistry, toughness and resilience."

The Bulldogs used those traits—and Tillette's version of the Princeton offense—to prove the experts wrong again. Shooting 50 percent from the field and employing a tenacious defense that led the OVC, Samford went 10-6 in league play to finish fourth.

That performance not only earned the Bulldogs a ticket to the OVC postseason tournament (the top eight of 11 teams go). It brought them a home game

against Austin Peay in the first round March 1.

Tillette said he was proud of what this team accomplished, even though the Bulldogs suffered an off night in shooting and lost their tournament opener, 71-60. Overall, they finished 15-13, Tillette's sixth winner in eight years.

As usual this year, Samford's offense featured three-point shooting and layups. The Bulldogs led the OVC in overall field goal accuracy (.503) and three-point accuracy (.419, which was also second in the nation). They finished first in the league and eighth in the nation in three-pointers per game.

On defense, Tillette employed less man-to-man than in past years, using the match-up zone to advantage. The Bulldogs' 62.1 per-game point allowance led the OVC and ranked 29th among the nation's 328 Division I teams.

Junior forward J. Robert Merritt was a first-team All-OVC selection. He led the Bulldogs in scoring with a 16.5 average and surpassed the 1,000-point mark in career scoring near the end of the season. The versatile Merritt also led the team in rebounding, free-throw accuracy, blocked shots and steals. In the OVC, he was first in three-pointers per game (3.04) and fifth in scoring.

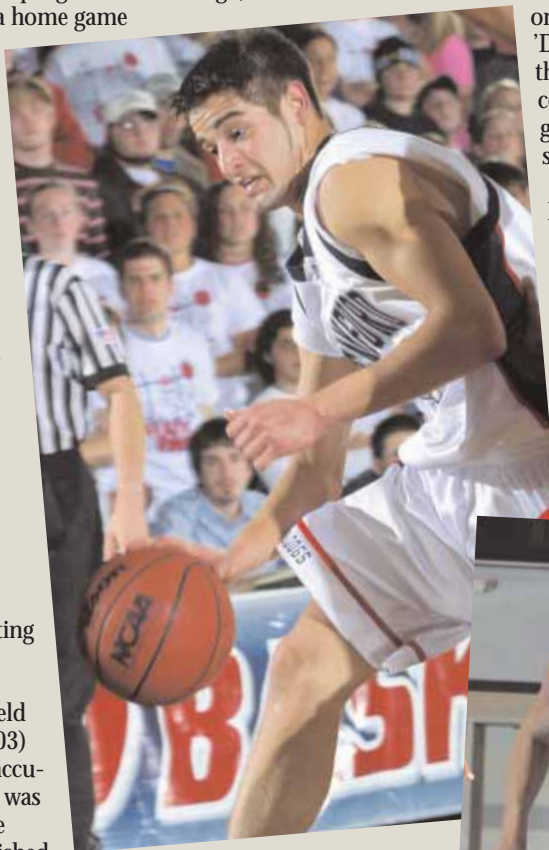
Sophomore guard Randall Gulina also scored in double figures with a 10.4 average. Sophomore point guard Jerry Smith, and seniors Brian Boerjan (post) and Jon Mills (forward) were the other starters.

Samford finished the preconference season 5-6, with two of the losses coming to

Midwestern powers Bradley and Notre Dame on the road. But once in OVC play, the 'Dogs quickly asserted themselves and led the conference race for a good part of the season.

Forward Josh Hare and guard Beau Green joined Boerjan and Mills in completing eligibility. Everyone else will be back next year. ■

Guard Jerry Smith was Samford's backcourt sparkplug.



Women's Team Continues Upsurge

Coach Mike Morris kept the Samford women's team on its steady upward path during his third season at the helm. The Bulldogs posted a 13-15 overall record, and their 6-10 Ohio Valley Conference mark qualified them for their first conference tournament action in four years. They lost a heartbreaker to second-seeded Southeast Missouri, 47-45, in the tournament opener.

