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Samford senior Sandra Kindred-Williams and fellow graduates pause to enjoy the moment following commencement exercises May 20. See page 22.





# Reliving a Fond Ritual

“**T**his must be the place,” my mother said to me on dozens of occasions as I pulled the car into the garage, bringing her the few blocks from her home to ours for dinner, for a Sunday afternoon visit or simply to sit with Riley, our daughter, as Jeanna and I attended an event on campus. She used the phrase in her twilight years, as she began to slip from us. “Yes, here we are,” I would reply. First, I found the repetition mildly annoying. Later, I learned to cherish the ritual. Now, two years after her death, the phrase brings a lump to my throat.

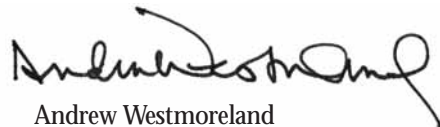
For many of us, swept away by the transitory nature of our lives, we find comfort in a sense of place. These past three decades, I’ve found my place in a little town in Arkansas, first as a student at Ouachita Baptist University, and then as a member of the Ouachita staff. There I met and married my wife, there we raised our daughter, there I made more friends than a man could ever hope to have, and there I poured my life into my work. When the moving van arrived a few days ago, it was difficult to say goodbye.

In recent months, however, my family has been called to a different place, with new challenges and new opportunities. We already have discovered that our lives will be blessed with hundreds of relationships. Just as in the past, I’ll have to rely on an army of friends to advance the cause of an institution that I love. I’m filled with enthusiasm as I begin my work.

I could almost hear my mother as I pulled into the garage a few days ago. “This must be the place.” Samford. Birmingham. Alabama. “Yes, here we are.”

We couldn’t be happier.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland  
President

## Samford Names Recital Hall for Jane Hollock Brock

Samford University will name its new recital hall for the wife of a longtime trustee and Birmingham financial leader who cofounded Central Bank, now Compass Bank.

The new building, scheduled to open this fall, will be Jane Hollock Brock Hall. It is named for the wife of retired banker Harry B. Brock, Jr., who has been a leading member of the Samford board for more than four decades.

The Samford University Board of Trustees named the building in recognition of the Brock family's long years of support of the university, according to Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts. The Brocks have generously supported Samford over the years with their philanthropy and have used their influence to gain support for the school from others, he noted.

"Samford has no finer friends than Harry and Jane Brock," said Dr. Corts. "In a busy career, Harry has chaired major committees, chaired the board of trustees, chaired a major successful campaign and been one of our major donors. Jane kept making it possible for Harry to be Harry—not an easy job! This building is a trophy for this campus and a fabulous tribute from a devoted husband to his wife."

The Brocks' son, Harry Brock III, is also a member of the Samford board. Mrs. Brock's late great-uncle, Peyton A. Eubank of Birmingham, was an 1897 graduate of Samford (then Howard College) and a longtime Samford trustee. He was the school's Alumnus of the Year in 1947.

The Jane Hollock Brock Hall, located adjacent to Wright Center and Buchanan Hall, will house a 300-seat recital hall, a rehearsal suite for Samford orchestral and band programs, and an instrumental teaching center. The centerpiece of the \$8 million building



Workmen strive to complete the exterior of Samford's new recital hall, set to open this fall.

will be the recital hall with its state-of-the-art acoustics.

The new facility will house teaching, practice and rehearsal facilities for Samford's Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Orchestra, chamber ensembles, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble.

Dr. Corts, closing his 23-year tenure as Samford president, recalled the longtime support of Brock on the Samford board.

"It was Harry Brock who first showed me around Birmingham and extolled its charms until I was persuaded to consider moving here," he said. "Without saying 'Yes' to every suggestion, he has been a major force on the board and an ever-affirming friend. He and Jane Brock are a grand couple, whose devotion to one another is as exemplary as it is rare. Everyone is

pleased that their presence will hover over Samford for decades to come."

"Instrumental faculty and students have long labored under adverse conditions, but no longer will this be the case," said retiring Samford School of Performing Arts Dean Milburn Price, who helped define the needs of the new building and worked with architects in planning stages. "The new building, Jane Hollock Brock Hall, will provide a wonderful new home for our music programs." ■

*See photo on back cover.*



by William Nunnelley

# Seeking 'a Shared Vision' for Samford

## Westmoreland becomes 18th President

**D**r. Andrew Westmoreland, a lifelong educator, spent the spring studying a new topic: Samford University. He wanted to know as much as possible about Samford and its people before succeeding Dr. Thomas Corts as president June 1.

He made several trips to campus. He read everything he could on Samford. He talked to as many people as possible about his new institution.

"I did a lot of listening," he said. "It helped me get a handle on Samford, the institution."

What surprised him the most in this process?

"It did not surprise me, but what impressed me the most was the openness of Samford," he said. "The community at every turn offered a warm reception. People were quick to volunteer to help in many ways."

The new president, Samford's 18th, will continue the process with

a series of receptions and meetings over the summer. He also will begin meeting with Samford's external community of alumni, business people, Alabama Baptists and others.

Westmoreland had been president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., since 1998 and a staff member since 1979 when the Samford board of trustees named him in January to succeed Corts. He and his wife, Jeanna, and daughter, Riley, moved to Birmingham in late May.

His emphasis on meeting people typifies Westmoreland's approach. High visibility, especially on campus, is important to him.

"To some extent, it's symbolic," he said. "The president should be seen on campus. But I draw tremendous energy from the process. I'll be in the cafeteria and the classroom buildings regularly."

He learned one thing about this process during his eight years as Ouachita president.

"You have to schedule time to do

Westmoreland chats with Samford students.

this, or all the responsibilities of being president will preclude it.”

Such involvement is one reason Westmoreland taught a political science course at Ouachita during his presidency.

“I taught years ago,” he said, “but quit when I was heading the Ouachita fund-raising division. It was very important for me to be in the classroom, so I began teaching again when I became president. I taught American national government.”

Did teaching ever get burdensome, sandwiched between presidential responsibilities?

“Never,” he said. “There is not any higher high than leaving the classroom knowing that you did a good job that day.”

He plans to continue his teaching at Samford, but not this fall.

Westmoreland comes to a larger and more complex institution. Ouachita has 1,500 students, all undergraduates, while Samford has 4,500 students and a variety of postgraduate programs. How will this affect his leadership style?

“The difference in size has not worried me,” he said, “but the question has come up several times, causing me to reflect on it. I don’t think it will make a difference. I attended a deans’ meeting at Samford and found it very similar to a deans’ meeting at Ouachita. People generally are very interested in their own programs, but also in the overall program. What you have to do as president is keep the larger picture in mind.”

He added, “That doesn’t mean that I know everything about a pharmacy school, for example. But I like to ask questions, and that gives me another opportunity to learn.”

Westmoreland said he would support the work of Alabama Baptists however and wherever possible.

“Jeanna, Riley and I will become active in a local church in Birmingham, and we’ll reach out for support for Samford from other Baptists across the state,” he said. “It will be important for me to be in my home church on a regular basis, but I hope to be in at least 20 other churches each year, getting to know people and telling the Samford story.”

Westmoreland enjoys writing, but even though he is author of the book *Leading by Design*, much of his output now is for speeches and reports. He wrote speeches for his predecessor at Ouachita, former president Ben Elrod, for eight years.

“I joked with him the other day that I thought I had given him all my best stuff,” Westmoreland said with a chuckle.

Westmoreland reads broadly and in cycles. “I’m in a nonfiction mode,” he said this spring. He recently read *The World Is Flat* by Thomas Friedman; *Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond; and *The City of Falling Angels* by John Berendt. “Sometimes in traveling, I’ll read whatever I can pick up at the airport.”

He also describes himself as a sports fan with no particular favorite among sports.

The new Samford president said earlier that he and his family were “excited beyond measure as we contemplate the new relationships that await us” at Samford. The Westmorelands enjoy entertaining groups—students, faculty, alumni, friends—and look forward to doing so in Birmingham. They reside in a Greystone home given to Samford by trustee Jenna Cassese and her husband, Joe.

“It’s far too big for our family,” he said, “but perfect for entertaining groups of 40 or 50 people.”

One way Westmoreland sought to learn more about Samford was by encouraging faculty, staff, alumni and friends to e-mail him their Samford stories.

“Dozens of people responded with their stories, some long and some short,” he said.

“There were some humorous responses. Earlier, I had joked about my first name, Theron, which I don’t often use, but the ‘T’ is part of my Samford e-mail address, so I felt I needed to explain it. A number of people e-mailed me to tell me about Therons they had known.

“I thought the response to this opportunity was good. It provided some texture to my getting to know Samford.”

As Westmoreland moves into the Samford presidency, he answers questions about his vision for Samford this way:

“I don’t have a list of one, two, three. I want Samford to be as strong as it can be, but I want to arrive at a shared vision after consultation with all stakeholders. Ideally, our people will have ownership of the vision we adopt.”

He adds that his “overarching theme” for the future is for Samford to maintain its devotion to engagement and service.

“That’s what Christians ought to do,” he said. “We should serve as role models for engagement and service for our students and for the larger society. I’ll support that idea with my rhetoric and with my action.” ■

The new president visits with Samford ministerial mentors.





# Arena Named for Pete Hanna

Pete Hanna discusses his reasons for supporting Samford at the retirement dinner for Thomas Cortis.

**P**ete Hanna Arena is the name designated for Samford's \$32-million sport-fitness and special-events center. The Samford University Board of Trustees chose to honor Hanna, owner, president and chief executive officer of Hanna Steel Corporation of Fairfield, Ala.

The announcement was made April 20 at a retirement dinner for Samford President Thomas Cortis. The structure is a cornerstone of almost \$100 million in campus improvements planned and underway.

Samford broke ground on the arena structure in January, and the anticipated completion date is the fall of 2007.

"Pete Hanna is one of the outstanding unheralded citizens of this community," said Dr. Cortis. "He has a great heart. This man has done more quiet, unknown charitable kindnesses than any man I know. That makes it all the more fitting that Samford honor him in this way. He has built a business on Christian principles and on concern for his employees—all the while, helping others."

Pete Hanna played football for Samford during the 1950s, and scored one of the first touchdowns on what would become Seibert Field during the 1958 season, before the stadium was complete.

Entering the family business started by his father, Gen. Walter J. "Crack" Hanna, he bought his first stock in the company in 1962 and eventually bought

the company itself in 1984. Today, the highly successful firm consists of a steel tubing division, a painted steel product division and Hanna Truck Line, which delivers the products.

Samford Vice President for University Relations Michael Morgan said, "Mr. Hanna's commitment to Samford has given an explosive burst of energy to fund-raising for our campaign."

Hanna said, "I never expected to see my name on a university building. The only person more surprised might be my English teacher, Professor [Lizette] Van Gelder. She would be amazed that one of the ruffians she tried to teach had been recognized in this way."

Hanna said he had been "blessed beyond my fondest dreams" and that he supported Samford because he wanted it to "continue to be outstanding as an academic university and a Christian university." ■



Builders work on foundational walls for Pete Hanna Arena May 26. Go to [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu) for progress updates.

Pete Hanna, extreme right, takes a pitchout and races to one of the first Samford touchdowns on what became Seibert Field. This 1958 game came before the east stands were added to the stadium.





## Samford Health-care Interpreter Program Cited as Most Distinguished in Southeast

Samford University's Health-care Interpreter Training [HIT] certificate program was named the 2006 Distinguished Noncredit Program in the Southeast by the Association of Continuing Higher Education [ACHE].

The program, which trains individuals who are bilingual in English and Spanish to become qualified interpreters in a medical setting, is offered as a Samford After Sundown course in Samford's Metro Programs. Samford After Sundown courses are open to anyone.

Each year, ACHE recognizes one program in each region based on originality and innovation in terms of its audience, delivery, promotion, collaboration and contents, and success in achieving established goals and objectives.

Samford's HIT certificate program was introduced in the fall of 2004, and the first 21 students completed the program in the spring of 2005.

"These interpreters are now better equipped to bridge the communication divide between health-care providers and limited-English-proficient patients," said Samford After Sundown Director Katie Crenshaw, who accepted the award at the ACHE Region VII conference in Fort Worth, Texas, in April. Region VII includes colleges and universities in 10 Southeastern states.

A second HIT offering will begin in September 2006 and conclude in April 2007. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings and alternating Saturdays. The program includes both traditional classroom activities and field experience. For information, call the Samford After Sundown office at (205) 726-2898. ■

## Westmoreland Announces Administrative Appointments

Samford University President Andrew Westmoreland has announced two administrative appointments.

Dr. J. Bradley Creed, Samford's provost since 2002, will have the added title of executive vice president. Creed will have more direct involvement with day-to-day operations in addition to serving as chief academic officer.

Dr. Sarah C. Latham will become assistant to the president. Latham will oversee research and planning initiatives for the university, and will assist Westmoreland with management of the president's office.

Both appointments are effective immediately.

"As I have come to know members of the senior staff during the transition, I have been impressed with their competence and their keen understanding of Samford's role within the framework of higher education," Westmoreland said. "In particular, during these early days of my Samford tenure, I'm grateful to Dr. Creed and Dr. Latham for their willingness to shoulder additional responsibilities. They will make significant contributions as we continue to build on the strong foundations that are in place."



Brad Creed



Sarah Latham

Creed joined the Samford staff and faculty in 2001 as associate provost and professor of religion. He was promoted to provost in 2002 following the retirement of Joe Lewis. A native Texan, he previously was dean of Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary. He has degrees from Baylor and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Latham has been Samford's director of institutional research since 2002. A California native, she earned degrees at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Florida State University. She is coordinating the university's current self-study process for accreditation affirmation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS]. ■

## Samford's Melinda Toole Wins Miss Alabama

May graduate Melinda Toole recently received a teaching job offer from Homewood City Schools, but she will put off her classroom career for a year while she serves as Miss Alabama.

The reigning Miss Samford became the latest Samford graduate to win the annual scholarship pageant. She was crowned June 10 in Samford's Wright Center.

Eventually, Toole will use the \$11,350 she earned in the pageant to



Melinda Toole

work on a master's degree, but she wants to teach at least a year before entering graduate school. Her goal is to teach reading and to serve as a positive role model.

"Reading is something that can be hard for children to learn," she said. "And as a society, we're constantly plagued with a lack of good role models."

Toole, from Birmingham, is a singer. She performed an Italian love song, "Time to Say Goodbye," in the pageant. ■

Samford's roots in Perry County are deep, dating to the school's 1841 founding as Howard College in the county seat of Marion, Ala. Many ties—both emotional and physical—to Alabama's rural Black Belt were severed when the institution moved to Birmingham in 1887.

In the last three years, however, that century-long disconnection has been replaced with a constant stream of students and faculty traveling the 78 miles from suburban Birmingham, down pleasant country roads, to the area that has one of the nation's highest poverty rates.

The visitors take with them tools of their

trade, be it blood-pressure gauges, glucose monitors or computer software, and a seemingly boundless supply of energy and genuine love for the people.

For two years, the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride, sponsored by Samford's college of arts and sciences, has brought hundreds of bicyclists and their bikes to the area and raised several thousand

dollars to benefit local programs. Soon, a new Perry County Study Center will open in a house Samford recently purchased in downtown Marion.

Perry County is one of 12 counties in Alabama's Black Belt, so named for the color of the dark, rich soil. Once prosperous, the now economically depressed counties have high rates of poverty, illiteracy and infant mortality.



# Samford in Perry County

## A Variety of Programs Helps the Black Belt Area

by Mary Wimberley



Right: Samford Vice President for Business Affairs Bill Mathews, left, English professor Steven Epley and core curriculum instructor Nancy Biggio chat outside Samford's Perry County Study Center. Epley will teach a service-learning course related to Perry County's needs this fall. Biggio is the center's first director. Top: Samford students Jessica Baril and Sarah Fort help lead a fun fest for Perry County children.



## Helping to Ease Diabetics' Plight

The story of Harry, the devoted Howard College janitor who died while saving many students' lives in an 1854 dormitory fire in Marion, Ala., impressed pharmacy professor Gary Bumgarner when he arrived at Samford in 2001.

"Harry's giving of self for the betterment of others is at the core of pharmacy practice," explained Bumgarner.

The compelling bit of Samford history became the heart of a unique relationship between Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy and members of Perry County's large diabetic population.

While spending a spring break with Student Ministries volunteers in Perry County, Bumgarner recognized a dramatic need for diabetes education in the area. According to Bumgarner, Alabama has the greatest incidence of diabetes in the nation, and Perry County has the third-highest incidence of the state's 67 counties.

The statistics almost screamed for pairing with an existing curriculum requirement that pharmacy students engage in special research during their senior year.

With the help of Frances Ford, Perry County health-care coordinator (now executive director) of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Sowing Seeds of Hope, 12 diabetics were invited to form a support group.

"We focused on being their friends," said Bumgarner, adhering to a former colleague's wisdom that "Before they care how much you know, they want to know how much you care."

In their monthly meetings, group members learn about the disease and realize they're not alone. Family members, who often are faced with

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Riders head out from Marion for the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride.

Seeds for Samford's new interest in its mother county were planted in late 2002, when Mart Gray, then executive director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, met with Samford administrators and campus leaders. He spoke of the many needs in Perry County and the work of CBF's Sowing Seeds of Hope, a venture to boost the area's economic development and education resources.

Ideas began to form almost immediately, recalls Minister to Students April Robinson, who attended the meeting along with Samford President Thomas E. Corts, Vice President J. William Mathews, Jr. and others.

During the next spring break, a dozen students participated in a three-day mission trip to Perry County sponsored by Student Ministries in partnership with Sowing Seeds of Hope.

"It was a balance of education and action," recalled Robinson. The volunteers cleaned and mowed the Marion city cemetery, painted downtown storefronts and worked at a library in neighboring Uniontown. As they labored, they learned about the people and needs of the area.

Soon after, the Perry County Advisory Council was organized on campus to fuel interest and keep the county on the minds of the Samford community. At about the same time, funding support from a \$2 million Lilly Grant, designated for programs that explore the intersection of theology and vocation, came available.

The grant, administered through the Samford in Mission office, has made many projects possible.

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Pharmacy student Tonya Thornton Glover talks with a Perry County resident at a diabetes support group meeting.



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overseeing medication and dietary needs, also are encouraged to attend, says Bumgarner.

In November, to celebrate Thanksgiving, the group met for a restaurant meal. "That helped them learn that you can still eat out as a diabetic," said Bumgarner.

The learning works two ways. For the pharmacy students, it helps them remember why they chose to go into pharmacy in the first place. "It connects the head back to the heart," said Bumgarner.

"The biggest thing for the students is that they are learning communication skills and learning to connect to patients. They learn how to listen," he continued.

Three students, Tonia Thornton Glover, Latricha Hagler and Rosa Pettway, all 2005 Pharm.D. graduates, helped initiate the first support group.

Their work has been carried on most recently by Demetri Holmes, a May '06 Pharm.D. graduate who spent the second Saturday of each month during his senior year in Perry County.

"The key is to take what you've learned during class and put it in a way where the patients want to control their diabetes and become motivated to change their behaviors," says Holmes.

The experience has taught him how to counsel a variety of patients, says Holmes, 28, who has had Type I (juvenile) diabetes for years.

This year, Holmes and Bumgarner engaged the help of nurse practitioners in Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing graduate program, who performed blood tests and discussed the clinical manifestations of the disease.

Pharmacists and nurse practitioners working together is a good thing, says Bumgarner. "Cross-discipline interaction is big in the health-care setting, and in rural areas such as Perry County, a pharmacist/nurse practitioner team can go a long way in filling huge gaps in health care," he said.

Since December, Holmes' Saturdays in the Black Belt have gotten longer. After the one-hour session in Marion, he drives west to Sumter County, where he has started another support group for diabetics.

Samford pharmacy alumnus Eddie Davis '85 provides conference room space at his York drugstore and mails meeting notices to local diabetics.

At both sites, spirituality is an important component of the sessions, which begin and end with prayer. ■

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Grant monies have enabled students like Samford junior Vikki Willis to put her genuine calling to assist the people of the Black Belt into action. In May, the biology/nursing double major completed her second year as an intern in Perry County.

During that time, she organized special projects ranging from a clothing bank to a book give-away. She organized the 2006 Student Ministries spring mission trip, during which students visited public schools, held health screenings and worked at the downtown thrift store. The volunteers also met with community leaders, including Sowing Seeds of Hope Executive Director Frances Ford and Judson College President Dr. David Potts '72, M.S.E. '78.

Willis used her health-care background to assist Sandifer-Stech in creating a unique Care is Calling program for students in health-related majors.

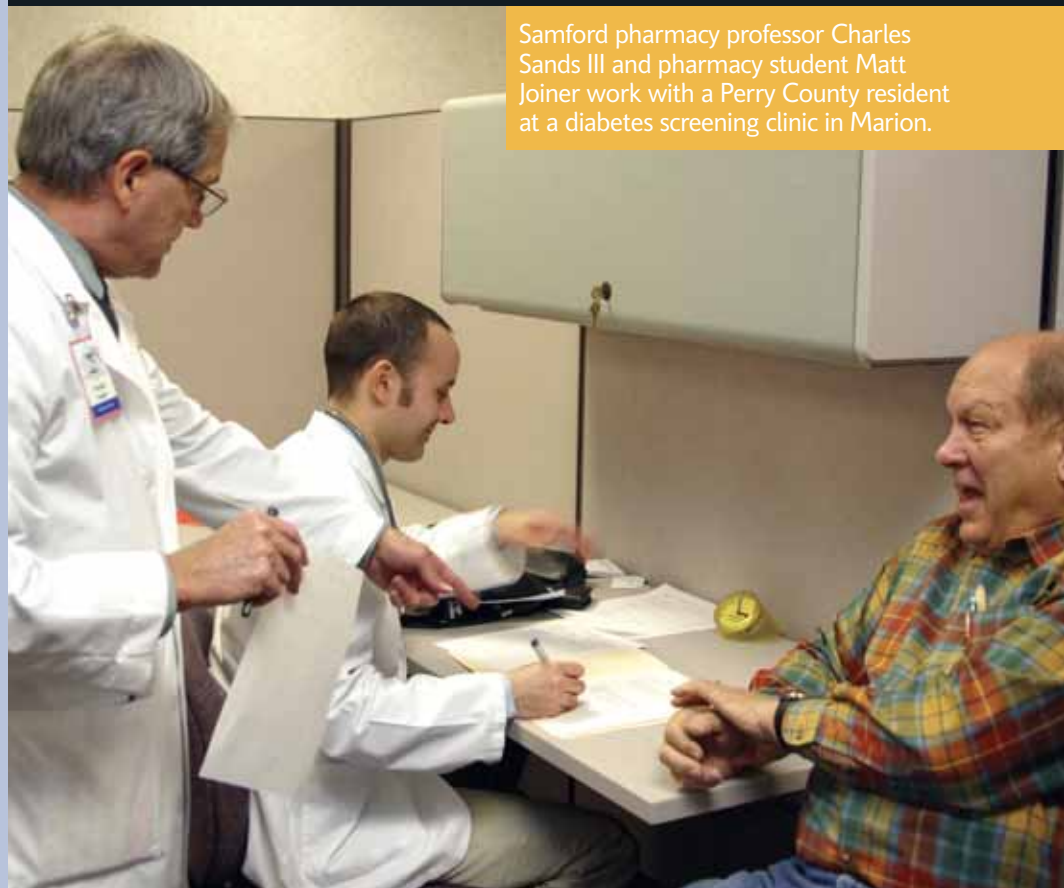
About 35 students in Samford's health-care disciplines of pharmacy, premedicine, nursing, and exercise science and sports medicine participated in the first Care is Calling, which offered an intense look at integrating faith and vocation. During the spring semester, students met in special workshops on the topic. The goal, said Willis, was that students be "challenged



Samford student Melinda Toole visits with children at a Christmas party for Perry County youngsters.

to think of serving and living life beyond themselves."

The 2006 Care is Calling project culminated with an extensive health fair at Marion's Berean Baptist Church following the April 23 Sunday worship service. During the two-hour fair, the Samford team screened 32 adults for vision, hypertension, temperature, pulse rates and height/weight. There was a diabetes education booth and a pediatric screening station for youngsters.



Samford pharmacy professor Charles Sands III and pharmacy student Matt Joiner work with a Perry County resident at a diabetes screening clinic in Marion.



## Student-built Ramps Make Elderly More Mobile

Two elderly Perry County residents are now much more mobile, thanks to the efforts of students in a Samford medical sociology class.

The spring semester course included the usual class lectures, note-taking and exams, but for the students, the highlight was a hands-on service-learning project. That's how two wheelchair-dependent residents gained much-needed ramps for their homes.

The course, taught by sociology professor Dr. Robin Roberts, covers aspects of health, sickness, and the sociology of human development and interactions when people encounter medicine.

Before the work day in Perry County, students spent a day confined to wheelchairs, recording their thoughts and experiences in a journal.

Claire Dorsey recalls the trip to the wooden house where they built the ramp with double handlebars with smoothed edges for easy access and mobility.

"I used many tools I had never had a need to use before," said Dorsey, who mastered a nail gun and an automatic saw.

She also spent time thinking about the woman who would enjoy the ramp and her life in the middle of nowhere in Perry County all by herself. "How difficult life must be, all alone and handicapped," observed Dorsey, a senior sociology major from Garland, Texas.

"My heart was so pleased and proud of what we were doing in Perry County that day. I realize that it was only one wheelchair ramp for one elderly lady. But this ramp could really affect her daily life. She could make it outside more easily and on a more frequent basis."

While the ramp may be a blessing for the woman who received the ramp, Dorsey said, "We were blessed just as equally."

"Not only do we get to be a part of helping another, but we also had the extreme privilege of following the calling of a Christian lifestyle." ■

"Because of the disparities of health care within Perry County, SIM's Care is Calling program has the wonderful opportunity to build bridges between patients and the free clinics Samford offers," observed Willis.

Many Samford health-care students and faculty are already regular visitors to Perry County, where they undertake projects as varied as the health-care needs of its residents.

Twice a month, exercise science and sports medicine students, led by ESSM department chair Dr. Charles D. "Chuck" Sands IV, conduct blood-pressure screenings at the local grocery store. They supply the data to pharmacy professor Dr. Charles D. Sands III, who takes pharmacy students each Wednesday to Marion to conduct hypertension clinics. They follow up with patients whose blood-pressure problems were identified by the ESSM students.

Once a month, pharmacy professor Dr. Gary Bumgarner and students conduct a diabetes education program. (See related story.)

In April, the ESSM department took more than 50 students, four faculty and a volunteer medical doctor to the Marion High School, where they screened some 160 students. "More importantly, our students did a great

job of interacting with the junior high and high school students," said Dr. Chuck Sands.

Many of the projects fall in line with Samford's emphasis on service learning, a program Lynette M. Sandley directs.

"Service learning engages students in community and academics, and ideally is reciprocal, meaning that community, students and the university all benefit. Service learning is one of the best ways to engage in holistic learning—body, mind and soul," said Sandley, who believes that "people often have to be exposed before they can be 'called.'" She points to a medical sociology course in which class members built wheelchair ramps for two indigent families. (See related story.)

"Not only did this experience challenge them to dig in regarding the course material in medical sociology, but it forced them to go to other academic disciplines such as geography, physics and mathematics to obtain the knowledge they needed to build the ramps," noted Sandley.

Each semester, junior education majors engage in a clinical experience in Perry County schools. The future teachers serve as extra pairs of hands for



Samford religion major Tyran Laws leads a fun-and-games session with Perry children.

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Samford students set up a book display at the Perry Christmas party. Children could take their picks of books to read.

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teachers at Marion's Turner Elementary School and assist with small-group teaching sessions.

For several years, members of Samford's Student Government Association and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society have teamed to sponsor a spring Fun Fest in Marion. Hundreds of area youngsters have enjoyed the activities, free food, and probably most of all, the attention from the college students.

Samford students have also served as interns with Sowing Seeds of Hope, which brings in hundreds of college students from throughout the country each summer to assist with projects in the area.

Samford faculty receive an overview of ongoing projects and needs in "Perry County 101," held during the annual faculty institute in August. In 2005, 22 faculty members participated in the program, which included a tour of Marion led by Mathews, who has maintained close ties to the area since his student days at Marion Military Institute.

During a forum with community leaders, the educators learned how they might create new programs and engage students in work in the Black Belt.

The area's needs are being addressed beyond the Samford gates, as evidenced by the establishment of a Black Belt Action Commission by Alabama Governor Bob Riley in 2004.

Samford's Mathews notes the benefit of such events as the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride. Hundreds of

bicyclists who attend each year from as far away as Massachusetts bring welcome dollars to local businesses, and take home word of the area's hospitality and picturesque countryside.

Many decades after leaving the site of its founding, Samford once again became a true Marion citizen with the recent purchase of a 2,400-square-foot house near the city's center. Known as the Holley House for its previous residents, the Perry County Study Center will serve as a base of operations for the university's involvement in the region.

The two-story house will host students and faculty during extended academic projects and retreats, and serve as a gathering spot for students in the area on day trips, says its director Nancy Biggio.

The heart of its purpose, say Biggio, is to promote community-engaged education that supports local needs and priorities and enhances Samford students' knowledge and appreciation for rural communities.

Samford's efforts are recognized and appreciated by area leaders.

This spring's baccalaureate speaker, Rev. Lawrence Wofford, founder and president of the Democracy Project, based in Selma, Ala., has praised the work.

"We are grateful for what you've done in Perry County," said Wofford, who is pastor of Greater St. Luke Zion Church in Greensboro, Ala., located in neighboring Hale County.

"We are aware of the seeds of hope you've planted. They are bearing fruit," he said. "We need the collective wisdom of your various skills." ■

Samford nursing students Heidi Hummel, left, and Kate Evans check blood glucose levels at a screening clinic.





“I want to help equip them to be successful persons who love to sing.”

Sharon Lawhon

# Passionate

## About Singing, Teaching

by Mary Wimberley

**F**or the recipient of Samford University's 2005–06 George Macon Memorial Award, the true joy of teaching lies in discovery.

“I really find it exciting when I discover students without the obvious star quality, and help them to uncover and develop skills,” said Dr. Sharon Leding Lawhon, chair of the voice department in Samford's School of Performing Arts.

The Macon Award recognizes a Samford educator who, through outstanding performance as a teacher, counselor and friend to students, demonstrates the ability to inspire students to greatness.

Lawhon received the award and accompanying \$1,000 from Samford Provost Brad Creed at opening convocation for the spring semester. Dr. Creed cited her ability to expect the most of her students, to inspire them to achieve their goals and to challenge them to become responsible people of integrity.

A frequent performer in solo recitals, with choral and orchestral ensembles, and in oratorios and operas, Lawhon admits to an enthusiasm for her work.

“I am passionate about singing and about the development of potential in young singers. I want to help equip them to be successful persons who love to sing,” said Lawhon, who teaches voice, diction and music ministry with children. She also conducts the 70-member University Chorale.

In the classroom and in private lessons, she is known for providing students with methodical direction, clear expectations and emotional support. “I



Dr. Sharon Lawhon has taught voice at Samford since 1994.

emphasize a process approach,” she said. “I am convinced that if the process of learning is sound, the product will be strong.”

The Tennessee native holds a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from Belmont University, and master of church music and doctor of musical arts degrees in vocal performance from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She joined Samford in 1994.

Lawhon serves on the national board of the Choristers Guild, has published numerous articles, and is an active choral director, clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States. She is a recurrent visiting

professor at a Bible college in Moscow, Russia, and with Chinese Christian church music institutes in the United States and Canada.

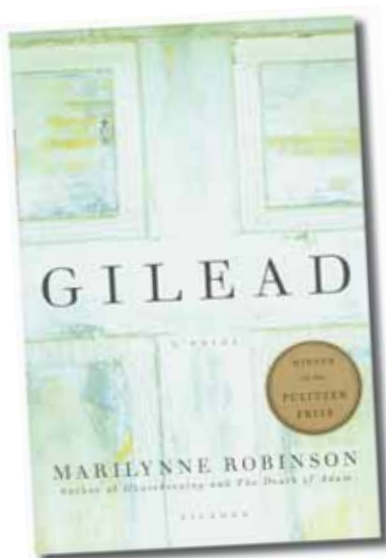
The international and multicultural experiences, she says, help her to grow as a teacher. “The challenge of communicating causes me to hone my ideas and methods in a way that is stimulating and beneficial for my students,” she said.

Lawhon is married to organist and church musician Daniel Lawhon. She is a soloist and choir member at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church. ■

# God, Grace *and* Gilead

## World Is ‘Very Good,’ But ‘God-defying,’ Says Robinson

by Jean M. McLean



April 26, 2006, was the sort of spring morning John Ames would have appreciated. Ames, the fictional Congregational minister and creation of author Marilynne Robinson, would have noted the play of light through the Reid Chapel panes. He would have enjoyed the variety of students, faculty, staff and general readers who gathered to hear Robinson speak about God’s passion for creation and the certainty of his love.

Ames would have been surprised to know how many came just because they love him and all he represents. The result of Ames’ reflections on his 76 years in Iowa won Robinson the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The title of the book and Ames’ town, *Gilead*, reflects multiple Biblical meanings, from battlefield to balm, refuge to testimony. In prose reflecting the grace of Scripture itself, Robinson writes of a life and a place steeped in her own passions.

One of those passions is creation. It was a celebration of creation’s intrinsic goodness that dominated Robinson’s Reid Chapel address. She read a sermon she originally presented at a Presbyterian seminary that repeated many of the values espoused through Ames’ narrative of fathers and sons and beloved prodigals. This teacher from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop wove observations about the Bible’s “convincingly representative history of humankind” with contrasting views from other religions and gods, noting that “after all that, despite all that and more, someone wrote those words we know too well to be astonished by: For God so loved the world.”

Father-love also dominates *Gilead* and draws readers to Ames as he relates his own history, the sweetness of adversity, and the glories of life and forgiveness. In an interview before her Reid Chapel presentation, Robinson admitted that she, too, loved this country preacher, who struggles to tell his young son all he wants him to know as his well-worn heart slowly fails. “I fell deeply in love with him. I would look forward to, after work, after teaching, going home and being with John Ames. He refreshed my spirit.”

*Gilead* is the long-awaited second piece of fiction from this writer, whose first novel, *Housekeeping*, was also a Pulitzer nominee. Written more than 20 years later, after a batch of acclaimed non-fiction essays, *Gilead* reflects Robinson’s experiences from the intervening years—a move to Iowa and love for her adopted state, fascination with John Calvin, and even adversity. (Robinson’s 1989 *Mother Country*, about plutonium reprocessing in Great Britain, won both acclaim and a Greenpeace libel suit.)

Robinson protested that she has not faced “real” adversity as Ames did. She did concede, “Writing transforms adversity. It makes it something else. It’s a wonderful thing to think of yourself as a writer. You can use adverse experiences in writing.”

*Gilead*’s setting is steeped in detail. The fictional town is modeled on a real town, Tabor, a refuge for slaves and home to a Civil War–era Congregational minister (“very much the prototype for the grandfather,” Robinson noted) who kept 2,000 rifles in his cellar and a cannon in his garage. Although its setting is very specific, *Gilead*’s depictions







Pulitzer Prize winner Marilynne Robinson discusses her novel, *Gilead*, at Samford.

of memory and forgiveness transcend geography and its Christian readership. Robinson said the book is now being published in Turkey and Vietnam, among other faraway locales, finding common ground among various religions and backgrounds.

Robinson said she didn't tailor the book for a particular audience. "It was just something I had to write," she said, and has been surprised by its wide readership. She said Ames' story was a compilation of people and situations she has encountered and pondered "in the course of life." Although she's unsure where he came from, she could hear Ames' voice as she wrote.

Robinson's Reid Chapel listeners represented an array of readers anxious for more. However, she said fiction fans will have to wait. Her post-Pulitzer life has been different. ("People think you're smarter after you've won a Pulitzer. It changes many things.") But she has remained steady, continuing her work in Iowa City and producing pages for a still-secret nonfiction piece she hopes to begin sending her editor soon.

This writer/teacher also finds time to speak to selected audiences. With many universities vying for Robinson's presence, English professor Roderick Davis said Samford was privileged to host the event. He credited the English department, dean of arts and sciences David Chapman, Beeson Divinity School, Samford in Mission, and the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence for their collaborative support.

Robinson's increasing stature as a major American novelist and cultural critic is more certain than the future of her *Gilead* characters. This soft-spoken soul brushed aside inquiries about a sequel but admitted that she has given much thought to what might have happened to John Ames' son. She won't share her speculations, noting that the boy remained unnamed so as not to give a hint as to whether he followed the family's ministry path.

What is certain is Robinson's agreement with God's Genesis assessment that the world is "very good," along with her Reid Chapel concession that it is also "turbulent, tragic, God-defying." She closed her April address with the same hope intimated throughout *Gilead*: "God will wipe the tears from all faces, says the prophet Isaiah, and that same vision of tenderness and grace, not to be improved upon, closes the Revelation of John and the Christian Bible." ■

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# TIME

## is Running Out in Iraq

by Sean Flynt

Democracy expert Larry Diamond delivers the Rushton Lecture in Robinson Hall at Samford.

Larry Diamond didn't have much good news to relate about the U.S. war in Iraq when he spoke at Samford April 24 as part of Samford's Rushton Lecture Series. The war has become "the most complex, the most vexing, the most high-stakes foreign policy challenge" of his lifetime, he said, and little has changed since his lecture.

His analysis isn't easily dismissed as partisan grumbling. As a democracy expert, senior fellow at the famously conservative Hoover Institution and former senior adviser on governance to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad (an experience detailed in his recent book *Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq*), he brings considerable scholarly and conservative credentials to the ongoing debate on the conduct of the war.

Diamond said he shares the Bush administration's goal of promoting democracy in the Middle East. However, he indicated that he and other democracy scholars opposed the war because unilateral U.S. military action has a poor record of success in promoting democracy.

"If you look at the record of American engagement in Latin America," he said, "if you look at the record of America's engagement in other parts of the developing world—when we have intervened unilaterally, and at times covertly, without a real partnership with people in these societies struggling for freedom and democracy—we have tended to be unsuccessful, even notoriously unsuccessful, and even profoundly resented no matter what our intentions may have been."

He said the U.S. achieves better results, albeit more slowly, when it works in partnership rather than through unilateral force. Diamond said that although he believes the Bush administration was sincere in its belief in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, "they had, to some extent, deluded themselves into believing that because they had not fully and fairly weighed all of the intelligence that was available and had come to the conclusions that they then wanted to justify." As it became clear that Iraq had not posed the imminent threat described by the administration, Diamond said, promoting democracy became the primary goal of the war (and had always been the primary goal of some supporters of the war).



# “I cannot tell you with conviction that I think there’s still time for anything to work.”

Larry Diamond

“The logic of our engagement in Iraq depends now on the degree to which we can leave behind a better, more democratic, more stable regime—one that may represent some kind of model for political change elsewhere in the region,” he said.

Diamond offered long odds against success in the effort to create and secure democracy in Iraq. “Given what’s been happening in recent years, we have a number of reasons to be concerned,” he said. He described a political system deeply divided along ethnic and religious lines. He also noted that Taliban-style Islamist rule has replaced Saddam Hussein’s secular totalitarianism in half the country’s provinces.

“You’ve got a new and very frightening form of authoritarian rule emerging in the Shiite south,” Diamond said. “The courts have been swept aside, and these Islamic parties have set up their own de facto courts, Islamic Sharia courts, in which their clerics rule and mete out penalties, frequently very harsh ones, throwing people into their secret prisons for drinking alcohol, wearing jeans, not wearing the Hijab—the veil that covers the entire head and neck—or dressing immodestly in some other way.”

Add to these problems increasingly violent nationalist resistance, ethnic civil war, suicide bombings, assaults by sectarian militias and death squads, ethnic cleansing, and criminal violence, and it becomes clear that the U.S. can’t remain in Iraq indefinitely, Diamond said. He warned that an arbitrary, accelerated withdrawal would allow Iraq to descend into “all-out civil war—a civil war that will look like Lebanon at its worst moments, that will take tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of lives and could burn for years because

of the virtual certainty that neighboring states would intervene on behalf of their religious brethren.” The resulting regional war, he said, would be “an unbelievable boon for al-Qaida throughout the region, a tremendous spur for international terrorism and a security nightmare for the United States of America that, frankly, dwarfs what we see now.”

So, how can the Bush administration achieve its goals in Iraq?

“I cannot tell you with conviction that I think there’s still time for anything to work,” Diamond said. “I fear it is simply too late. But I know that the stakes for the United States are so great that we cannot resign ourselves to failure, collapse, humiliation and disintegration in Iraq.”

Diamond said the best hope lies in stabilization of the nascent Iraqi government through power sharing, compromise and consensus between opposing Iraqi factions. “There is no consensus in Iraq on what the country should look like,” he said. “The Sunnis believe it should be a substantially unitary state. The Kurds would like to have independence, and the Shia would like to have a semi-independent region of Shiastan—an Islamic state spanning the nine southern provinces, which would, coincidentally, control 80 percent of Iraq’s oil and gas wealth.”

Diamond said the sectarian divisions and competition for oil and gas wealth contribute significantly to the “unviability” of the current government. The constitution, he said, created a central government so weak that it cannot control the sectarian violence tormenting the country. The constitution also gives regional authorities control over all future oil and gas wells,

leaving behind the Sunnis, who inhabit the resource-poor middle of the country.

“They’ll never accept this deal on oil and the radical devolution of power,” Diamond said of the Sunnis.

The various factions reached a compromise in time to adopt the constitution last year, but at the heart of the compromise was an agreement to review the resource-control issues once the Iraqi parliament had been formed. Diamond said he is now hearing that, “all of a sudden, the Kurds and Shia have lost interest in this constitutional review process beyond some minor technical adjustments that need to be made.”

Diamond concluded, “we are not breaking the impasse simply by getting a new government. There are fundamental ideological and sectarian divisions that still separate the members of this government. There are fundamental differences in vision of the country’s political future. There is profound distrust, and unless this can be bridged, mediated and compromised in coming months, the country is headed toward a civil war.”