After going 7-20 and 10-17 the two previous years, the Bulldogs had high hopes with four starters returning. But junior Chelsee Insell, last year's second leading scorer and rebounder, injured a knee before the season and played not a minute.

Then last year's OVC freshman of the year Alex Munday, the team leader in scoring and rebounding, played only five games before being forced to the bench with illness. She missed the rest of the season.

Despite these personnel losses, Morris' squad put together the second highest number of wins in a season in the eight-year history of Samford women's basketball. Only the 19-10 team of 1999-2000 won more games.

Junior guard Cora Beth Smith led Samford scoring with a 10.2 average, and paced the Bulldogs in assists, steals, free-throw percentage

and minutes played. Sophomore forward Veronica Pike averaged 9.8 points, and senior guard Sarah Clement 9.2. Clement led in rebounding.

Seniors completing their eligibility in addition to Clement were guard LaBrena Friend and forward Ché Walker. ■

Guard Cora Beth Smith led the women's team in scoring.



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Aletha Tente Dawson was a Howard College freshman in 1925.

Aletha Dawson, Who Lived Modestly, Leaves \$1.8 Million Each to Samford, Church

Aletha Dawson lived modestly on a quiet street near Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood for more than 70 years. She and her husband, Lewis, were active members of the church. Their wedding

Dec. 28, 1927, was the first the church performed.

Lewis was a math teacher and coach in public schools, and Aletha was a homemaker. Their lifestyle was the picture of frugality, and this was especially so for Aletha after Lewis died in 1968. She maintained her home only minimally. For example, she never invested in air conditioning because she said she couldn't afford it.

So it was something of a shock for church members when she left an estate of more than \$4 million, dividing the majority equally between Dawson and Samford University. Each received \$1.8 million to fund scholarships "for needy and deserving students."

"I was surprised at the amount of the estate, but not at what she used it for," said Bob Gladney '86 of Tuscaloosa, who got to know Mrs. Dawson during his days as a Dawson Memorial staff member. He serves as administrative pastor of Tuscaloosa First Baptist Church now.

"She had a love for young people and a desire to help them with their college education," Gladney continued. "I would walk to her house for visits, and she would always make gifts to a fund Dawson

has for college scholarships. These were not large gifts, but I thought she was giving what she could."

Gladney described her as "a Southern lady," an engaging conversationalist who always dressed neatly in shades favoring blue. She was a great reader of newspapers and always had stacks around her home.

Dawson had served a stint as president of the Dawson Memorial Woman's Missionary Union during the 1940s. In later years, when she found it difficult to get to church, she quizzed Gladney about church news and her Sunday school class.

That she left money to Dawson and Samford is not surprising. Her father-in-law, Dr. L. O. Dawson, was professor of Bible and church history at then-Howard College from 1925 until his death in 1938. He was pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church during the same period. Not only was he one of Howard's most popular professors, but church members thought so highly of him that they renamed their church Dawson Memorial after his death.

Aletha Dawson had other ties to Samford. Her husband was a 1917 graduate of the school, and she attended for a year (1924-25) and was the class reporter for *Entre Nous*.

The bulk of her estate came from inherited Coca-Cola stock. She and Lewis had no children.

"Mrs. Dawson always said to make sure her gifts went to help college students," Gladney recalled.