What can the U.S. do to intervene if Iraq deteriorates into all-out civil war? In answer to that question, Diamond paraphrased U.S. Army Col. H. R. McMasters, one of the most historically astute, successful and respected U.S. military officers in Iraq: “Nothing,” he said. ■

*Washington Post* columnist David Broder, center, visits the *Samford Crimson* newsroom with, from left, Kimberly Holland, Jan Andrew and Christopher Smith.



# ‘A Real Challenge’

Post Columnist David Broder Discusses  
‘Broken Political System,’ Press Responsibilities

Broder, left, chats with journalism professor Jon Clemmensen, center, and advertising executive Bob Luckie III at the Robinson Forum reception.

**W**ashington Post political columnist David Broder told a Samford University audience that both journalism and politics are facing “a real challenge to their leadership” in present-day America.

“The thing that is so clear is that there is a real hunger for politicians who will look beyond the next election,” Broder said. “In journalism, the hope is for a product that will serve the public and not only the bottom line.”

Broder spoke April 12 at the first Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum, a program honoring the late Samford graduate who went on to a standout career with *The Washington Post* and other journalistic entities. *The Post* joined Samford in establishing what will be an annual lectureship.

In a talk entitled “The Press and Politics: The Current Mess,” Broder noted that it was “a good time to be out of Washington” because Congress had adjourned without “bringing rationality to immigration laws” and without adopting a budget, and the war in Iraq was causing continuing concern.

“The president and Congress are finding that they have historically low ratings with the public,” he said. “And the Democrats are rather tongue-tied about offering any alternative to Republican measures.”

People are looking for hope, he said, but “we are all paying the price for a broken political system.”

At the same time, the press faces challenges because of “enormously widened choices available to people and changed economic realities,” said Broder, whose





column is syndicated in more than 300 newspapers internationally.

He noted that times had changed from the days when many newspapers and television stations were family-owned. "Now, most news organizations are part of much larger companies, and this makes it harder to know who is responsible for the news product.

"Good journalism is very expensive because it is labor-intensive," he said. "It takes time to produce. But who is going to pay the bill? Web sites are not now producing big revenues. Internet news is free."

Broder said people use Internet news as a headline service, looking for a quick summary.

"Speed is the most important thing, but speed is the opposite of care," he said. "The editing responsibility [in journalism] is critical."

To help maintain a quality news product, Broder believes the Internet must pay part of the cost of newsgathering.

Members of the press "are all part of a private, profit-making business that renders a public service," Broder reminded his audience. He said it had two basic responsibilities: providing information to citizens and monitoring government.

"This provides the rationale for exempting news companies from regulation by government," he noted. "The nation's founders took a gamble on a free press, and this places an exceptional burden of responsibility on proprietors."

As part of the Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum, Broder and *Post* deputy managing editor Milton Coleman spoke to Samford journalism classes. *The Post* also will sponsor a two-week internship for a Samford journalism student each spring. Junior Megan Voelkel, editor of the *Samford Crimson* who introduced Broder, was selected as the first recipient of the internship (see separate story).

Robinson, a 1965 Samford graduate, joined *The Post* in 1969 and covered the Watergate trials of the mid-1970s. Later, the Dora, Ala., native was editor of the *National Law Journal*, America's largest legal newspaper. He died in 2003 from complications following cancer surgery.

Robinson's widow, Jan Andrew, and other family members were on hand for the first Robinson Forum. ■



Megan Voelkel works at her desk in the *Washington Post* newsroom.

## First Washington Post Internship Tops Off Rewarding Year for Megan Voelkel

Megan Voelkel is not sure when her fascination with journalism began, but she knows one thing: It has grown and grown since she served as assistant editor of her high school yearbook in Madison, Miss.

"During that time, I realized how much I enjoyed writing stories and putting together a publication," she said. "I decided journalism would be an appropriate major for someone like me, someone who likes to read, write and constantly learn."

The past school year underscored her fascination with journalism. First, the junior served as editor of the *Samford Crimson*. Then, she was selected the first recipient of a two-week internship at *The Washington Post* provided through the Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum at Samford.

"My experience as editor of the *Crimson* has been overwhelming, the most rewarding experience of my college career," she said. She spent long hours working with the staff week after week, meeting such goals as a layout redesign, an increased page count and greater student involvement.

"Despite the hours spent achieving those goals, I can't express how incredible it is to see students around campus reading the

product of our work every Wednesday," she said.

She described her *Post* experience as "quite surreal," saying she never imagined walking into the newsroom or spending two weeks there.

Following her *Post* internship, Voelkel attended the Bloomberg College Newspaper Editors leadership conference at Columbia University in New York City. Then she returned to Birmingham to work as an editorial intern at *Cooking Light* magazine for the rest of the summer.

Her long-term goal as a journalist, she said, is "to tell people's stories, with the hope that those stories can make some difference, no matter how small." Journalists have an extraordinary responsibility to the public, she believes.

Voelkel would like to be published in a national magazine or newspaper, but she added: "I don't consider success to be the product of high circulations or awards. I think it's being satisfied with yourself and the contributions you are able to make." ■



Marla and Thomas Corts enjoy their retirement dinner April 20.



# Saluting the Corts Presidency

Board Names Retiring Leader President Emeritus



George and Pat Scofield chat with Marla Corts.



Samford University faculty, staff, trustees, overseers and other friends gathered on a spring evening to recognize retiring President and Mrs. Thomas E. Corts for their “incalculable impact” on Samford and its people.

The Cortses were saluted for their 23 years at Samford, a period marked by numerous milestones in the University’s history. More than 600 attended the elegant dinner April 20 at Birmingham’s Sheraton Hotel. Included were the presidents of 10 Southern Baptist universities around the nation, the mayors of Homewood and Vestavia Hills, and representatives of Birmingham, Jefferson County and the Alabama Senate.

Dr. Rick Lance, executive director of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, caught the spirit of the evening in his opening prayer, noting, “We are thankful for the lives and contributions of Tom and Marla Corts. Together they have made an incalculable impact on our lives and on our beloved university family at Samford.”

Samford University Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Stevens outlined building progress made since Corts announced in April 2005 that he would retire this year. “Everywhere you go on campus, there are holes, equipment, construction workers . . . it is impossible to miss the good things that are happening at Samford.”

Stevens mentioned the new music recital hall approaching completion, new parking areas and heating plants, a new tennis center underway, and site preparation for the Pete Hanna Arena (*see page 6*).

“All of this is possible because of the visionary leadership of Tom Corts . . . and the generosity of so many people,” said Stevens.

After announcing the board’s action to name the arena for Hanna, Stevens said the board recognized that Corts holds a distinctive place in the life of Samford. “As a token of the perpetual

affection of the Samford community, the trustees voted unanimously to recognize Dr. Corts as Samford’s president emeritus, effective June 1,” Stevens said.

Samford trustee John Pittman—one of several speakers—reminded the audience that “our mission at Samford is to combine faith and learning.” Retired law professor Albert Brewer noted that Corts brought with him “a deep appreciation for what Samford represented in Christian higher education” when he arrived in 1983 and thanked Corts “for his faithful and effective leadership in this noble cause.”

University Professor and retired Provost William Hull said that, “rather than haranguing us with a lot of holy words,” Corts “simply lived out among us, with becoming modesty, a life of ceaseless labors done, not for fame or fortune, not for power or pleasure, but ‘for God’ and for him alone.”

Samford graduate Eric Motley, director of the Office of International Visitors for the U.S. State Department, praised Corts as a man “committed to a cause, devoted to this place of learning.” Motley said he was “led to great ideas and even more to a greater sense of self” as a Samford undergraduate.

Alabama Governor Bob Riley sent a taped message praising Corts’ leadership

of Samford and the Alabama constitutional reform movement. The message appeared on four giant screens around the Sheraton ballroom.

Elouise Williams, a member of the Samford University Board of Overseers, described the Corts era as “a 23-year ministry representing a giant leap for the mission of Samford University.”

Responding to the tributes, Corts quoted Thomas Carlyle, who said, “Blessed is he who has found his work. He needs no other blessedness.” Corts said he was “a blessed man to have been able to do what I always wanted to do.”

The retiring president said a friend, J. A. Warren, told him in 1983 when he was thinking of moving to Samford: “At age 41, if you go to Samford, you are going to give them the best years of your life.” Corts added, “He was right. I have, and I have no regrets.”

Corts was Alabama’s longest-serving university or college president when he retired May 31. His tenure was noted for significant progress in academic programs, dramatic growth in endowment, construction of more than 30 new buildings, and increased recognition for Samford both regionally and nationally. ■

Diane and Neil Davis visit with Thomas Corts and his granddaughter, Anne Chason Wachter.



# ‘May You Be Blessed with an Authentic Good Life’

Retiring President Thomas E. Corts stressed the importance of “authenticity” to members of the Samford University graduating class May 20. He addressed the class in his final commencement before retiring May 31 after 23 years as Samford’s leader.

“In a world of both cheap and expensive imitations, to be authentic may be the great virtue that magnifies all life’s meaningful experiences and relationships,” Dr. Corts told some 650 seniors and a crowd of about 5,000 at Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena.

Corts used 19th-century Parliament member William Wilberforce, a “relentless voice” against slavery in the British Empire, to illustrate his point.

“Wilberforce’s authenticity would not allow him to invalidate his conscience,” Corts noted, adding that slavery ultimately was abolished in the United Kingdom due largely to his efforts, and this influenced its end in America as well.

“May you be blessed with an authentic good life,” Corts told the seniors. “That is my prayer for each of you.”

The Samford president presented diplomas to 832 graduates on commencement day, including 182 seniors in the separate exercise for Samford’s Cumberland School of Law. That brought to more than 18,000 the number of degrees he awarded as Samford president.

“The quest for authenticity can keep you from that superficial brand of patriotism that substitutes jingoistic slogans and phrases for thought,” Corts

added. “In a nation of single-issue politics, accustomed to sound bites and advertising taglines, a public figure sometimes feels he scores points the more times he can repeat certain phrases like ‘Founding Fathers,’ ‘Ten Commandments,’ ‘Conservative,’ ‘Tough on Crime,’ etc.”

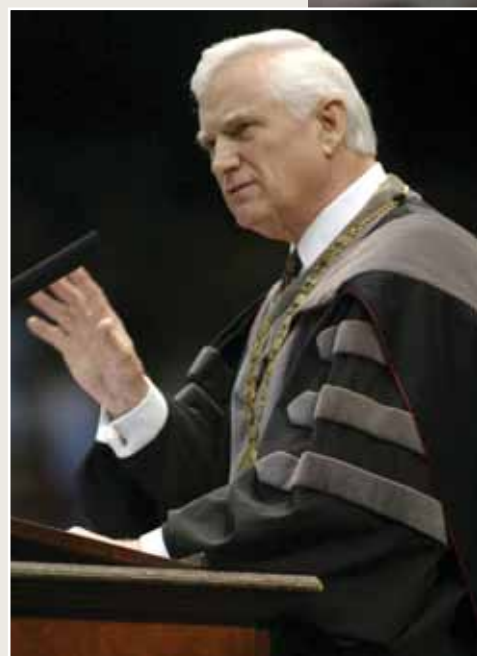
Corts reminded graduates that Samford tried to introduce them to “the joy of helping other people, without any expectation of reward.

“You will find that the basic values of our society depend upon the willingness of good people to render voluntary service,” he said. “I pray your learning at Samford encompasses a desire to serve, to volunteer, to make America work by making your community work; to authenticate your citizenship.”

Saying “genuine faith is all too personal to impose upon anyone,” he urged the seniors to hold whatever faith they held “in sincerity and authenticity.”

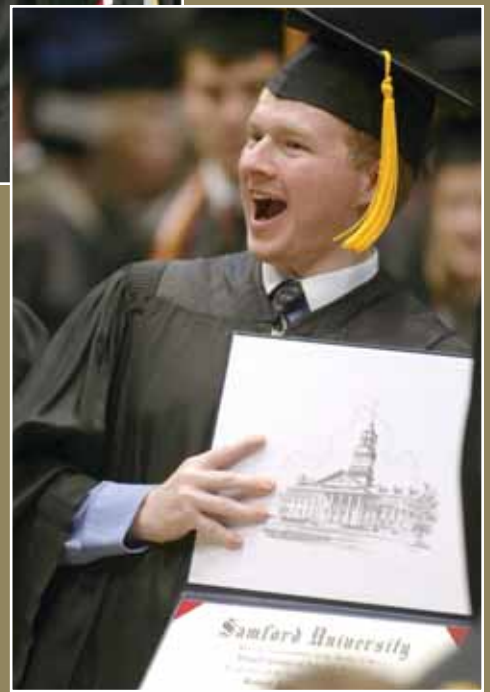
Corts commended the seniors on completing their degrees, “a fine achievement” certifying that they have done “some serious learning and attained certain competencies.” He reminded them that alma mater means “nourishing mother.”

He added, “In that sense, this institution has sought to provide guidance and nurture—intellectual, spiritual, social, physical and personal—that we pray will be useful in shaping your life and character.” ■



Senior Marissa Benjamin, center, and friends listen as President Thomas Corts, above, addresses his final Samford commencement. Melanie Ervin receives one of two John Pittman Spirit Awards, top right. Robert Webster, far right, shows off his diploma.





# New Dean Salutes McWhorter's C

One thing that attracted new Dean Bobby G. Bryant to Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy was its curriculum emphasizing student-centered learning. He referred to the school's efforts "to reach out and embrace practice issues that can assist our educational programs and advance the delivery of health care to society."

Bryant cited as examples McWhorter's programs to set up hypertension and diabetes screening clinics in Perry County, and its efforts to establish community partnerships with the Jefferson County Department of Public Health.

"This indicates a commitment to society that other pharmacy schools just have not come to grips with," said Bryant. "These programs are of immense value to the community and to the students."

Bryant, dean of the Rabbe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, since 1999, will join Samford as pharmacy dean August 1. He succeeds retiring Dean Joseph O. Dean, Jr.

Bryant is a veteran of more than three decades in pharmacy education as a teacher, researcher and administrator. "To see the graduates enter practice and advance the profession is the ultimate gratification for a teacher," he said.

Before being named dean at Ohio Northern, Bryant was scholar-in-residence at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Alexandria, Va., during 1998-99, and a professor and department chair of pharmacy practice at Albany College of Pharmacy in New York from 1986 until 1996. Bryant then served as interim president and dean at Albany during 1996-98.

He practiced in the Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery at Albany, concentrating on research in transdermal delivery of drugs into newborns. The process uses a patch to "bypass the gastrointestinal system of an infant in the delivery of drugs into the system, relieving the stress that caustic drugs can cause in a newly born child's stomach or intestines," he said.

Bryant said he had remained close to his research area only through literature during the past decade, when he was concentrating on administration. Even though administration will continue to be his emphasis, he said he would enjoy serving as an occasional guest lecturer in Samford's pediatric pharmacy course sometime in the future.

[Bobby G. Bryant will become Samford's pharmacy dean August 1.](#)





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The new Samford dean was a faculty member at Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1971 until 1986.

Bryant was born in Memphis, Tenn., and earned his B.S. in pharmacy and doctor of pharmacy degrees from the University of Tennessee there. However, his father was in the Air Force, and he lived in numerous locations growing up.

“I graduated from grade school in Panama and high school in Tokyo,” he said.

“I had a close cousin who was a pharmacist who introduced me to the many avenues one could follow with a pharmacy education,” Bryant said. “I have never regretted my decision. I have been blessed with many mentors that have advised, criticized and truly cared for my development. I hope to leave such a legacy.”

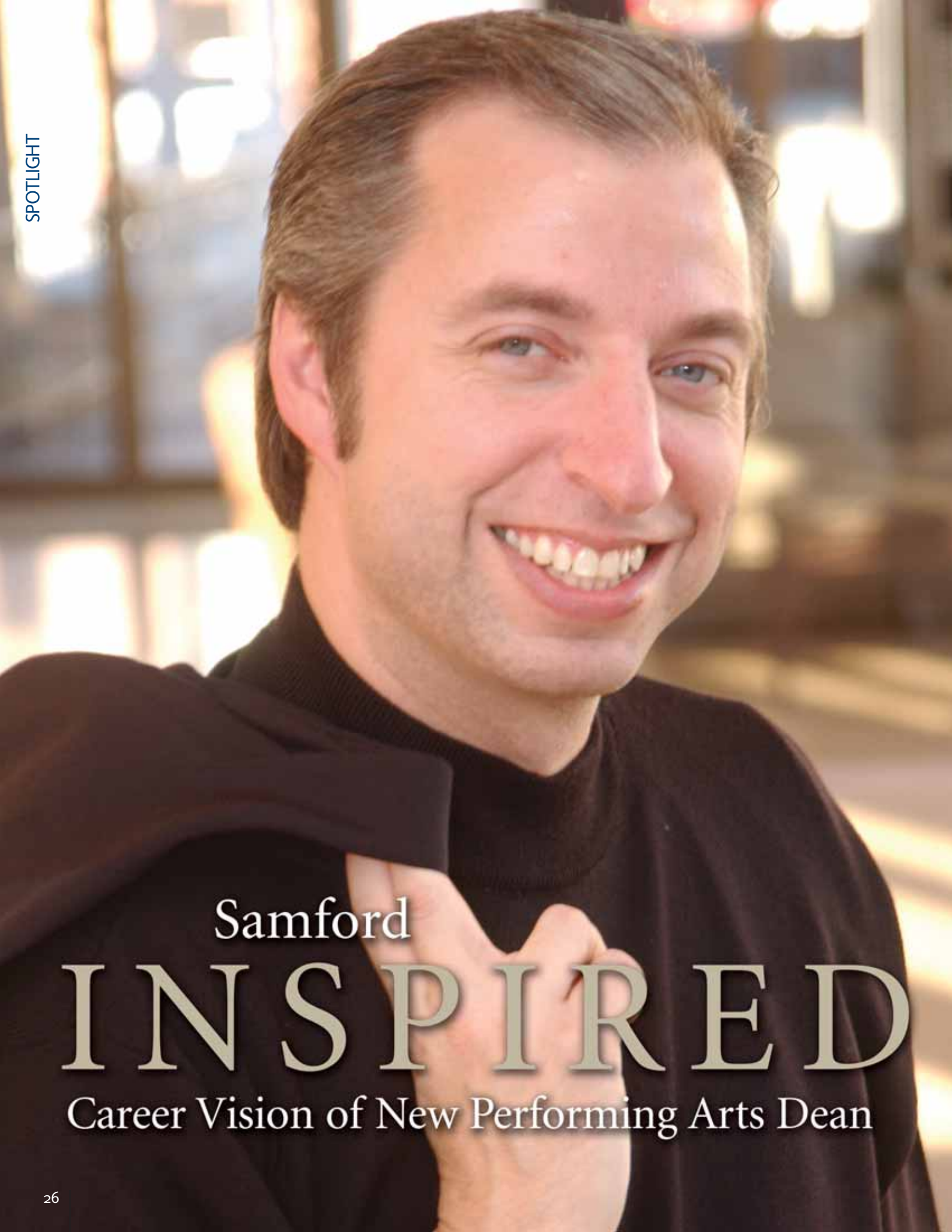
Samford Provost J. Bradley Creed announced Bryant’s appointment to the Samford pharmacy faculty May 5. He said Bryant’s selection culminated an extensive search and interview process that began last summer after Dr. Dean announced his retirement.

“Dr. Bryant, throughout the process, has received an enthusiastic recommendation from the members of the search committee, strong endorsements from references and fellow workers, and encouraging feedback from the entire McWhorter School of Pharmacy community,” said Dr. Creed. “He brings to this position a wealth of experience in the field of pharmacy education, and I am looking forward to working with him as he assumes the position of dean.”

Creed said Bryant had the opportunity to meet with Samford President-elect Andrew Westmoreland, and that Dr. Westmoreland’s support for Bryant’s candidacy had been important in the selection process.

In addition to his pharmacy degrees, Bryant holds the M.S. in clinical research design and statistical analysis from the H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Bryant said he and his wife, Irene, are looking forward to becoming involved in the culture and activities of Samford. He likes the fact that it is a faith-based school, as is Ohio Northern. He added that he would enjoy “returning to the semester system (most Ohio schools are based on quarters) and returning to the South.” ■



Samford

# INSPIRED

Career Vision of New Performing Arts Dean



When he was 18 years old, Joseph Hopkins turned down a full scholarship to Georgia Tech, where he planned to study aerospace engineering and pursue a career as an astronaut. Why did he change his mind?

"I fell in love with a place called Samford University, and decided I wanted to teach music, serve in music ministry and even consider the idea of becoming a college administrator at a Baptist institution," he said in May.

Scholarships took him to a Baptist college in his home state, and he went on to earn a bachelor of music cum laude with honors in vocal performance from Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

Now, the story has come full circle. Hopkins, dean of the Petrie School of Music at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., since 2002, has been named dean of the Samford School of Performing Arts. He succeeds retiring Dean Milburn Price July 1.

Hopkins said he looked forward to teaching and serving as an administrator at the same university that inspired his career vision.

"I have always hoped to be a part of something truly extraordinary and something that makes a difference in God's kingdom," he said. "Samford offers the opportunity to marry the quest for excellence in academics and faith."

At Converse, Hopkins led the nation's only comprehensive school of music at a women's college. It offers degrees in music performance, composition, theory, history, education, business, therapy and liberal studies.