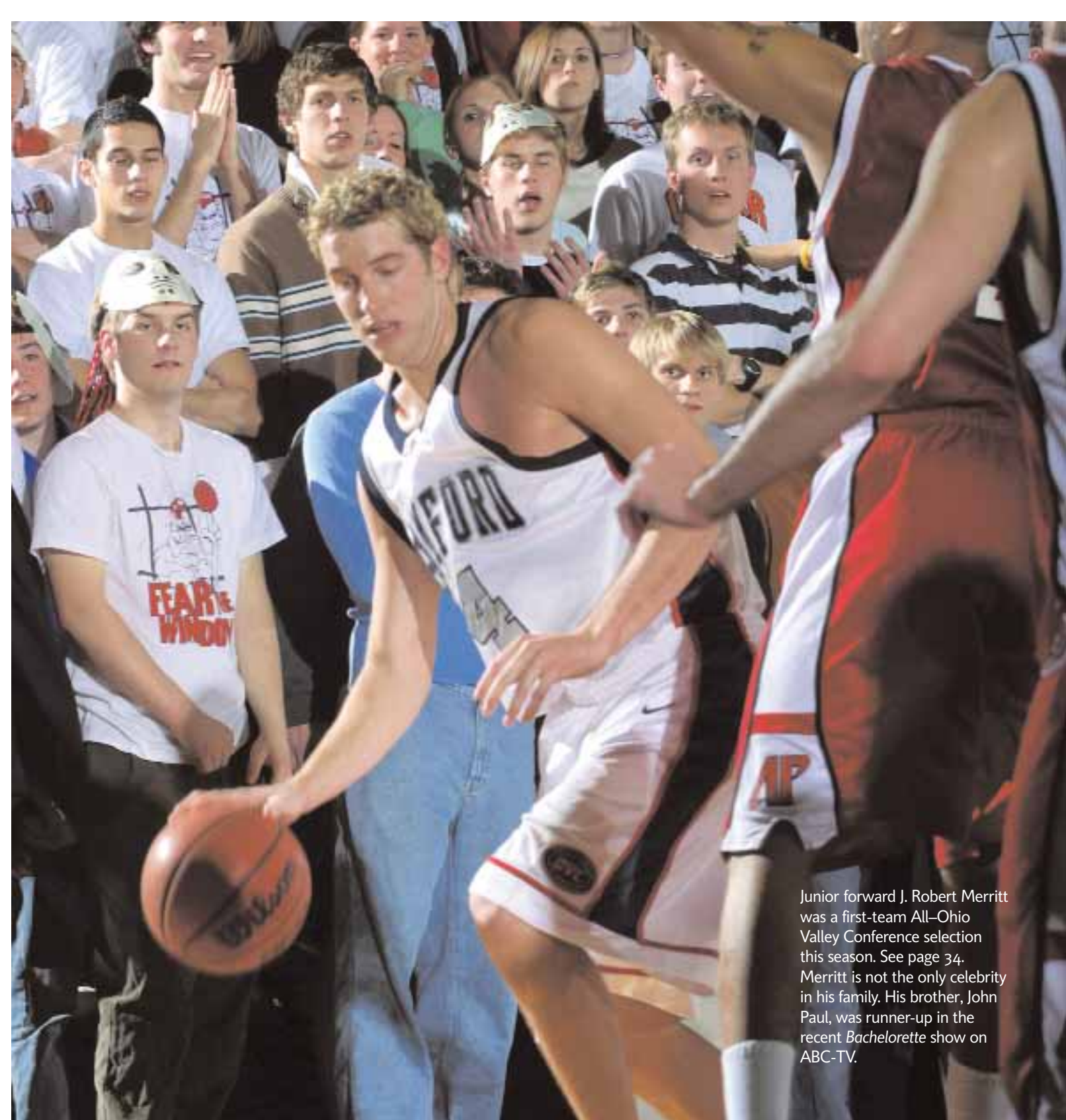
When she died at age 94 in 2003, she made sure her estate would do the same. ■

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Your will won't work well when it's out-of-date, when it's legally invalid, when it conflicts with other plans or when it fails to fulfill your desires. You might want to review your will if you haven't done so in the past three years. Have you moved? Are your children less dependent? Can your executor no longer serve? These

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Junior forward J. Robert Merritt was a first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection this season. See page 34. Merritt is not the only celebrity in his family. His brother, John Paul, was runner-up in the recent *Bachelorette* show on ABC-TV.