During Hopkins' tenure, the school increased its undergraduate and graduate enrollments, drew larger audiences to its variety of programs, created a sold-out subscription series and operated with a budget in the black after nearly a decade in the red.

Hopkins said "following in the footsteps of a veritable legend such as Dr. Milburn Price is no small feat." He hopes to build on the progress of the School of Performing Arts begun during Price's tenure.

"We will put a great deal of energy into student recruiting and audience/patron development," Hopkins said. "I believe there are opportunities for the School of Performing Arts to enhance international connections, expand its presence on campus, and enhance relationships with churches and institutions across the Southeast."

The new dean said the new recital hall will provide a first-rate performance space for students, faculty and guest artists.

"It is a signal to educators, musicians and prospective students that the School of Performing Arts at Samford is on the move," he said.

Since 2005, Hopkins has served as artistic director and dean of the Harlaxton International Chamber Music Festival, which he founded at Converse. The festival in Harlaxton, England, will begin its inaugural season in the summer of 2007.

"I hope to involve many Samford students and faculty," Hopkins said. "The festival is a three-week program guided by a faculty of distinguished American artist/teachers and selected international guest artists. Young-artist chamber groups will receive daily coaching and perform in a variety of venues in England."

Harlaxton Manor is a historic 19th-century estate that serves as the residence and primary performance venue for instrumentalists and singers desiring an intensive chamber-music experience.

Hopkins has performed in numerous opera and concert productions. He performed the title role of Figaro in the production of *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, which received first place in the 2000 National Opera Association production awards. He has performed with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, the Madrid Chamber Orchestra and numerous others.

"I love to perform," he said, "but it was my heart for ministry and worship that brought me to the idea of studying music. Whether singing on the stage in Rome, Italy, or just a Sunday evening service with our dear church family, I count all these experiences a privilege."

Hopkins was chair of the music department at the University of Evansville during 2000–02. He served as head of the choral and vocal division, and director of Opera at Evansville during 1996–2000, and as assistant professor at Evansville during 1991–96. He served as associate professor of music at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, during 1997–99.

Hopkins holds the doctor of music in vocal performance from Indiana University and the master of music in vocal performance from Baylor University, in addition to his degree from Shorter College. ■



Dr. Joseph Hopkins, left, performs the role of Figaro in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, at right.

# CELEBRATING

## Dean Lauded for Service to McWhorter School of Pharmacy

As retiring president Thomas E. Corts reflected recently on some of Samford's accomplishments during his tenure, he cited the work of McWhorter School of Pharmacy and its retiring dean, Joseph O. Dean, Jr.

"For pharmacy to be recognized for the great international dimension it has added and some of the creative things they have done . . . is most gratifying," Dr. Corts said. These and other achievements were recalled during an April 8 retirement dinner for Dean.

Almost 400 attended the gala event at Vestavia Hills Country Club. Samford faculty, administrators, staff and other friends joined pharmacy alumni and students in paying tribute to Dean's years of service.

The 1962 Samford pharmacy graduate retired May 31 after 25 years at his alma mater, the last 15 as pharmacy dean. Under his leadership, the school implemented the entry-level doctor of pharmacy program, embraced Total Quality Management principles in teaching and administration, created an international reputation, and became McWhorter School of Pharmacy with a transforming gift from alumnus Clayton McWhorter '55.

McWhorter was among those who spoke during the salute to Dean's leadership.

Dean is proud that McWhorter made a global impact. The international program began with a January term course Dean taught on pharmacy and health care in Great Britain, and ultimately grew to include relationships with pharmacy schools in Japan, Korea and China.

One of the schools, Meijo University in Nagoya, Japan, awarded Dean an honorary doctor of pharmacy degree last fall, recognizing his efforts in international pharmacy education. ■



Retiring Pharmacy Dean Joe Dean, left, enjoys his retirement dinner April 8. Above, pharmacy alumnus Francois Coutu '81 and his daughter, Marie-Helene, chat with Joe and Carol Dean in the reception line.



# RETIREMENT

## Words of Price Hymn Help Celebrate Retirement for Performing Arts Dean

It was appropriate that the words of “Believers All, We Bear the Name” rang out near the close of a May 13 retirement dinner for School of Performing Arts Dean Milburn Price, for it was Price who composed the hymn in 1986.

Price based the words on Hebrews 13:15, “Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise.” As Price retires after 13 years as dean of Samford’s performing arts school, he plans a hymn-writing project called “Singing a Response to the Parables.” Each hymn will provide an opportunity for a congregation to sing a response to the teachings in the parables.

Friends, colleagues and current and former students gathered to celebrate Price’s “well-conducted career.” He retired May 31.

The dinner at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, where he formerly was part-time minister of

music, featured a symphony of speeches and songs by friends and colleagues who recognized the honoree’s talents and longtime commitment to music and Christian education.

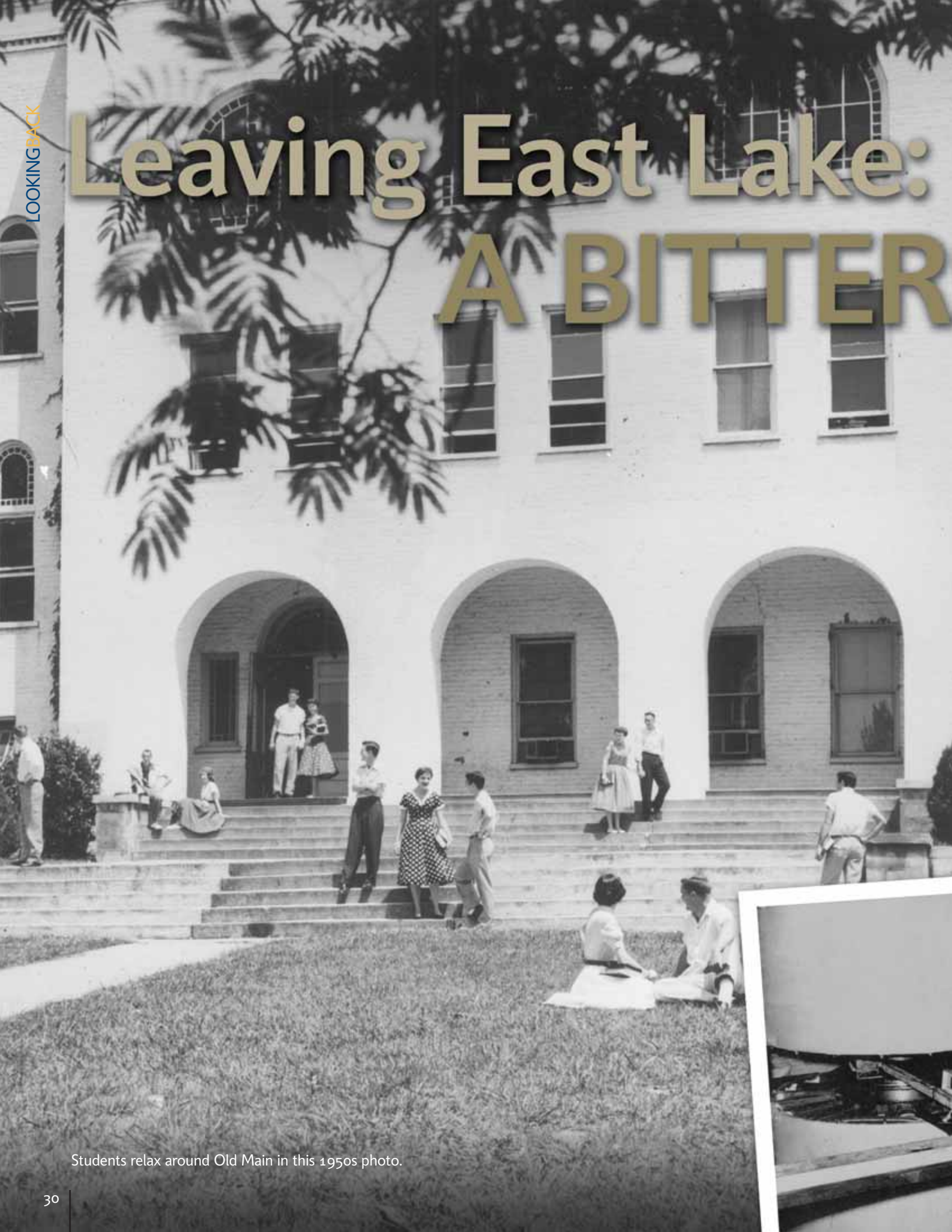
Price leaves an imposing legacy. He led the school through a name change, expansion of academic offerings, enhanced scholarship funding and the near-completion of an \$8 million recital hall. Hired as School of Music dean in 1993, he assumed his present role in 2001 when music and Samford’s Department of Theatre merged and a new major, musical theatre, was born.

Price nurtured the Samford Orchestra over the years and led the Samford A Cappella Choir on triumphal tours of Russia in 2001 and in 2004, and to China in 2006. ■



Retiring Performing Arts Dean Milburn Price, left, greets friends at his May 13 dinner. Above, Price receives a memento from music professor Bill Bugg.

# Leaving East Lake: A BITTER



Students relax around Old Main in this 1950s photo.



# SWEET YEAR

by Sean Flynt

**T**alk of leaving Howard College's East Lake campus began almost as soon as the college arrived in 1887. Local boosters had made offers of land as incentive for Howard's relocation but failed to honor their agreements. The dreams of a magnificent new campus quickly faded.

Each new president led campus improvement projects, renovating old buildings and constructing new ones, but by 1920, it was clear that Howard could not reach its full potential within the constraints of the East Lake campus. President Charles Bray Williams (1919–21) led a failed campaign to relocate the college, then resigned under intense pressure from East Lake loyalists.

The next great campaign for relocation of Howard College came immediately after WWII, when the college was flush with cash and students. Seeing that Howard must soon relocate or simply stop growing, President Harwell Goodwin Davis set aside income from the U.S. Navy V-12 program Howard hosted during the war. Those funds, new tuition income from the GI Bill and donations from loyal state Baptists allowed the college to finally buy enough new

land to match the vision for a "greater Howard." In the summer of 1947, the college purchased 225 acres of land on Lakeshore Drive. A decade later, the new campus was ready for occupation though far from complete.

Howard's last academic year in East Lake, 1956–57, was bittersweet. Howard would soon leave its aging and overcrowded facilities, but also would leave the community that had sustained it for 70 years. Davis, at that point the longest-serving president in Howard's history, also announced that he would retire at the end of the college's first year at its new campus.

In spite of the momentous changes on the horizon, the last year in East Lake would be instantly recognizable to anyone familiar with Samford traditions. Students occupied their time with clubs, varsity and intramural athletics, homecoming decorations, parties, pageants, theatre and, as always, academic classes.

March provided comic relief. Track coach Howard Foote dressed in drag to play in the student/faculty basketball game, and a rare March snowstorm led to expected student high jinks—"Dr. [Harry] Sarkiss [history professor] finally dismissed his class after they pelted him with snowballs," according to the 1957 *Entre Nous*.

On May 27, Howard held its final East Lake graduation ceremonies at Ruhama Baptist Church, the college's spiritual home. The poignancy of the moment was not lost on the seniors. "We were the last graduating class from Howard College at East Lake," one senior wrote in *Entre Nous*, "and we knew there would never be another class exactly like us, nor another campus like this—and there never will be." ■

During Rat Week 1956, top, Judy Ferris and Head Rat Max Gartman wear Rat Hats and display the notorious Rat Rock. Rat Week rules gave upperclassmen the right of inspection-on-demand of freshmen with the rock. Gartman later joined Howard College's faculty and became head of Samford's Department of Foreign Languages.

Student Shui Fong Yeung poses with Howard College's home-grown atom-smasher—the South's first cyclotron.





Albert Brewer enjoyed successful careers in government and the law before engaging in a third career—university professor—at Samford University. He served as distinguished professor of law and government from 1987 until retiring in 2005. He also worked with Samford President Thomas Corts to found the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama [PARCA] at Samford in 1988.

After earning his law degree, Brewer was elected to the Alabama legislature in 1954 and later was named speaker of the house. He ran successfully for lieutenant governor in 1966, and in 1968, became governor of Alabama upon the death of Governor Lurleen Wallace from cancer.

Historians rate Brewer as a progressive, and some call him Alabama's only New South governor in the 20th century. He lost his bid for re-election to George Wallace in the spring of 1970, when Wallace was accused of running the most racist campaign in state history.

During this gubernatorial election year in Alabama, Brewer shared thoughts about his career in politics and higher education with a recent Samford audience. The following interview is excerpted from that session.

**When did you become interested in politics?**

I don't know when I haven't been interested in government. I remember as just a boy in Decatur reading the newspaper about the state legislature, the federal government and things that were going on nationally. I had an uncle in Mississippi who loved politics. He probably influenced me more than I realized. He served as a supervisor (county commissioner). One of the things he was proudest of—and he had virtually no education—was helping to create Northeast Mississippi Junior College. From that experience, I saw how people in politics could serve and meet needs that existed for people.

Former Alabama Governor Albert Brewer taught at Samford's Cumberland School of Law for 18 years before retiring in 2005.



# 'Full Time for Alabama'

## Brewer's Catchy Slogan Rankled Wallace

by William Nunnolley

Q&A

### **How old you were when you were first elected to the Alabama legislature?**

When I won the primary, I was 25. I had a birthday before I took office, so I was 26 when I became a member of the legislature.

### **Did you know much about Montgomery?**

I had been through there one time. We had two representatives in Morgan County. Another young lawyer ran for the other place. During the campaign, one of his opponents would get up at political rallies and say, "Why, if you elect one of these young fellows to the legislature, he won't even know where the capitol is." Little did he know how truthful that statement was.

### **Later, you served as speaker of the house and lieutenant governor. How would you describe those roles?**

They provide an interesting contrast. The speaker can pretty much determine the life or death of legislation, because of the power to appoint committees, select chairpersons and assign bills to committee. The lieutenant governor is president of the senate but not a member of any committee. Other than presiding over the senate, the lieutenant governor does not take an active role in the proceedings. The only time I injected myself was when we were at an impasse.

### **What were your thoughts upon being sworn in as governor following Lurleen Wallace's death?**

There was the thought of sadness. She and I were friends. I had been lieutenant governor with her. She and my wife, Martha, were friends. They never talked about politics. They talked about children and home and school, and things that mothers and wives talk about. We just had a very warm and harmonious relationship, so there was a sense of grief. Frankly, I knew she was very ill, but I didn't know her death was imminent at the time.

### **What else?**

Anxiety, I suppose, because of the awesome responsibility. The first thing I did

officially was to declare a 30-day period of mourning and to announce that I would take no public action during that period. This gave us some breathing room to put together our cabinet, our staff, and get some sense of direction.

### **Why is your term as governor viewed as such a progressive era?**

When I went to the legislature in 1954, there were probably 20 or 25 of us newly elected legislators who had been in school together. We had known each other and had a lot of common interests, such as education. Most of us were young parents. We were interested in education, in progress, in seeing the state grow economically. So, we turned our efforts in that direction. When I became governor, it was my chance to try to develop and promote some of the progressive agenda.

### **What did you do?**

In 1969, we had a special session for education. We not only raised a lot of money for education, but also restructured education. [We wanted] more education for our money. The legislature bought into the program, and we were able to get that enacted. That's the last major education program we've had in Alabama, and that was 37 years ago.

### **What about constitution reform?**

We created a constitutional revision commission. The commission reported in 1973, and I was long gone [as governor] by then. Subsequent legislatures didn't do anything with it, but that commission made a recommendation for a new constitution, and it's out there today. If the people adopted that constitution today, we'd be so much better off.

**Constitution reform has been discussed since not long after the 1901 constitution was written. But the 1901 document is still in effect, the nation's most unwieldy constitution with more than 700 amendments. Why is that?**

Governor Emmet O'Neal talked about its problems as early as 1915, but the legislature is absolutely arrogant in its

reaction to proposals to revise the constitution. Dr. [Thomas] Corts and I were among several testifying in favor of a bill to revise the constitution several years ago. The legislature was so arrogant that they killed it by voice vote, so we didn't even know who voted for it or had any inclination to support it.

### **Why does the legislature act that way?**

I suppose they feel comfortable doing it because they don't have a groundswell of support for constitutional reform back home. If we're ever able to generate that kind of support, then they'll be responsive.

### **Will Alabama reach 1,000 constitutional amendments?**

Probably.

### **What else did you implement as governor?**

We created the Alabama Development Office, putting all our federal programs, all the economic development/industrial development programs under this one development umbrella. That continues in effect today and has served the state very well.

### **You used an old-style campaign in 1970 that attempted to get to every county seat. Talk a little about that campaign.**

Well, it was the last campaign where the candidates really went to the people. My opponent in 1970 was almost an idol in this state—George Wallace—[with tremendous] grassroots support. We wanted to get to small communities as well as urban areas, and we undertook to make eight or nine appearances a day.

### **How did it work?**

A fellow devised a truck for us with panels that let down to form a stage. It would go in and set up about 30 minutes before I would come. Our band, Borderline, would play about 15 minutes. Then I would roll in, speak for 15 minutes and go into the crowd to shake hands. While I was shaking hands, they would bundle up and take off to the next stop. We did that eight or nine times a

day, every day, for seven weeks. It was a killer. I wanted to emphasize I was young and energetic, and so we were just everywhere. People turned out, and you sort of feed on the emotion.

**Your opponent, George Wallace, had run for president twice and was planning to again. Tell us about your slogan, “Full Time for Alabama.”**

We wanted to show the contrast. I would be governor. I would be here full-time. I wouldn't be off running for president or something. We talked about “Full Time for Alabama” and “Alabama First.” We surveyed to determine which one people liked best. I've never confessed this, but the majority liked “Alabama First.” But we overrode it—I guess I ultimately have the responsibility for it—and went to “Full Time for Alabama.” It just seemed to fit what we were about better than anything else.

**How did it play in the campaign?**

At the kick-off speech in Decatur on live television, statewide, I got about one sentence into the speech and the crowd started chanting, “Full Time. Full Time.” For three or four minutes, I couldn't even talk. There was this crescendo of sound. “Full Time, Full Time.” It caught on. We would get reports back that it really needled Wallace. It got under his skin so bad and he started making public statements, “Well, I'll be full-time, too.” I don't know if anybody believed that.

**What do you remember about the campaign?**

It was a fun time, a pleasurable time, a rewarding time, a humbling time. You think of people putting their faith and confidence in you to go do this job for them. We had begun the Medicaid Program the year before. I remember being in Clanton, in a parking lot shaking hands, and there was a little

man who came up—he had to be in his 70s, wrinkled and everything. He reached in his pocket and pulled out a prescription bottle. He said, “You got this for me.” It still gets to me emotionally now.

**You led the first primary against Wallace, but he won the runoff. You returned to Decatur in the late '70s. What brought you to Samford?**

There have been certain times in my life when I have felt very directly God's touch and leadership in things. Decatur is my hometown, and we loved it. But about 1985, Martha and I began to sense a restlessness about what we were doing. In the spring of 1987, I spoke at a luncheon kicking off the establishment of the Center for the Study of Law and the Church at Samford. Afterward, Dr. Cortis asked, “Have you ever thought about teaching?” He asked if I had any interest in coming to Samford to teach and be involved in a public policy initiative.

**What happened then?**

I drove straight home and told Martha, “I believe the Lord may be leading us in a new direction.” After we talked about it for several days, I called Dr. Cortis back and told him that I would be interested. I came here in the summer of '87 to teach and coordinate the establishment of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama. It's been probably the most rewarding experience of my life.

**Why is that?**

The total picture of everything that Samford is. I love teaching. I love the young people. I love contributing to government through PARCA. Working with Dr. Cortis has been just an unbelievable experience. I don't think I've ever known anyone that I respect more than him. I was active here 18 years until I retired last year, and it seems like about three. It just flew by.

**You have said when you were in Montgomery, you always had good information on one side of an issue, but rarely on both sides. Has PARCA changed that?**

*A youthful Governor Albert Brewer visits the Samford campus in 1968.*

It has. When I was in the legislature, the proponents of a bill would come and talk to us—these are lobbyists, folks—and then the opponents would come and talk to us and they'd give their best case. You'd figure, well, the truth must be somewhere in between. It didn't change when I became governor. These were the only sources of information that we had, people who represented the interests that were involved.

**What does PARCA do?**

PARCA's responsibility is to develop accurate, nonpartisan, reliable information and to make it available for all policymakers. We don't tell them what to do. We just say, “Here are the facts. You need to have this to make a good decision in this matter.”

**Looking back on more than a half-century of Alabama politics, what stands out in your mind?**

The first thing is that the more things change, the more they stay the same. When I went to the legislature in 1954, the dominant issue facing the legislature was education. Not much change, is there? In social programs, the big thing was old-age pensions; the candidates for governor would try to out-bid each other on old-age pensions. Transportation. We still talk about road building. We see the same kind of thing in national politics as well.

**Remember any funny stories campaigning?**

When the governor's race began, Martha got busy campaigning. She and another woman traveled together. One day, they went in this country store in Lee County. An older woman, one of the owners, decided to have a dip of snuff. Being thoughtful, she said, “Dip, Mrs. Brewer?” I tell you, when you're running, you'll do about anything! But Martha was quick as she could be. She said, “No, thank you. But my traveling companion does.”

**Did anything like that happen to you?**

One day in Daphne, we went in this place that looked like a service station, but it was a tavern, dark and everything. The waitress came over, and she said, “If you'll dance with me, I'll vote for you.” Well, I didn't refer her to my traveling companion. I swung her around.

**You got her vote?**

Yeah. I think she told everybody about us. ■







## Bob and Dot McCombs Use 50th Anniversary as Springboard for Continuing Alumni Reunions

by Jack Brymer

Enjoying the latest McCombs-inspired reunion of Howard College alumni are, from left, standing, Bob McCombs '54, Mary Granger Weston '57, John Kilgore (spouse), Mavis Wilson Zumstein '56, Patsy Grant Stewart '53, Roy Rawls (spouse), Louie Grimes '57, Martha (Pug) Grimes '57, Katie Graham Phillips '55, Don Phillips '55, Ann Bobo Holbrook '57, Eugene DeVane (spouse); seated, Dot Funderburk McCombs '53, Martha Haynie Prisock Rawls '53, Ann Tisdale Belcher '54, Henri-Ann (Hank) Taylor '56, Shirley Caldwell Morrison '56, Jo Owens Kilgore '56 and Ginney Wesley DeVane '54.

While planning their 50th wedding anniversary celebration of December 26, 2004, the Rev. Bob '54 and Dot Funderburk McCombs '53 of Concord, Ga., noticed that the wedding party and many on their guest list were Howard College classmates. As a result, they set out to contact as many on the list as possible.

The effort was a big success. Dot McCombs was able to contact about 20 classmates, most of whom had not seen each other in 50 years. Some came to the anniversary celebration, and the communication sparked a series of reunions that continues to this day.

The most recent gatherings were in Newnan, Ga., in February and Montgomery, Ala., in March, where 19 alumni from the mid-1950s gathered, including spouses.

"We all had to work to get through those days," recalled Katie Graham Phillips of Talladega, Ala., at the Newnan meeting. "Getting together after not seeing each other for 50 years has brought back so many memories."

Dot McCombs, from Tallassee, Ala., met Bob, an East Lake boy, on a mission trip with the Howard Mission Band.

They taught Sunday school at a school for handicapped young people near Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood. Later, Dot became the first secretary employed by Mountain Brook Baptist Church, where W. E. Waterhouse was pastor. Bob would pick her up at work.

A member of the Ministerial Association, Bob participated in the H-Day [Howard Day, now Samford Sunday] program, in which students were invited to preach in churches throughout the state. As a result, he was called as pastor of North Creek Baptist Church in Floral, Ala., where he served during his last two years at Howard.

They were married at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala., by pastor Bill Weaver, who later became president of Mobile College. At the time, Dot was serving as church secretary in Sylacauga. They chose to be married the day after Christmas because so many of their friends were home from seminary and college for the holiday.

Shortly thereafter, they moved to Louisville, Ky., where Bob attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He retired recently after 48 years as a

pastor, the last 31 at Concord Baptist Church. Dot taught school for 31 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Among those she contacted for the 50th anniversary celebration were Ronald Friday, Jon Appleton, Martha Haynie Rawls, Hank Taylor, Jane Mitchell Perkins, Sue Cox Riddle, Jack Harwell, Jean Davis Haynie, Brantley and Joanne Harwell, Jack Whitley, Mary Granger Weston, Blanche Beard Harwell, Ann Tisdale, Shirley Caldwell Morrison, Bill and Lee Baggett, Sara Neal Maddox, Clyde and Eula Finley, Dot Morris, and Dick and Barbara Baker.

Ann Bobo Holbrook of Lincoln, Ala., said getting together with the friends after more than 49 years was great. "Each of us thought we looked younger than the others," she joked.

"We worked hard and sometimes studied hard," Jo Owens Kilgore of Smyrna, Ga., remembered. "I loved the dorm life then, as it gave us the opportunity to get to know each other so well. This was a wonderful time today, picking up after 50 years just like it was yesterday." ■



## First PR Director: Myriad of Jobs Qualified Smith

by Jack Brymer

Shortly after graduating from Howard College in 1960 with a degree in journalism, George Smith was offered a job of assistant director of public relations at Howard by his professor and mentor, Al Scroggins, head of the journalism department and part-time public relations director.

A year later, Scroggins resigned to pursue a Ph.D., and then-president Leslie Wright appointed Smith the school's first full-time public relations director.

What qualified a young man with a year's experience to fill this post?

Part of the answer was a myriad of jobs that taught him a great deal about working with people. His jobs ranged from "salesman of cemetery lots and automobiles to loan collector, Dictaphone repairman, disc jockey, ditch digger, journalist, service station attendant and whenever possible, truck driver," according to a feature on Smith in the *Samford Crimson* of March 15, 1968.

Smith had his own radio talk show in Oneonta, Ala., before he took his first college course. There, "equipped with a tape recorder, Smith would drive all over Blount County, talking to the farmers about ghosts, wild cats, dead people, 'and any other sort of haint' they wanted to talk about," the *Crimson* reported.

"The people had to listen," Smith recalled. "It was their neighbors doing the talking."

A 1951 graduate of Cleveland High School in Blount County, Smith enrolled at Howard in 1955 to take evening classes at the East Lake campus. At the time, he was serving at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Birmingham airport. One of his duties was to help edit *Flight Log*, the unit's news journal.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1956, Smith became a car salesman so he could take more late-afternoon classes at Howard and run for the state legislature from Blount County in 1958.

"I was successfully defeated in my run for the State House of Representatives," he recalled. "I often thank God I did not win and get caught up in that maze of politics that goes on down there. I might have been corrupted and maybe serving time now, except that they rarely put politicians in jail."

Later, Smith worked as a production assistant at WBRC-TV in Birmingham, another job that allowed him to take daytime classes at Howard. He worked on the *Country Boy Eddie Show*, which began at 4 a.m., followed by *Tom York's Morning Show*, which concluded

George Smith won third place in an endurance race in Sebring, Fla., in early 2006. At right, he works out his 1959 Elva Courier at the Barber Motorsports Park track near Birmingham.





Frank Park Samford, left, and George Smith look over Smith's 1970 master's thesis on Alabama Governor William J. Samford, grandfather of the man for whom the university is named. (Photo by Lewis Arnold)

at 9 a.m. After midday classes, it was back to the station for more live shows, as well as the late news and weather.

"Having to work with every kind of person under every condition helped me gain a greater understanding of people," he said. "A person needs to have patience, optimism and a general feel for people in any field, but in public relations, these things are essential if your program is to be successful."

Smith served as PR director for nine years. Along the way, he earned a master of arts degree in history. Reflecting on his tenure, during which time the school became Samford University, he described it as a dream situation for a public relations person. His greatest challenge was to change the impression of 90 percent of the local media and part of the population about Samford.

"The impression of most of the media at the time was that Howard College in East Lake was a small Baptist preacher's college on the outskirts of town in a declining area," he said. "The new campus was a tremendous impetus to begin changing ideas and opinions, even though there were only a few buildings the first few years.

"All of the ingredients for a successful PR campaign were there," he said, "like a giant canvas on which to paint."

Smith painted it well. He introduced Birmingham and Alabama to live radio and television coverage of Howard's football program and its young coach, Bobby Bowden. He brought thousands to the campus for Symphony Under the Stars, live performances of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in a band shell Samford constructed for that purpose. He instituted and directed Samford After Sundown, a community course program that continues to bring people to campus. And he made household names of Samford and its president, Leslie Wright.

The 1963 *Entre Nous* was dedicated to Smith for "his ever-constant smile, his always-alert ear and his constant concern for Howard. . . ."

"I appreciate daily the opportunity I was given at Samford to live the story and tell the story of what Samford University was all about," he said. "To get in on the ground floor of an entirely new era for a wonderful college was a blessing."

Smith continues his association with Samford as a major donor, primarily to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. He and his wife, Janice, reside in Vestavia Hills, Ala. They have one daughter, Meghan Honbarrier.

Smith left Samford in 1970, taking his creative entrepreneurial spirit into banking and other commercial ventures. In the mid-1970s, he acquired several health-care facilities, and in 1979, became founding president and chief executive officer

of Southern Medical Services, Inc., through an employee stock-ownership plan [ESOP].

Beginning with three nursing homes, the company grew to include 49 facilities in eight states. By the time Smith sold the company in 1984, it was the 16th-largest nursing home chain in the U.S. with 4,200 employees. It was 100 percent employee-owned.

Since then, he has served as a marketing consultant, chair of the Village at Cook Springs, Inc., Board, and president/owner of Crossville Healthcare Inc. He is chair of the Board of St. Clair Services, Inc., a nonprofit health-care corporation that identifies and develops resources to promote quality of life for seniors, and to own and operate health-care facilities.

In his spare time, Smith most often can be found behind the wheel of his vintage 1959 Elva Courier Mark M sports car, number 511. Earlier this year, he took third place in the Sebring, Fla., Endurance Race "in the oldest car in the race."

Smith said he has been a "car nut" through the years, but never was able to afford to race.

"I was in my 50s before I ever got time and money to enter the sport on a part-time basis," he said. Now in his 70s, he is making up for lost time. He is licensed to run vintage racing anywhere in the United States.

Smith said, "It's been a fabulous journey so far with lots of stress and fun . . . and I look forward to many more years of the same. I need at least 50 more years to get done what I want to get done."

Based on his performance to date, don't bet against him. ■

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Mr. Victor E. Nichol, Jr.  
Mrs. Marjorie Kay Nix  
Mr. Charles P. Penn  
Mr. Steve Scobee (P)  
Mrs. Jane A. Shannon  
Mrs. Donna D. Snider  
Mr. Jack D. Stewart  
Mr. John M. Taylor (L)  
Mrs. Lee Ann L. Thompson  
Mr. William G. Thompson  
Mrs. Jeanne M. Wear  
Mr. Joseph S. Williams  
Mrs. Phyllis A. Woodall  
Lt. Col. Henry J. Yeackle III  
Mrs. Lois A. Yeackle

**1969**

Mrs. Jo Ann W. Armstrong  
Mrs. Shirley B. Blackston  
Mr. Clovis W. Box  
Mr. William E. Cash, Jr. (P)

Mr. John T. Coleman  
Mr. Thomas W. Cozart  
Mr. Walter R. Crow  
Mr. William P. Crowther (P)  
Mr. John D. Ferry  
Mrs. Cherry H. Fishburne  
Rev. Dr. Gerald C. Hallmark  
Mrs. Charolette Hamby  
Ms. Leslie S. Herrington (L'72)  
Mr. William W. Hicks  
Mrs. Donna Fowler Jackson  
Rev. Joseph G. Mason  
Mrs. Patricia P. Melton  
Mrs. Elaine H. Miller  
Mrs. Cynthia F. Mims  
Mrs. Marilyn W. Pickett  
Mr. Harry A. Richardson  
Mrs. Patsy S. Sandefer  
Mrs. Linda C. Sheikh  
Mrs. Anne G. Stevens  
Mr. R. Whitney Stevens, Jr. (L'75)  
Mrs. Joyce P. Strickland  
Dr. Brenda W. Thomas II  
Mrs. Becky W. Thompson  
Mr. James J. Thompson, Jr. (L)  
Mr. John W. Vick  
Mr. John P. Webb III  
Mrs. June D. Wilhite  
Mrs. Andrea Jo Irwin Williams  
Mrs. Cynthia A. Wise  
Mrs. Marcia E. Wright  
Mr. Frank M. Young III (L)

**1970**

Mr. Jesse M. Bates III  
Mrs. Mary Lynn Bates (L'78)  
Mr. Mac Beale (L)  
Mrs. Jean M. Beistle  
Mr. Conrad C. Bishop, Jr. (L)  
Mr. L. Tem Blalock  
Mrs. Nancy C. Bozeman  
Col. Cheryl A. Brown  
Hon. John C. Calhoun (L'72)  
Mrs. Jenna Cassese  
Mrs. Pam Champion  
Lt. Col. Marvin C. Champion  
Mrs. Charlotte L. Coleman  
Mrs. Haven Weese Conner  
Mrs. Joy Golden Cowley  
Mrs. Catherine M. Davis  
Mrs. Florence S. Dodge  
Mr. James F. Ehl (P)  
Mrs. Vicki B. Gailey  
Mr. R. Jerry Giles  
Ms. Kathy R. Grissom  
Mr. H. Frank Holmes, Jr.  
Dr. Willis E. Howard III  
Dr. Carolyn R. Johnston  
Mr. Wayne M. Kendrick  
Dr. Alan B. Kirk  
Mr. John D. Lee  
Mr. Ron Mims (P)  
Mr. Rex M. Nelson  
Rev. Dr. Charles A. Parker, Jr.  
Mr. James A. Robins  
Mrs. Jeanette G. Rollins  
Mr. David L. Sabin  
Mr. John E. Sager  
Mr. Robert E. Sasser (L)  
Dr. Michael E. Shaw  
Mrs. Dale S. Shepherd  
Mr. Robert B. Stamps (L)

Mrs. Kimeran B. Stevens  
Mr. William J. Stevens  
Mrs. Susan Y. Strain  
Mrs. Kaye W. Sutley  
Mr. Barney E. Thames (P)  
Mr. Phil L. Waldrop  
Dr. Donald R. Wilhite  
Rev. Dr. Philip D. Wise  
Mr. Thomas W. Woods III  
Mr. James E. Wright  
Mrs. Sarah H. Zimmerman

**1971**

Mr. W. C. Attaway  
Mr. Jim R. Bell (P)  
Mr. John M. Burke  
Mr. John S. Creel (L)  
Mr. M. Steven Crew  
Ms. Janice L. Folsom  
Mrs. Lynn G. Fullman  
Mrs. Cynthia M. Garner  
Mr. Craig C. Gault  
Mrs. Kathy H. Gault  
Mr. Robert E. Greene  
Dr. Arnold G. Hammond (P)  
Mr. Tom Helton  
Hon. Sidney Edward Jackson (L'73)  
Dr. H. Marguerite Kelley  
Mrs. J. L. Kirk  
Mrs. Lynne Pickens Lock  
Mrs. Martha C. Lytle  
Mrs. Lee Merrill  
Dr. Curt Newell, Jr.  
Mrs. Janis P. Nichol  
Ms. Linda F. Noa  
Rev. Morris Nunnelley  
Mr. Jackson M. Payne (L)  
Mr. Talmadge A. Payton  
Mr. J. Massey Relfe, Jr. (L)  
Dr. Marlene H. Rikard  
Mrs. Jana J. Shultz  
Capt. Susan M. Stevenson  
Mrs. Jane S. Sturgeon  
Dr. Stanley V. Susina (L)  
Mrs. Juanita S. Tew  
Mr. Terry R. Upton (P)  
Mr. Alvin W. Vogtle III  
Mrs. Cynthia W. Watts

**1972**

Mr. Anthony W. Allen  
Mrs. Susan C. Anderson  
Mrs. Delaine C. Bagby  
Mr. M. David Barber (L)  
Mrs. Ruth C. Barkhurst  
Rev. Rick T. Betz  
Dr. Susan F. Bradley  
Mr. Buddy Brown (L'77)  
Rev. Rick Carpenter  
Mrs. Exa Crew  
Mr. Timothy L. Dillard (L)  
Mr. George P. Ford (L)  
Mr. Billy T. Gamble  
Mr. Norman M. George, Jr.  
Mr. James L. Hart  
Mr. William D. Hasty, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Laura J. Helton  
Mrs. Jan E. Jackson  
Mr. Roy M. Johnson III (L)  
Mrs. Susan B. Johnson  
Hon. Loyd H. Little, Jr. (L)  
Mr. James R. Nolen

Mrs. Regina R. Ontjes  
Mrs. Rebecca J. Pate  
Mr. David L. Peterson  
Ms. Sandra C. Peterson  
Dr. W. Randall Richardson  
Mr. William C. Roedder, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Cheryl R. Rucker  
Mrs. Gloria T. Russell  
Mrs. Ruth S. Sanders  
Mrs. Jill W. Scott  
Mr. Joe B. Simmons (P)  
Mr. Paul N. Smith  
Mrs. M Joy V. Upton  
Mr. David T. Whitt  
Mr. W. Rish Wood  
Mr. Carl M. Zimmerman

**1973**

Mr. Thomas D. Armstrong  
Mr. S. Allen Baker, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Constance L. Bean  
Hon. Quentin Q. Brown, Jr. (L)  
Mr. Henry F. Burge  
Miss Kathryn V. Collins  
Mr. David T. Connelly  
Mrs. Teresa B. Crawford  
Mrs. Jean W. Daugherty (P)  
Mr. Louis H. Dismukes, Jr.  
Mr. Charles E. Drimal, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Sandra C. Drimal  
Mr. Kerry L. Gossett  
Mr. James M. Hand  
Mrs. Angela G. Hughes  
Mrs. Darlene S. Jordan  
Rev. Dr. Rick L. Lance  
Mr. James M. Landreth  
Mr. Sam E. Lawrence III (P)  
Mr. Terry J. Murphy (P)  
Mrs. Marione E. Nance  
Mr. Franklin R. Plummer (L)  
Mrs. Marilyn S. Powe  
Mr. Joe B. Powell (L)  
Mr. Dan Smalley  
Mrs. Susan G. Tucker  
Mr. Thomas E. Walker  
Mr. Tommy W. Whitehead (P)  
Mr. James C. Williams, Jr.

**1974**

Mrs. Sherlyn A. Akins  
Rev. E. Guy Anderson  
Mrs. Suzan K. Armstrong  
Dr. Timothy P. Banks  
Mrs. Wanda Banks  
Mr. Stanley E. Bates  
Mr. R. Michael Booker (L)  
Mr. Christopher P. Brewer (L)  
Mrs. Sharon A. Bull  
Mr. Thomas A. Burch  
Hon. John R. Burgess (L)  
Mr. Gary E. Byram  
Hon. John L. Carroll (L)  
Mr. David R. Caudle (L)  
Dr. David H. Chestnut  
Mr. Cecil M. Cheves (L)  
Mr. J. Carter Clary (L)  
Mr. Gary M. Cooney  
Mr. Ernest L. Cotton (L)  
Dr. Robert F. Crawford  
Dr. Michael J. Daniels  
Mr. Don G. DeCoudres (L)  
Mrs. Ruth R. Ellis  
Mr. Thomas F. Garth (L)



Mrs. Susan E. Hammers  
 Mrs. Evelyn B. Harper  
 Mrs. Peggy Sue H. Haywood  
 Rev. R. Allen Headley  
 Mrs. Elizabeth B. Howard  
 Mr. Miles M. Huffstutler (L)  
 Mr. William C. Ireland, Jr.  
 Mr. Mike Isbell (P)  
 Dr. W. Harvey Jenkins, Jr.  
 Mr. George H. Jones (L)  
 Mr. Travis T. Lackey, Jr.  
 Mr. David E. Mason  
 Mr. Douglas T. Noonan (L)  
 Mr. David A. Pascoe (L)  
 Ms. Judy E. Renfroe  
 Mr. Maxie C. Ross (P)  
 Mr. Stephen G. Royster (L)  
 Mr. Charles M. Setters (P)  
 Mr. Rufus R. Smith, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. J. Michael Souder (P)  
 Mrs. Carol E. Toner  
 Mr. C. Lawrence Whatley  
 Hon. Bruce E. Williams (L)

**1975**

Dr. J. Michael Anderson  
 Mrs. Shirley Faye Jarman  
 Brymer  
 Mr. Frank S. Buck (L)  
 Dr. Gerard James Ferris  
 Ms. Brenda J. Gann  
 Mr. John W. Haley (L)  
 Mrs. Marcia L. Hamby  
 Mrs. Marilyn M. Henry  
 Dr. Robert T. Holland (P)  
 Mr. Geoffrey E. Huddleston  
 Mr. Henry H. Hutchinson III  
 (L)  
 Mrs. Judith A. Jones (L)  
 Ms. Mary L. Jordan  
 Mrs. Cheryl P. Landreth  
 Mr. Courtney H. Mason, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Miriam E. Mason (L)  
 Mrs. Dorothy B. Meeks  
 Mr. Marshall D. Mezzell (P)  
 Mrs. Patricia Morrison-Bolian  
 Mrs. Marilyn Murphree (P)  
 Mr. Steve Murphree (P)  
 Mr. Larry D. Noe (L)  
 Mr. John M. Paty  
 Ms. Elizabeth K. Reese  
 Mr. Joe H. Ritch (L)  
 Mr. Michael F. Royster (L)  
 Mr. Herman J. Russomanno (L)  
 Dr. Nathan B. Smith II  
 Mr. Alan W. Speaker  
 Dr. Billy J. Strickland  
 Ms. Susan J. Watterson (L'79)  
 Mr. Mitchell D. Williams, Jr.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth A. Woodruff

**1976**

Mr. Bruce Bannister  
 Mr. Robert J. Black (L)  
 Mrs. Susan H. Brewer (L)  
 Mr. Garrett L. Briggs (L)  
 Mr. Byron K. Buescher  
 Mrs. Peggy E. Burnett  
 Mr. David K. Cheng (P'80)  
 Mr. Walter M. Cook, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Karren G. Crowson (P)  
 Mr. Michael C. Dixon (L)  
 Mr. Paul E. Dixon, Jr.

Mr. Robert M. Dunn (L)  
 Mr. David E. Dunnavant (L)  
 Mr. Thomas E. Dutton (L)  
 Dr. James H. Gentry, Jr.  
 Mr. Gregory A. Glynis (L'79)  
 Mr. Richard V. Gray (L)  
 Mrs. Rebecca R. Griffith  
 Mr. Alvin L. Hammers (P)  
 Ms. Rebecca G. Hartzog  
 Mr. William P. Humphrey (P)  
 Hon. Tom King, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. Roger W. Kirby (L)  
 Mrs. Anne B. LaRussa  
 Mr. Bobby W. Little  
 Mrs. Mary Ann B. Moon  
 Mrs. Barbara A. Murley  
 Ms. Helen P. Nelson (L)  
 Mr. Robert M. Norris, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Betty A. Norton  
 Mr. Richard D. Odum (P)  
 Mrs. Madelyn B. Olson  
 Hon. J. Gary Pate (L)  
 Mr. Lee Pittman (L)  
 Mr. John M. Pruitt, Jr.  
 Mr. S. Shay Samples (L)  
 Mr. Leonard M. Schwartz (L)  
 Mr. Ira S. Silver (L)  
 Mrs. Anita W. Skelton  
 Mr. Dale L. Skelton  
 Mr. D. Clarke Skelton  
 Mr. James J. Stevenson, Jr.  
 Mrs. Virginia L. Tucker  
 Ms. Marion F. Walker (L)  
 Mr. L. J. David Wallace III  
 Mrs. Donna M. Wells  
 Dr. Ron Wilson  
 Mrs. Heath B. Wise  
 Dr. Robert H. Wise, Jr.

**1977**

Mrs. Jennifer Judge Adamson  
 Mr. Jay B. Aiken  
 Dr. Joel L. Alvis, Jr.  
 Mr. Kenneth D. Berg, Jr.  
 Mrs. Susan R. Berg  
 Hon. Karon O. Bowdre (L'81)  
 Mr. Ronald G. Burlison (P)  
 Mrs. Nora E. Cammack  
 Mrs. Stella L. Cheng  
 Mr. William T. Coplin, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. Avery B. Cousins III (L)  
 Dr. Anne M. Cusic  
 Mrs. Ivy R. Darnall  
 Mr. Mike Eddings (L)  
 Ms. Gwendolyn Edmonds  
 Mr. Joseph A. Fawal (L)  
 Dr. Rosemary M. Fisk  
 Mr. John E. Fountain (L)  
 Mr. Henry T. Henzell (L)  
 Mr. Charles K. Horn  
 Mr. G. David Johnston (L)  
 Mr. Steven L. Joyce  
 Mrs. Gloria S. Kessler (P)  
 Mr. Charles W. Lancaster  
 Mrs. Robbie R. Lancaster  
 Ms. Joan W. Lightfoot  
 Mr. James S. Lloyd (L)  
 Mrs. Judy F. Long  
 Mrs. Karen L. Madison  
 Mr. Dan H. McCrary (L'80)  
 Mr. J. Anthony McLain (L)  
 Hon. Barry H. Medley (L'77)  
 Mr. Brian P. Mickles (L)

Mr. Rickie D. Moon  
 Mr. James B. Murley (P)  
 Mr. Robert F. Northcutt (L)  
 Mr. William H. Satterfield (L)  
 Mr. Allen O. Scarbrough, Jr.  
 Mr. Joe S. Schramm (L)  
 Mrs. Sharon S. Spigel  
 Mr. George T. Sullivan (L)  
 Mr. Grady J. Wheeler, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Linda V. Williams  
 Mr. E. Hamilton Wilson, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. F. Bradford Wilson, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. J. Richard Zeski

**1978**

Mrs. Jan Allen (P)  
 Mrs. Vicki Alvis  
 Mrs. Elizabeth H. Anderson  
 Mrs. Laurie K. Bolt  
 Mrs. Dorothy G. Brice  
 Mr. Paul K. Campbell  
 Ms. Mary K. Chan (P)  
 Mr. Marcus W. Chesnutt (L)  
 Mr. Perry N. Cole  
 Mr. Richard Dale (L)  
 Mr. Stan Davis (L)  
 Ms. Melodie C. Dickerson  
 Ms. Carolyn L. Duncan (L)  
 Col. Henry P. Fowler, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Billy Gamble  
 Ms. Karen F. Henderson  
 Mrs. Cheryl S. Johnson  
 Mrs. Judith Anderson Johnson  
 Mrs. Tami G. Johnson  
 Ms. Laura L. Jones  
 Mr. Scott H. Langston (L)  
 Mrs. Diane C. Layton (P)  
 Mr. Stephen K. Loffredo (L)  
 Mr. Douglas H. Madison (P)  
 Mrs. Melinda M. Mathews (L)  
 Mr. Johnny W. McGlaughn (P)  
 Mrs. Kathy B. McMakin  
 Mr. Harvey L. McWhorter, Jr.  
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller  
 Mr. James H. Moore III  
 Ms. Mary L. Patterson  
 Mr. Joseph R. Pitard  
 Mr. Cliff Powers (P)  
 Mr. James R. Pratt III (L)  
 Mrs. Lisa L. Pruitt  
 Mr. Walt Rouse  
 Mr. Allan Rowe, Jr.  
 Mr. William H. Sisson (L)  
 Mrs. Linda N. Speaker  
 Ms. Belle H. Stoddard (L)  
 Ms. Florence E. Thompson  
 Dr. David R. Wharton  
 Mrs. Lisa G. Worley  
 Mrs. Jane W. Young

**1979**

Mr. Dexter R. Alexander  
 Mr. Phillip C. Anderson  
 Mr. Brian Barksdale  
 Mrs. Leslie Hawkins Benny  
 Mr. G. Lynn Boggs  
 Mr. J. Birch Bowdre, Jr. (L)  
 Rev. Joseph K. Cardwell  
 Mrs. Janice E. Carter  
 Mr. James A. Clement  
 Mrs. Mary J. Clement  
 Mr. Forrest J. Cook, Jr.

Mr. Franklin M. Crigger (P)  
 Mrs. Rhonda P. Deanhardt (P)  
 Mr. John A. Duke  
 Mrs. Christy R. Fondren  
 Mr. Walt Gunter  
 Mr. Christopher A. Hudson (L)  
 Dr. Mary E. Keown  
 Mrs. Jan P. King  
 Dr. Benjamin C. Leslie  
 Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mathis (P)  
 Dr. Richard H. Maynard (P)  
 Rev. Roger L. McGee  
 Mrs. Jan B. Miller  
 Dr. P. Caudill Miller  
 Mrs. Myrtle S. Moller  
 Mrs. Barbara V. Money  
 Mr. Scott H. Mustin (L)  
 Mr. James W. Parkman III (L)  
 Ms. E. Shelley Peterson  
 Dr. C. Duane Randleman, Jr.  
 Mrs. Alice M. Rouse  
 Mrs. Laurin D. Schultz  
 Mr. Terrance S. Smith (P)  
 Mr. David L. Waits (P)  
 Mrs. Stephanie H. Wharton  
 Mr. John E. Whitley  
 Mr. James E. Williams (L)  
 Mrs. Lucille G. Wisner  
 Mrs. Kathryn M. Woodruff  
 Mrs. Nelda J. Young (P)

**1980**

Mrs. Karen K. Allen  
 Mr. Paul T. Allen, Jr.  
 Rev. Barry L. Anderson  
 Mr. J. Randolph Armbrester  
 Mr. Randle B. Baker  
 Mrs. Lonette L. Berg (L'83)  
 Mr. John K. Beville (P)  
 Mrs. Becky B. Boshell (P)  
 Dr. John W. Campbell  
 Mr. Alexander M. Carrick (P)  
 Ms. Marigene Chamberlain  
 Mr. William P. Cobb II (L)  
 Mr. Luke Deanhardt (P)  
 Mrs. Janet E. Dickerson  
 Mrs. Maria C. Fandetti (P)  
 Mr. Fred Fekete, Jr. (P)  
 Mrs. Marie Fussell  
 Mr. Michael G. Gilbow (P)  
 Mrs. Sarah A. Hedrick  
 Mr. Andy L. Hodges  
 Mrs. JoAnn Johnson  
 Mrs. Carla T. Joiner  
 Mrs. Lisa O. Kimmons  
 Mr. William A. Knowles  
 Mrs. Rebecca K. Lander (P'94)  
 Mrs. Kathy J. Leslie  
 Mr. Jeffrey M. Mathis (P)  
 Dr. Margaret C. Maynard (P)  
 Mr. Robert E. McCall, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Mary Beth McCrary  
 Mr. William D. Motlow, Jr. (L)  
 Hon. John E. Rochester (L)  
 Mrs. Cameron H. Sabo (P)  
 Mr. Muzaffar I. Sheikh  
 Rev. Mark C. Smith  
 Mr. Peter W. Somerville, Jr. (P)  
 Mrs. Deborah L. Talley  
 Mr. F. Britton Thompson (P)  
 Mr. Harry M. Weathers (P)  
 Mr. Jere F. White, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Leon Zalenski

**1981**

Mr. Gregory A. Bowman  
 Miss Martha E. Bowman  
 Mrs. Anne G. Carter (P)  
 Mrs. Marian W. Carter  
 Mr. Ernest Cory (L)  
 Ms. Patricia M. Dengler (L)  
 Mr. Edgar W. Evins, Jr.  
 Mr. Neal F. Fondren  
 Mr. Mark Fuller  
 Mrs. Kathy M. Hall  
 Mrs. Ann G. Hulsey  
 Mr. James D. Ingram (L)  
 Mr. Blane A. Moller (P)  
 Mr. Bryan E. Morgan (L)  
 Mr. Charles W. Norton  
 Mrs. Cheryl C. Oatts  
 Mr. J. Michael Papantonio (L)  
 Mr. Gregory R. Powell  
 Mr. William A. Ratliff (L)  
 Mrs. Julie H. Realon  
 Mrs. Connie C. Shannon (P)  
 Dr. Clay Smith  
 Mrs. Jane E. Snyder  
 Mr. William S. Spraitzar  
 Mr. David G. Toney  
 Mrs. Joyce M. Toney  
 Mr. David O. Vollenweider III  
 (L)  
 Mr. W. Clark Watson (L)  
 Mr. Michael A. Worel (L)

**1982**

Mr. George J. Albright III (L)  
 Mr. Douglas L. Anderson (L)  
 Mr. Roger L. Bates (L)  
 Ms. Deborah K. Bentley (P)  
 Mrs. Kelly L. Carlton  
 Dr. John L. Davis  
 Dr. Jacqueline L. Goldstein  
 Mrs. Linda D. Gurosky  
 Mrs. Sandra K. Haley (L)  
 Mrs. Connie L. Jones  
 Mr. Rand Key (L'85)  
 Mr. Frank R. Labudde (L)  
 Mrs. Pamela A. Lester  
 Mrs. Le-Ann S. Little  
 Mr. Harry Montgomery (L)  
 Mrs. Marva H. Morse  
 Ms. Patricia Baldone Naro (P)  
 Mr. James T. Pollitz (P)  
 Mr. Gregory J. Poole  
 Mr. Bennett L. Pugh (L'85)  
 Ms. Sally S. Reynolds (P)  
 Mr. Glenn T. Schneider  
 Mrs. Angela W. Smith  
 Ms. Jenny L. Smith (L'85)  
 Mr. Richard E. Smith (L'85)  
 Ms. Carol H. Stewart (L)  
 Mr. Gregory J. Taylor  
 Mr. Glen D. Wieland (L)  
 Mrs. Carol R. Wright

**1983**

Ms. Janet M. Anthony  
 Mr. John B. Barnett III (L)  
 Dr. James R. Bannette  
 Mrs. Melanie D. Bunger  
 Mr. Ralph B. Burch (L)  
 Ms. Sally C. Bussell (L)  
 Mrs. Betty Coe  
 Mr. Douglas J. Compher  
 Mr. Richard E. Duncan

Ms. Carole M. Fite  
 Mr. Charles A. Flowers III  
 Mr. W. Lewis Garrison, Jr. (L)  
 Dr. James H. Gillespie, Jr.  
 Mr. James F. Harrington (L)  
 Rev. Barry W. Holland  
 Mrs. Diane H. Jensen  
 Mrs. Evelyn A. Johnson (P)  
 Col. Derek S. Jones (D'03)  
 Mr. Forrest S. Latta (L)  
 Mr. Melton H. Little (L'86)  
 Mrs. Loretta S. Littlejohn  
 Mr. Peter S. Mackey (L)  
 Mrs. Constance H. Macon  
 Mr. Steven A. Martino (L)  
 Mr. R. Brent McIntyre  
 Mr. Robert F. Pirkle (L)  
 Mrs. Alisa B. Poole  
 Mr. Anthony J. Rolfes (L)  
 Mr. William B. Rose, Jr. (P)  
 Dr. Rachel K. Russell  
 Ms. Kathryn H. Sumrall (L)  
 Mrs. M Dixon Torbert (L)  
 Mrs. Diane S. Waud  
 Mr. Kenneth E. White (L'86)  
 Mr. Douglas E. Wilson  
 Mrs. Cheri J. Wright (L)  
 Mr. Clell E. Wright, Jr.  
 Mr. Dennis M. Wright (L)  
 Mr. Alex W. Zoghby (L)

**1984**

Mr. Daniel F. Aldridge (L)  
 Mrs. Lindsey J. Allison (L)  
 Mr. Russell Q. Allison (L)  
 Ms. LaBella S. Alvis (L)  
 Mr. Alan L. Ballentine  
 Mr. Jeffrey D. Brammer  
 Dr. Sherry F. Chancellor (L)  
 Mrs. Deanne Sanchez Coleman  
 Mrs. Lisa H. Gillespie (P)  
 Ms. Julia M. Goyer (L)  
 Mr. Kenneth R. Greene  
 Mrs. Susan C. Greene  
 Dr. Cathy L. Gresham  
 Mrs. Claudette Griffin  
 Mrs. Joy H. Hand  
 Mr. G. Patterson Keahey, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. Benjamin M. Mason (L)  
 Mrs. Susan G. McAlister (L)  
 Ms. Cindy K. McMurtrey  
 Mr. W. Mark Meadows  
 Mr. Robert J. Morse, Jr.  
 Mrs. Sandra E. Musgrove  
 Mr. Kris R. Neat (P)  
 Mr. Sim Penton (L)  
 Mr. W. Layne Pewitt  
 Mrs. Melinda Gunn Poole  
 Mr. James V. Roberts, Jr. (L)  
 Ms. Donna J. Rogers  
 Mrs. Colleen M. Samples (L)  
 Mr. W Hill Sewell (L)  
 Mr. J. Carter Shelton  
 Ms. Gloria C. Street  
 Mrs. Kelly S. Styslinger  
 Mrs. Shirley A. Thomas  
 Mr. Carey S. Tidwell (P) (P'94)  
 Mr. Richard R. Williams (L)  
 Mrs. Karla C. Woosley (P)

**1985**

Mrs. Barbara H. Abbott  
 Mr. Carmelo Aliano

Mr. Edward G. Bowron (L)  
 Mr. I Ripon Britton, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. Alan T. Burr  
 Ms. Glenda D. Burson  
 Mr. Jerry W. Coleman  
 Mr. Kevin E. Collins (L)  
 Mrs. Susan Y. Darby  
 Rev. J. Clay Davis, Jr.  
 Mr. Annesley H. DeGaris (L'88)  
 Mr. John M. Floyd (L'88)  
 Mrs. Marsha M. Floyd  
 Mr. T. Roe Frazer II (L)  
 Mr. Joseph P. George Jr (L)  
 Mrs. Carol H. Hazel  
 Mr. David G. Jamieson  
 Mr. Charles D. Joiner, Jr. (P)  
 Mr. Paul S. Kennedy (L)  
 Mrs. Cheryl A. Kidd  
 Mr. J. Frank Martin  
 Mr. David L. McAlister (L)  
 Mr. Joseph J. Minus, Jr. (L)  
 Ms. Lenora W. Pate (L)  
 Mr. Craig L. Stringfield  
 Mrs. Su-Jen Liang Sun (P)  
 Mrs. Pamela H. Taylor  
 Mr. Richard H. Taylor (L)  
 Mrs. Iva A. Thomas  
 Mrs. Christie M. Tidwell  
 Mrs. Pamela J. Trujillo  
 Mr. Thomas G. Tutten, Jr. (L'88)  
 Mrs. Karen B. Tynes  
 Mr. Gregory F. Womble  
 Dr. Toby Ziglar  
 Mrs. Laura B. Ziglar

**1986**

Mr. Timothy E. Abney  
 Dr. Jeffrey A. Anderson (P)  
 Mr. Richard C. Beason (P)  
 Mrs. Wanda L. Blaylock  
 Mr. Richard J. Brockman (L)  
 Rev. Buddy Champion III  
 Mrs. Jennifer W. Clemens (P)  
 Mrs. Julia T. Cochrun (L)  
 Mr. H. Shepherd Faught, Jr. (L)  
 Mrs. Jennifer C. Fuller  
 Mr. Frederick M. Garfield (L)  
 Mr. Stevan K. Goozee (L)  
 Mr. W. Morgan Green  
 Mr. Bobby L. Harris  
 Mrs. Betsy M. Harrison (L'89)  
 Mr. Rex E. Harrison (P)  
 Mrs. Sabrina W. Hayes  
 Mr. C. Keith Herron  
 Mr. Aubrey J. Holloway (L)  
 Mrs. Howard T. Hubbard  
 Mr. Joseph J. Kalbac, Jr. (L)  
 Mr. C. Alan Lancaster, Jr.  
 Mrs. Jacquelyn I. Langhout  
 Ms. Catherine M. Little  
 Ms. Judith J. Loffredo (L)  
 Ms. Karen A. McCall  
 Mr. Charles A. McCallum III (L)  
 Mr. Andrew H. McElroy III (L)  
 Ms. Candis A. McGowan (L)  
 Capt. Jerald R. McGowin  
 Mr. P Russel Myles (L)  
 Mr. G. Michael Nelson (L)  
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## 2006 Homecoming

### October 20–22

*Home: residence . . . family group . . . safe place . . . place of assistance  
. . . place of origin . . . homeland . . . dwelling . . . motherland.*



No matter which definition you use, you can find “home” at Samford. And that’s what we’re celebrating at this year’s homecoming. You don’t want to miss it!

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Samford’s former home in East Lake. Welcome Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and his family to their new home. Renew friendships with old friends from home. Visit the new and renewed facilities at your Samford home.

Activities already planned include:

- Homecoming banquet for all alumni and friends, renewing the tradition of the candlelight dinner, Friday, 6:30 p.m. The 2006 Alumni of the Year—Bill Cash ’69, Pat Courington ’46, Martha Ann Cox ’60 and S. Todd Crider ’87—will be honored.
- Homecoming bash, bonfire, pep rally, street festival and fireworks, Friday, 9 p.m.
- Soccer matches on Friday night and Sunday afternoon featuring the defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Samford Bulldogs
- Golden Bulldogs brunch for graduates from 1956 and earlier, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
- Samford Alumni Association annual meeting for all alumni, Saturday, 10 a.m.
- Parade, Saturday, 11 a.m.
- Homecoming festival featuring reunion gatherings and tailgate parties by classes and organizations, University Quadrangle, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- Hot-air balloon ride and the Bulldog FunZone for family entertainment
- Football: Samford vs. Tennessee–Martin, Saturday, 2 p.m.
- Class of 1956 Golden Reunion dinner, Saturday, 6 p.m.
- Samford family worship, Sunday, 10 a.m., led by Frank Lewis ’81, Kenneth Berg ’77, Sara Bryan ’62, the Student Ministries Choir, and other Samford students and alumni



Times may change as schedules are finalized. Registration information will be mailed to all alumni and parents in late summer.

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ALUMNI

'39 **Rose Watkins Sutley** lives at Chateau Vestavia Retirement Home in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

**George Ray Yeager** lives in Vestavia Hills, Ala. He retired after 35 years with the Internal Revenue Service and five years in the tax department in Guam.

'44 **Milton Wray** is a certified public accountant in Memphis, Tenn.

'46 **William S. McGinnis** lives in Decatur, Ga. He retired from the city of Atlanta.

'50 **Frances Barksdale Poor** received the Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the 2005 Citizens of the Year ceremony sponsored by Leadership Vestavia Hills in March. She was Vestavia Hills Citizen of the Year in 1990.

'52 **Charles W. Davis** is the author of a book, *New Testament Church Life: A Model for Today*. He and his wife, **Frances Hughen Davis '53**, live in Northport, Ala.

'58 **M. Douglas Clark** has published a book, *The Story of Jesus*. He retired from teaching loss-control training. He and his wife, **Shirley Sharp Clark '59**, live in Snellville, Ga. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'59 **Herbert J. Collier** of Mobile, Ala., is dean of the Coastal Alabama Extension, Covington Theological Seminary. He is pastor of Malcolm Baptist church.

**Wilton DePriest** retired in December after 43 years as a pharmacy owner. He lives in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

'61 **Mary Jane Aldridge Harris** of Wilsonville, Ala., was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society in April. She retired from the University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital in May 2005.

'65 **Carole Cook Armistead** was named Best Supporting Actress in the community theatre division at the 2005 Southeast Theatre Conference for her performance in the play *The Subject Tonight is Love*. She and her husband, **Jack R. Armistead '64**, live in Hoover, Ala.

**Dorothy L. Brown** of Decatur, Ga., is principal of St. Nicholas Orthodox Academy, Atlanta, Ga. She retired from the DeKalb County, Ga., school system in 2003.

'66 **William C. Armistead, Jr.**, of Columbiana, Ala., is executive vice president of Marketing Solutions, Inc., Birmingham.

**Douglas Cox** is executive pastor of Mountain Park First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.

**Sue Butler Orr** is associate professor of music and choral director at Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C.

'67 **Averiett Holley Wesson** retired in 2005 after 37 years in public education. She was

librarian/media specialist with Sylacauga, Ala., city schools.

'69 **William Cash** was named *Birmingham Business Journal's* Top Entrepreneur for 2005. He is chairman and CEO of Principle Pharmacy Group Inc. Founded in 2001, the privately held company oversees pharmacies in 40 hospitals in 15 states.

'70 **L. Temple Blalock, Jr.**, of Orange Beach, Ala., is field sales manager for QSP/*Reader's Digest*. His daughter, Britney, is a Samford student.

**Muzaffar I. Sheikh** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., retired in 2005 after 35 years teaching social studies at Vestavia Hills High School.

'71 **Janice Folsom** of Fayetteville, Ga., retired after teaching 34 years at Fayetteville High School.

**Robert E. Greene** of Birmingham retired in January as chief financial officer of Baptist Health System. He was with the system for 35 years.

**Ruth Ann Carpenter Siegler** of Cincinnati, Ohio, is senior state president of the Ohio Society Children of the American Revolution.

**Jane Sturgeon** of Louisville, Ky., retired after 20 years teaching middle school math in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

'72 **W. Rish Wood** of Gadsden, Ala., has a new business, Telecash, LLC, a telecommunication company.

'73 **Darlene Spruiell Jordan** is a teacher in Knoxville, Tenn. She is the mother of two Samford graduates, **Phillip Jordan '03** and **Melissa Jordan '06**.

'74 **Christopher P. Brewer, J.D.**, is a new member of Poyner & Spruill law firm's Raleigh, N.C., office. He focuses on health-care litigation, Medicaid fraud defense and reimbursement issues.

'75 **Jerry Armor** is associate professor of justice studies at Athens State University, Athens, Ala.

'77 **J. Richard Zeski** is southeast commercial manager for American Metal Solutions,

## Hart Named Business Alumnus of Year



James L. Hart

Baker & Company, LLP.

The firm's litigation services partner for more than 25 years, Hart leads its forensic accounting and litigation services division.

**B**irmingham accountant James L. Hart has been named 2006 Alumnus of the Year by the Samford University School of Business. The 1972 business graduate is managing partner and chief executive officer of Dent,

He joined the firm in 1973. A certified public accountant and certified business appraiser, he also holds the accredited in business valuation designation.

Hart received the award from School of Business Dean Beck A. Taylor during awards ceremonies for undergraduate business students April 27. The event included the presentation of a record \$72,000 in scholarships to outstanding students.

Three business faculty members also received awards: Larron Harper, Excellence in Teaching Award; Chad Carson, Outstanding Scholarship Award; and Dr. Jennings Marshall, Distinguished Service Award. ■



LLC, a steel service center. He is based in Madison, Miss.

'79 **Jerry Elder** of Lizella, Ga., is owner of a retreat center for worship leaders, The Farm at Elderbury, in Macon, Ga.

**Benjamin C. Leslie, Ph.D.**, is provost and senior vice president at Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. He and his wife, **Kathy Johnston Leslie '80**, have two daughters, Elizabeth, 19, a Samford student, and Mary Katherine, 17.

'80 **Becky Barnard Boshell** is supervisor, Professional Pharmacy, Boiling Springs, N.C. Her husband, **Don Boshell M.Div. '02**, is interim pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Blacksburg, S.C.

**Dorothy Hall Sims** of Pinson, Ala., retired from E. B. Erwin High School.

'81 **Marian Wilkinson Carter** earned a master's in education at Samford in May 2005. She is graduate admission and alumni administrator at Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

**Rodney Parrish** is home-store manager, Habitat for Humanity, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Susan Burgess Parrish** is executive director, Habitat for Humanity, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Peter M. Sims, M.D.**, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, recently opened a private practice, Providence Family Psychiatry, in Birmingham. He also works with the COPE program at Jefferson County Family Court. His wife, **Pamela Smith Sims '82**, manages the new office and works part-time as a pharmacist at Cooper Green Hospital. They have two sons, Andrew, 19, and David, 16.

'82 **Deborah Kay Bentley** of Gamaliel, Ky., received a Pharm.D. degree from the University of Kentucky in 2005.

**Sharon Joy Smith Knerr, M.A. '84**, of Norman, Okla., is a substitute teacher at Irving Middle School. She and her husband, Henry, have two teenage children, Alyssa and Brennen.

'83 **Salam Shorrosh** earned a Ph.D. in Christian education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is senior pastor at Lagoon Baptist Church, Gulf Shores, Ala., and is owner of Shepherd's Way Ministries.

**Jerry Tapley** is director of staff development for the Welfare to Work Department of

## Fineburg Wins National Teaching Award



Amy Fineburg

Amy Cheek Fineburg '94 of Birmingham will receive the 2006 Moffett Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, given by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division Two of the American Psychological Association). The award, which recognizes Fineburg as the outstanding high school psychology teacher in the nation, will be presented at the American Psychological Association meeting in August.

Jewish Employment and Vocational Service in Philadelphia, Penn.

'84 **Mary Jane Larkin Krotzer, M.S. '86**, is dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Robert Poole** and his wife, Eve, live in Mableton, Ga. He is employed with David Weekley Homes.

'85 **John M. Floyd, J.D. '88, M.S.E.M. '99**, is senior attorney with Vulcan Materials Company, Birmingham. He serves as secretary of the Samford University Board of Trustees.

'86 **Mandy Markham Johnson** is assistant director of admission at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham. She is in charge of marketing, recruiting and admission for the school's Master of Arts in Public and Private Management program, from which she earned a degree in May.

**Fred W. Karthaus III** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Ala.

**Karen Leigh Saunders** is project coordinator, Healthways Inc., Nashville, Tenn.

**Nancy Virginia Whitehouse, Ph.D.**, is chair of the communication studies department at Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash.

'87 **Elizabeth Fentress Hallmark** of Brentwood, Tenn., is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education with a focus in e-learning.

'88 **Alisa McGohon Walker** and **Johnny (Jack) Walker '90** live in Cropwell, Ala.,

A teacher at Spain Park High School, she has been active in Teachers of Psychology in the Secondary Schools [TOPSS] and is immediate past chair of that organization.

Fineburg is a regular speaker at conferences on the teaching of psychology, and has authored articles and ancillary materials for the teaching of psychology. For the past six years, she has co-organized a continuing education workshop for teachers of psychology held at Samford.

She graduated from Samford with a double major in psychology and English, and a secondary education certification. She also received a master of science in education degree from Samford. ■

with their four children: Ann Marie, 13, John Mark, 10, James Mitchell, 4, and Jackson Matthew, born in August. Johnny is victim service officer for the Pell City Police Department and has a nonprofit counseling practice. Alisa homeschools the children.

'91 **Traci Odum Gibson** is manager of communication with Kellen Company, Atlanta, Ga.

**Erin Lee Brian Gray** teaches music in Hoover, Ala., city schools. She and her husband, Matt, have two children, Jillian Hope, 2, and Emily, 6.

**Jennifer Lynn Jasper** and her husband, Jeff, live in Birmingham. They have two children.

'92 **Kent Edward Altom, J.D. '02**, is an attorney with McCalla Raymer, LLC, Atlanta, Ga. He specializes in real estate and bankruptcy litigation. He and his wife, **Charla Nichols Altom '93, M.S. '95**, have a daughter, Carly Angelina, born in March.

**Terry Burt Copeland** is accountant director at Cardinal Health, San Antonio, Texas.

**Angelique Marie Sanders Crawford** of Cedar Park, Texas, has earned a nurse practitioner degree. She has two children, Haven, 5, and Caleb, 3.

**Robert W. and Christen Eudy Perry** live in Birmingham. He is music evangelist and speaker with Rob Perry Ministries, and she works for a travel agency. They have three children: Kayla, Morgan and Andrew.

**Bradly Allen Twigg** is employed with Moses Cone Health Systems, Greensboro, N.C.

'93 **M. Patrick Lowe, M.D.**, recently performed the first robotic-assisted hysterectomy and pelvic lymph node dissection for the treatment of endometrial cancer in the mid-South. He is a gynecologic oncologist at The West Clinic in Memphis, Tenn.

**Richard Everette Mullen III** is operations manager at LegalLink litigation support firm, Birmingham.

**Autumn Baggott Toussaint** is human resources director at Charthouse Learning, Minneapolis, Minn., home of the FISH! philosophy.

'94 **Patricia Collins, M.Div.**, is chaplain at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical West and pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham.

**David Burton Parrish** is a financial analyst with the Investment Division, U.S. Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C. He lives in Arlington, Va.

'95 **Rebecca Butler Davis, M.Div. '98**, is research coordinator with Clarity Publishers, Birmingham. She and her husband, **James Roger Davis '96**, have two children.

**Kyle and Katie Glover Emerson '97** live in Cumming, Ga., where he is a financial analyst for Verizon Wireless. They have three children: Benjamin, 5, Josiah, 2, and Anna Gracelyn, 1.

**Lisa Dawn Bishop Fowler** lives in Talking Rock, Ga., with her husband, Travis, and their four children, Lauren, Caroline, Kate, Mary Helen and Lillian Brooke.

**Julie Holland Griggs** and her husband, Vic, live in Scottsboro, Ala. They have a son, Holland Layne, born in January.

**Bradley O'Rear** is 2006–07 president-elect of the Birmingham Advertising Federation.

**C. Brian Prentiss** was ordained into the Northern California Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America and is associate pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Silicon Valley in Palo Alto, Calif. He earned a master's of divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Fla., in May.

'96 **Jared Houser, M.Acc. '99**, is corporate controller for Dominion Partners, LLC, headquartered in Birmingham. The firm

focuses on development, acquisition, leasing and property management of institutional grade assets.

**Susan Fisher Johnston** and her husband, Matt, live in Bethel Park, Penn. She is a psychology intern at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and is completing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Alabama.

**Tammy Lockwood Miller, M.D.**, of New Cumberland, Penn., is a nephrology fellow at Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, Penn. She has a daughter, Abigail, 1.

**James Mason Orrison** is vice president of corporate development, Comframe Software, Birmingham.

'97 **Amy Schumann Conn** and her family live in The Woodlands, Texas. She and her husband, Jeff, have three children.

**Brandy Eckert** married Paul Bollen in April. She is a chorus teacher at Camden County High School. They live in Jacksonville, Fla., where Paul is stationed with the U.S. Navy.

**Michelle Lee Grooms** lives in Gardendale, Ala. She has two children, Madison, 6, and Joshua, 3.

**Julie Elizabeth Hays Paulson** and her husband, Chuck, live in Dallas, Texas, where she is a senior health and fitness specialist at Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

**Philip Douglas Wise, Jr.**, earned an M.B.A. degree at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. He is an associate partner with The Gallup Organization in Atlanta, Ga.

'98 **Robert Haldane Moore** is founder/owner of Eatmorekale.com T-shirt printing company. He lives in Montpelier, Vt. He and his wife, **Melissa Moore '96**, have a daughter, Kelley Dianne, 1.

**Kristy Halley Speers** is a community coordinator, heading operations in Calhoun County, Fla., for St. Joe Land Company. She lives in Altha, Fla.

'99 **Holly Rae Hubbard** will be ESL coordinator at Dresden International School, Desden, Germany, for the next three years.

**Jessica Waldron Jennings** and her husband, Ty, live in Nashville, Tenn. She is a pharmaceutical sales representative. They have a son, Baker Stephen, born in March.

**Zach and Ashley Daye Wells King '00** live in Phoenix, Ariz. He is youth pastor for Mesa/Gilbert campus of Lifechurch.tv. They have a son, Caleb James, born in September.

**Kristen E. Locke, Pharm.D.**, received the Hands and Heart Award from the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs for her dedication to providing for the health and well-being of U.S. veterans. She is associate chief of clinical pharmacy programs at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Nathan and Elizabeth Mangham Lott** live in Richmond, Va., where he works for the Virginia Department of Conservation and is the author of *60 Hikes Within 60 Miles of Richmond* (Menasha Ridge Press). They have a son, William Turner, born in March.

**Scott Stake** is children's pastor at Four Oaks Community Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

**Julie Dorsch Weber** is pursuing a master's in nursing in the advance practice family nurse practitioner program at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga. She lives in Dallas, Ga.

'00 **William Nicholas Hilscher, Jr., and Sarah Roberts '02** married in 2005. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Ryan Matthew Reeves** will pursue a Ph.D. in historical theology at Cambridge University beginning in October. He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Orlando, Fla.

'01 **Jennifer Michelle Chastain** is an elementary physical education teacher in Brownstown, Ind. She lives in Seymour, Ind.

**Stephanie Leigh Edwards** married Charles Thomas Graves in April. They live in Adairsville, Ga. She is annual fund officer and event coordinator at Shorter College, Rome, Ga.

**Irene Pendleton, M.S.N.**, retired from the U.S. Army Reserves. She lives in Birmingham.

'02 **Sheree Payne, M.S.N., and Franklin Adams, M.B.A. '03**, married in May 2005. They met at Samford while both were in graduate school. They live in West Grove, Penn.

'03 **Anna Briggs** earned a master's in entrepreneurship from Western Carolina University. She is a personal trainer in Asheville, N.C.



**Douglas C. Davis** is a designer with Garrison Barrett Group, Birmingham.

**Selena Staples Foster**, an associate interior designer with Krumdieck A+1 Design in Birmingham, passed the National Council of Interior Design Qualification exam and is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

**Molly McCall Goldman** married Craig Smart in April. She is director of public relations and marketing for the Girl Scouts of the Deep South Council. They live in Mobile, Ala.

**Sarah Hedgspeth** married Stephen Foster in April. They live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Amy E. Myers** was named the 2005–06 outstanding graduate student at Baylor University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in educational psychology.

**Kathryn Elizabeth Nowiczewski, M.S.E.M.**, is a land analyst in the Texas

Gulf Coast Land Division of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. She lives in The Woodlands, Texas.

**Laura Wilson Sharpe** and her husband, Greg, are in language study in Paris, France, preparing to serve with the International Mission Board in West Africa.

'04 **Krista Deason** married Michael Preston in February. She works in marketing in the real estate industry in Birmingham. They live in Vance, Ala.

**Theresa Smith Mack** of Birmingham retired from the Jefferson County Board of Education after 30 years of service and is a coordinator with the Alabama Education Association.

**Angela Joy Pinyan** married Jonathan Jacob in November. They live in Douglasville, Ga.

**Natalie Ann Temple** of Hampton Cove, Ala., earned a master's in biblical studies

from Whitesburg Heritage Bible College, Huntsville, Ala., in May.

'05 **Jennifer Rizzo Collins** and her husband, Joel, live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She is communication director at the Church of Pembroke Pines.

**Brittany Suzanne Dawkins** married James Tashjian in August. They live in New York, N.Y.

**Michael Giles, Jr.** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., will pursue a J.D./M.B.A. degree at the University of Alabama School of Law in the fall.

**Karen Michelle Hays** is a kindergarten teacher in Cullman, Ala.

**Belinda Frances Martin** is a photographer in Birmingham.

**Zachary Evan Nichols** plays in the band 56 Henry in Birmingham. ■

# births

'86 **Nancy Virginia Whitehouse** of Spokane, Wash., the adoption of a daughter, Marie Virginia Anyun, born June 15, 2004, adopted June 27, 2005.

'88 **Alisa McGohon Walker** and **Johnny "Jack" Walker '90** of Cropwell, Ala., a son, Jackson Matthew, born Aug. 8, 2005.

'89 **Kimberly** and **John Tracy McLean** of Hixson, Tenn., a daughter, Morgan, born July 10, 2004.

'91 **Mark** and **Lisa Bates Downing** of Mt. Olive, Ala., the adoption in October 2005 of twin daughters, Ella Grace and Emma Hope, born Feb. 14, 2005.

Bonnie and **Lance Dowling Metcalf** of Westminster, Md., a son, Jonathan Dowling, born April 17, 2006.

**Chyrus** and **Robyn Hess Zomorodian '96** of Jacksonville, Fla., a son, Ryan Patrick, born May 1, 2005.

'92 **Kent Edward, J.D. '02**, and **Charla Nichols Altom '93, M.S. '95**, of Alpharetta, Ga., a daughter, Carly Angelina, born March 13, 2006.

Traci Lynne and **John Brewer, M.D.**, of Guntersville, Ala., a daughter, Molly Ruth, born Jan. 4, 2006.

Jeffrey and **Dana Gayle Davis Morris** of Pearland, Texas, a son, Evan Robert, born Jan. 31, 2006.

Christine and **Richard E. Patterson** of Leeds, Ala., a son, Jack, born Jan. 27, 2006.

M. L. Leonard and **San Wright-Leonard** of Birmingham, a son, Miles Logan, born March 16, 2006.

'93 **Hillary** and **Samuel Hays** of Marietta, Ga., a daughter, Alden Virginia, born Feb. 19, 2006.

'94 **Kara Maria** and **Walter Woolfolk Costner, M.D.**, of Prairie Village, Kan., a son, Benjamin Woolfolk, April 18, 2006.

**Anne Sample Covington** and **Andrew Covington '97** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, Andrew John, born March 21, 2006.

**Christie Blanton Helton** and **John Thomas Helton '96** of Jacksonville, Fla., a son, Levi Grey, born June 8, 2005.

**Carl Patrick** and **Kimberly Fell Lewis** of Owensboro, Ky., a son, Carson Phillip, born Dec. 27, 2005.

**Amy Holman Monroe** and **Ed Monroe '95** of Birmingham, a daughter, Edie Elizabeth, born Jan. 16, 2006.

**Mickey** and **Ann Elizabeth Moore '96** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Olivia Kate, born July 21, 2005.

'95 **Rebecca Butler Davis, M.Div. '98**, and **James Roger Davis '96** of Birmingham, a daughter, Landry Olivia, born Dec. 28, 2005.

Travis and **Lisa Dawn Bishop Fowler** of Talking Rock, Ga., a daughter, Lillian Brooke, born Dec. 30, 2005.

**Brook Dawn Skinner Gibbons** and **Robert Gibbons '97** of Birmingham, a son, Rigdon, born Aug. 29, 2004.

Vic and **Julie Holland Griggs** of Scottsboro, Ala., a son, Holland Layne, born Jan. 23, 2006.

'96 **Lara** and **Brian Lanier Disher, M.B.A. '00**, of Greenville, S.C., a daughter, Madison, born Dec. 10, 2005.

**Robby** and **Dana DeLoach Langston** of Powder Springs, Ga., a daughter, Rachel Anne, born Jan. 10, 2006.

Tracy and **Lora Nation Mixson** of Arlington, Tenn., a daughter, Caroline Jewel, born March 8, 2006.

- '97 Michael and **Kristen Prator Bagwell** of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Leah Noel, born Dec. 22, 2005.
- Sean and **Brooke Carroll Brown** of Trussville, Ala., twin sons, Brady and Ford, born Feb. 7, 2006.
- Libby and **W. Philip Holmes** of Birmingham, a son, Noah Thomas, born March 17, 2006.
- Heath** and **Amalie Woodall Hyneman** of Villa Rica, Ga., sons, Hudson Lee, born Jan. 25, 2005, and Layton McCam, born Nov. 6, 2005.
- Christy and **Judson C. Keen** of Vero Beach, Fla., a son, Abram Judson, born July 11, 2005.
- Chuck and **Julie Hays Paulson** of Dallas, Texas, a daughter, Avery Collins, born Feb. 6, 2006.
- George and **Meredith King Roberts** of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Matthew George, born Dec. 18, 2005.
- Joshua Lee** and **Danielle Plummer Rogers** of Thompson Station, Tenn., a son, Cooper Caden, born June 28, 2004.
- Lori and **Samuel Stephens Wood** of Clarkston, Mich., a daughter, Shelby Grace, born Nov. 18, 2005.
- '98 **Melanie McCoy Alston** and **Robert Travis Alston '99** of Huntsville, Ala., a son, Miller James, born Feb. 21, 2006.
- Jason** and **Shawndee Proffitt LoVoy '00** of Birmingham, a son, James McDavid, born Jan. 30, 2006.
- William and **Aisha Murphy McGough** of Montgomery, Ala., a son, William David III, born Feb. 17, 2006.
- Melissa** and **Robert Haldane Moore** of Montpelier, Vt., a daughter, Kelley Dianne, born July 3, 2005.
- Amy Coe Pattillo** and **Jim Pattillo, J.D. '02**, of Birmingham, a son, William James, born Feb. 12, 2006.
- Elizabeth Atcheson Poplin** and **Jared Wade Poplin '99** of Charlotte, N.C., a son, Jackson Wayne, born March 7, 2006.
- Bill, M.Div. '02**, and **Nikki San Souci Robbins, Pharm.D. '01**, of Chelsea, Ala., a son, Liam Morgan, born Oct. 3, 2005.
- Neil and **Kristy Halley Speers** of Blountstown, Fla., a daughter, Elizabeth Halley, born Sept. 11, 2005.
- Mark and **Kris Stejskal** of Fairhope, Ala., a daughter, Sarah Claire, born March 24, 2006.
- '99 **Brentley Tyler** and **Kerry Joy Gissing Cobb** of Birmingham, a daughter, Grace Perry, born Feb. 1, 2006.
- Ty and **Jessica Waldron Jennings** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Baker Stephen, born March 3, 2006.
- Zach** and **Ashley Daye Wells King '00** of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, Caleb James, born Sept. 27, 2005.
- Nathan** and **Elizabeth Mangham Lott** of Richmond, Va., a son, William Turner, born March 17, 2006.
- Sara and **Ryan Thomas Potter** of Fishers, Ind., a daughter, Ava Ryann, born March 24, 2006.
- Brian and **Rebecca Johnson Vance** of Montgomery, Ala., twins, Cooper Joseph and Caroline Rose, born Jan. 10, 2006.
- '00 Jamey and **Melanie Burrow** of Helotes, Texas, twin sons, William Walcott and Richard Hoke, born April 6, 2006.
- Charles Oscar** and **Karen Michelle Smith Hetzler** of Ekron, Ky., a son, Nathanael Charles, born Dec. 12, 2005.
- Charles Ross IV** and **Rebekah Pallatt Rowland** of Olive Branch, Miss., a son, Charles Ross V, born Nov. 10, 2005.
- John and **Meridith Nealy Starling** of Ann Arbor, Mich., a son, Jude Mason, born March 23, 2006.
- Russ** and **Jessica Stephenson Taylor** of Charlotte, N.C., a son, Caleb Russell, born April 22, 2005.
- Lori and **Kent Williams** of Elizabethtown, Ky., a daughter, Audrey Claire, born Oct. 9, 2004.
- '01 Joseph and **Shannon Lynn Murphy Carrasco** of Eustis, Fla., sons, Gregory Jose, born April 11, 2004, and Gailen Miguel, born Jan. 20, 2006.
- Tracy and **Jennifer Stapleton Cleveland**, a son, Dawson Robert, born Sept. 5, 2005.
- Guy and **Heather Nicole Morgan, Pharm.D.**, of Navarre, Fla., a daughter, Baylor Shaine, born Feb. 28, 2006.
- Dorothy** and **David Parker '01** of Oak Ridge, Tenn., a daughter, Madeleine Claire, born March 7, 2006.
- Geoffrey and **Lindsay Brooke Castleberry Rutland** of Birmingham, a daughter, Reece Ida, born Jan. 4, 2006.
- '02 Jeff and **Shannon Lei Rainey Shuford** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Jefferson Lee, born Oct. 28, 2005.
- '03 **Michael Joseph** and **Heather Doss Au** of Gardendale, Ala., a daughter, Taylor, born Feb. 9, 2006.
- Josh and **Tiffany Joy Sandel Bledsoe** of Old Hickory, Tenn., a daughter, Allison Joy, born Dec. 27, 2005.
- Racheal and **Brandon Luke McKinney** of Deltona, Fla., sons, Isaac, born Jan. 8, 2005, and Noah, born Feb. 9, 2006.
- Jason** and **Katy Walsh Ogletree** of Mobile, Ala., a son, Thomas, born Feb. 19, 2005.
- '05 Amanda and **Jeremy Ryan Maxfield** of Calera, Ala., a daughter, Adalyn, born Jan. 7, 2006. ■



# in memoriam

'34 **Nathan Campbell Napier**, age 94, of Midlothian, Va., died March 23, 2006. He was a Baptist minister, serving many years at churches in Bedford, Va.

'35 **Ruth Graves Daniels**, age 92, of Homewood, died April 22, 2006. She retired from South Highland Hospital.

'36 **Melvin L. Hyatt**, age 92, of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Athens, Ala., and Decatur, Ala., died April 3, 2006. He was a financial planner with IDS American Express.

'38 **Margaret Randle**, age 88, of Auburn, Ala., formerly of Pinson, Ala., died April 1, 2006. She taught elementary school in Jefferson County.

**Edwin Fowler Woods** of Lewisburg, Tenn., died Nov. 25, 2004. He was a life insurance underwriter and agent.

'39 **Mary Margaret Rothrock**, age 99, of Gadsden, Ala., died March 29, 2006. After retiring from Gadsden city schools in 1964, she taught children of American military personnel in Germany.

'41 **Mae Harris Turner**, age 101, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Jan. 31, 2006. She taught school in Coffee, Covington, Dale and Geneva counties for 48 years.

'45 **William Floyd de Shazo III, M.D.**, age 81, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died March 12, 2006. He was chairman of the residency program and the department of family medicine at the University of Alabama's College of Community Health Sciences. He was also team physician for the athletics department. He attended Samford while a member of the V-12 unit of the U.S. Navy.

'47 **J. Paul Coleman, J.D.**, age 87, of Maryville, Tenn., formerly of Johnson City, Tenn., died Feb. 11, 2006. A World War II veteran, he served in Gen. George Patton's Third Army and received a Purple Heart for wounds sustained during the Battle of the Bulge. He practiced law for more than 50 years.

'48 **Margie Godwin Dykes**, of Lawrence, Kan., died Feb. 12, 2006. A teacher, she earned a doctoral degree from Kansas State University.

**Franklin Pierce Randle**, age 89, of Opelika, Ala., formerly of Pinson, Ala., died March 14, 2006. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired from Moore-Handley Inc. after 35 years.

'50 **William L. Crouch, Jr.**, age 76, of Birmingham, died Sept. 1, 2005. He earned a Bronze Star while serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a pharmacist in the Birmingham area, most recently working for the Jefferson County Health Department. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Carl Edwin Miller, Jr.**, age 78, of Birmingham, died March 5, 2006, of cancer. Longtime owner of Bodine, Bryson & Rolling, he retired from the office furniture business in 1991. He played football at Samford and was Alumnus of the Year in 1999.

'52 **I. Cole Skelton**, age 78, of Pell City, Ala., died Feb. 10, 2006. He was an Alabama Baptist minister, and served 10 years as director of missions for the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association. He held an honorary doctorate from Samford.

'54 **Joseph Callen Alred** of Clanton, Ala., died Oct. 23, 2005. He was a pharmacist.

**Harold P. Moon** of Springfield, Tenn., died March 23, 2006. A pharmacist, he was an Air Force pilot during World War II.

**Raymond Dewey Watt, Jr.**, of Simi Valley, Calif., died April 19, 2006. He was a minister who served congregations in Mississippi, Alabama, Ohio and southern California.

'55 **Blanche Beard Harwell**, age 73, of Tucker, Ga., died March 3, 2006. She taught for many years in Fulton and DeKalb county schools. While a Samford student, she was homecoming queen, and was active in musical, athletic and religious groups.

**Betty Carl Hendon Holloway, M.S.E.** '70, age 71, of Birmingham, died Feb. 11, 2006. She was a classroom teacher for 32 years, retiring from Cahaba Heights Community School in 1996. She was Jefferson County Teacher of the Year in 1993. As a Samford student, she was president of Phi Mu fraternity and was a Sigma Nu sweetheart.

**Frederick Charles Schlichter**, age 90, of Birmingham, died Feb. 15, 2006. During World War II, he was a member of the U.S. Army Medical Detachment. He

## Lolla Wright, Former First Lady, Dies at 92



Lolla Wright

Lolla Wright enjoyed her role as first lady of Samford University, and particularly liked hosting social events on campus and in the presidential home for student and faculty groups. As the wife of President Leslie Wright, who served a record 25 years as Samford's leader (1958-83), Mrs. Wright may have hosted more Samford occasions than any other first lady.

"Mrs. Wright loved this university and worked energetically and successfully in its behalf," Samford President Thomas E. Corts noted this spring. "She and her late husband were a striking couple, and they made many enduring friendships for Samford. Their hard work and devotion are everywhere apparent on the Samford campus."

Mrs. Wright, who died March 16 at 92, was a native of Ensley, Ala. She attended Howard College briefly before graduating from the University of Alabama, where she

was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She earned a master's degree in mathematics at the University of Louisville. She married her childhood friend, Leslie Stephen Wright, in 1939.

She was a member of the Women's Committee of 100 for Birmingham, the Antiquarian Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the American Colonists, and was an honorary member of the Birmingham Rotary Club. She was a charter member of the board of the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame and long-time executive director of the Samford Auxiliary.

She was a member of Southside Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Birmingham, which is located on the site of the Wrights' first presidential home.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her two sons and their wives, Leslie Stephen Wright, Jr., and Jane of Trussville; John King Wright and Libby of Birmingham; and four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. ■

worked for the Social Security Administration while attending Samford in the evenings, retiring after 36 years of service. He continued to work as a medical transcriptionist at Birmingham hospitals until he was 87.

'57 **James Howard Edmonson**, age 74, of Jackson, Tenn., died Feb. 3, 2006. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was in the Reserves until 1987, gaining the rank of full colonel. He was a longtime history professor and department chair at Union University. He held a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University and earned a law degree in 1996. He was pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Nut Bush, Tenn., from 1973 until April 2005.

'58 **Nina Ruth Kizzort Simpson**, age 72, of Pell City, Ala., died March 5, 2006, of a stroke. After retiring from teaching elementary school in Jefferson County, she was a counselor and salesperson for Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home.

'59 **Marian Nell Meadows Thompson**, age 67, of Pasadena, Texas, died Jan. 10, 2006. She taught elementary school in Pasadena. At Samford, she was a member of the A Cappella Choir.

'68 **Lewis M. Groover, Jr., J.D.**, age 62, of Ludowici, Ga., died Feb. 26, 2006. He practiced law in Atlanta, Ga., for many years before returning to his hometown of Ludowici in 2000 to serve as assistant district attorney and later as chief assistant.

**J. Scott McKnight**, age 59, of Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly of Birmingham and Tampa, Fla., died Jan. 30, 2006. He worked for Campus Crusade for Christ, Grace Fellowship Ministries and Terrace Palms Community Church.

**Owen Tidwell Presley**, age 64, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Feb. 9, 2006. He was a former purchasing agent at Samford and worked many years as business office manager at Berea College, Berea, Ky. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

'69 **Norman "Mike" Wimberly, Jr.**, age 58, of Vienna, Va., died March 23, 2006. A popular musical performer whose recent focus was music therapy for residents of retirement homes, he was minister of music at Clinton Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Md. He was a former Peace Corps English teacher and choir director on the island of Tonga in the South Pacific.

'71 **Henry Bruce Hardee, M.B.A.**, age 62, of Birmingham, died March 30, 2006. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he retired from State Farm Insurance, where he was an accountant for 33 years.

'73 **Daniel Edward Storey**, age 56, of Dublin, Ga., died Feb. 4, 2006. He was a Baptist minister for almost 40 years.

'74 **Henry N. Brown, M.S.E.**, age 74, of Birmingham, died Feb. 7, 2006. He had a long teaching career, retiring from Hueytown High School in 1989.

'76 **John L. Madison, J.D.**, age 58, of Jasper, Ala., died Feb. 21, 2006. He was a district judge and circuit court judge for 25 years before retiring in 2002. He then served as counsel to the law firm of King, Bryan and Wiley.

'79 **Kenneth J. Ashley** of Fultondale, Ala., died March 6, 2006. He was a chaplain.

**Maurice Steven Barnett, J.D.**, age 53, of Macon, Ga., died March 5, 2006. He was an Eagle Scout.

'80 **James Wallace Farley, J.D.**, age 51, of Kansas City, Mo., died Feb. 1, 2006, of cancer. He was involved with his family business, Farley State Banks.

**S. David Phillips, M.A.**, age 58, of Birmingham, died March 27, 2006. A licensed counselor, he was a mental health consultant and program director for residential programs.

'81 **Samuel Bowen Ingram, J.D.**, of Dillon, S.C., died Feb. 20, 2006, following a stroke. He had been a trial lawyer in Dillon County since 1981 and was an active volunteer with youth programs.

'84 **Sam Raybon DeLoach**, age 52, of Birmingham died Feb. 4, 2006, following a liver transplant. He was a medical assistant in the U.S. Navy and his later career spanned the spectrum of nursing practice in Birmingham area hospitals.

**Edward Michael Young, J.D.**, age 65, of Columbus, Ga., died April 14, 2006. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served three tours of duty in Vietnam, receiving many medals. He attended Cumberland after retiring from the Army and practiced law in South Alabama.

'87 **David Wayne Davis, M.S.E.**, age 51, of Acmar, Ala., died Feb. 22, 2006. He was an educator and coordinator of federal programs for the St. Clair County Board of Education.

'91 **Mary Kathleen Hormell Streets**, age 62, of Hoover, Ala., died Feb. 1, 2006. She retired after 22 years as the consumer affairs coordinator for Alagasco/Energen. She was active in the Alabama Gerontological Society. ■

## Dr. Dobbins Remembered as Stimulating Teacher, English Scholar



Austin Dobbins

Generations of Samford students profited from the vast knowledge of English literature possessed—and passed along to them—by Dr. Austin C. Dobbins. He taught English at Samford from 1950 until 1985, specializing in the works of Milton, Shakespeare and Chaucer. He served as chair of the English department from 1957 until 1979.

In 1975, the University of Alabama Press published his book, *Milton and the Book of Revelation: the Heavenly Cycle*. "The work

has been cited in recent years as one of the outstanding scholarly studies of that poet," said Samford English professor Rod Davis, a former Dobbins student.

Dobbins, who died May 30 at the age of 86, was the son of Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, a well-known Baptist educator and for many years dean of the School of Christian Education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Austin Dobbins was a graduate of Mississippi College and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He was an active member of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church for more than half a century.

Dobbins is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Willis Dobbins; daughters Ginger Howell of New Orleans, La., and Betsy Fleenor of Birmingham; and grandchildren Ashley and Jonathan Howell of New Orleans. Memorial donations may be made to the fund that Austin Dobbins established in honor of his father, the Gaines S. Dobbins English Scholarship, c/o University Relations, Samford University. ■



# Student Gospel Choir Offers Alternate Form of Praise and Worship

by Jack Brymer

Whether they're singing out a hand-clapping, foot-stomping rendition of "Keep Your Lamps" or a more contemporary song of praise such as "God Great God," the newly organized Samford Gospel Choir has one purpose.

"It's to glorify God," said choir president Roderick Evans.

The Samford Gospel Choir, a volunteer, faith-based, student-led group has been formally organized to provide an alternate form of praise and worship not normally heard on campus—black gospel music.

"Black gospel music is a unique form of worship because its evolution has occurred for hundreds of years," said Evans, a senior from Stevenson, Ala. "The response to the choir from Samford students has been great.

"We feel very blessed as individuals to sing . . . and it's very rewarding to receive student gratification for our singing at different events, as well as encouragement to continue our mission."

The 65-member choir performed two concerts and sang in convocation several times during the past school year.

The group also participated in several mission ventures off campus, including offering a concert at a community

emphasis event during Halloween at New Beginnings Church and helping to feed the homeless during Thanksgiving at Daniel Cason Ministries—both in downtown Birmingham.

Although the choir has existed in previous years, this was the first time it was constituted with officers, a mission and goals, said Evans. Garry Atkins, Samford director of residence life, and Rev. Angulus Wilson, director of Samford in Mission, serve as advisers to the choir.

Wilson observed that the students were interested in singing gospel music as a way to touch other cultures, but that leadership of the choir had been only a handful of students. He was instrumental in securing the volunteer services of Rev. Daniel Cason, a local African-American pastor and musician.

"Rev. Cason serves as kind of a pastor to the choir," he said, enabling the group to become better organized, and to integrate faith and learning through singing gospel music.

In addition to serving as pastor of New Beginnings Church in Birmingham, Cason works on the music staffs at Briarwood Presbyterian and Dawson Memorial Baptist churches. He also operates the Kids Christian Center downtown and a food bank for the homeless.

The choir joined with the Samford in Mission program doing poverty simulations.

"We plan to take these into the community to remind people that poverty still exists and must not go unacknowledged," Evans said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the choir. Not only will we be interacting with others to teach them about an overlooked issue, but it will also enable choir members to grow as individuals."

Next year, the gospel choir will perform at various churches in greater Birmingham. Plans are underway for a mission trip to Nicaragua during spring break of 2007. ■

Senior Roderick Evans is Gospel Choir president.



But for Josh Ehmke's Great-Great-Uncle,

# BABE RUTH

## Would Not Have Hit 60 Homers in 1927



Josh Ehmke went 11-2 for Samford this spring.

One of the storied games of baseball lore for old-time fans was the opener of the 1929 World Series. Philadelphia Athletics manager Connie Mack surprised the baseball world by starting seldom-used veteran Howard Ehmke in the first game against the Chicago Cubs.

Mack had pitching aces George Earnshaw (24 wins and only eight losses during the regular season) and Lefty Grove (20-6) available. Ehmke, nearing the end of his career, had pitched just 11 games the entire '29 season, going 7-2. But the veteran right-hander justified Mack's confidence. He scattered eight hits to beat the Cubs, 3-1, and struck out a World Series record 13 batters. Philadelphia went on to win the series, four games to one.

Ehmke retired the next spring, ending a so-so career that might have been a lot better had he not played for losing teams seven seasons out of 10 before arriving in Philadelphia in 1926. He won 166 games in the majors, pitched a no-hitter and even won 20 games for a last-place club, the 1923 Boston Red Sox. Still, the high point of Ehmke's career was the '29 World Series opener.

Or was it?

"I think his most famous feat was giving up home run number one to Babe Ruth the year Ruth hit 60," said Ehmke's great-great-nephew, Josh. "He pretty much started Ruth off that year [1927]. If it wasn't for him, Ruth would have hit only 59."

The younger Ehmke well may have been joshing, but baseball—and pitching—are subjects he knows. The Waterloo, Ind., native is a junior pitcher for the Samford Bulldogs. He led the Ohio Valley Conference in strikeouts this spring on the way to an 11-2 record. That performance helped Samford win the OVC regular season championship and earned Josh OVC Pitcher of the Year honors.

Although Josh has never seen films of the elder Ehmke pitching, he doesn't think they share many similarities. For one thing, Josh is left-handed.

"Judging from stats alone, he pitched in the strike zone a lot more than I do and didn't walk near as many people," said Josh. "I'm more of a strikeout pitcher, and he was a ground-ball pitcher."

One thing they did have in common, however, was a good curve ball. Josh says the curve is his best pitch. And Connie Mack chose Howard to open the '29 series because he thought the veteran's sidearm curves would keep the predominantly right-handed-hitting Cubs off balance.

Josh played two years at the University of South Alabama before transferring to Samford. He feels more at home at the denominational school because of his decision to point toward a career in the ministry.

This summer, he will put his baseball plans on hold while joining a Campus Outreach mission trip to Brazil.

Josh seems to have a future in baseball. What about it?

"Baseball is just a game," he said, but he does admit it would be nice "to have something near the career" his kinsman Howard put together. ■



# Ball

## Gargis, Ehmke Lead Bulldogs to Record Season

Led by Parker Gargis' hitting and Josh Ehmke's pitching, the Samford baseball team won an Ohio Valley Conference-record 21 games in 27 outings to claim the OVC regular season championship this spring.

Coach Casey Dunn's Bulldogs won a school-record 34 games overall, finishing 34-25 in Dunn's second season as coach. The win total bettered the record of 31 victories by the 1997 team. Dunn was voted OVC Coach of the Year.

The Bulldogs split four games in the OVC Tournament, losing to Jacksonville State, 8-7, in their final game.

Third baseman Gargis hit .396 and led the team in runs batted in with 55. "He carried us offensively and had a remarkable year," said Dunn.

Ehmke posted an 11-2 win-loss record and led the OVC in strikeouts with 132. He had a 3.15 earned run average. Ehmke set Samford season records for wins, strikeouts and earned run average.

First baseman Louis Rojas (.309) and outfielder John Morgan (.306) also hit above .300. Relief pitcher Joseph Edens led the OVC with 11 saves.

Dunn began the season with a relatively new team. Of the 39 players on the preseason roster, 23 were newcomers. He had 13 freshmen and eight transfers.

"Anytime you bring in a large number of new guys, you worry about team chemistry and the way the kids will get along," the coach said. "But most of the new guys were from winning programs, and they had a great desire to win. That excited our older guys. These players just meshed well."

The youthful Bulldogs started slowly, winning 12 and losing 14 of their first 26 games. From that point on, they won 20 of their last 29 regular-season games, including eight of the last 10.

"If you look at our scores, you'll see we won a lot of close games," said Dunn. "This team developed some consistency. It was successful because of its work ethic and because it played with a lot of heart."

Among position players, Dunn credited veterans Trey Moody, the second baseman, and Matt Alling, the centerfielder, with helping to provide team cohesion. He cited a trio of new position players with providing a big impact with their winning attitudes—Rojas, catcher Luke Peavy and shortstop Michael Marseco. ■

Parker Gargis hit .396 to lead Samford to its best record in history.



# Women's Tennis Wins OVC Tournament; Men Come Close

The Samford women's tennis team reached the pinnacle of the Ohio Valley Conference for the second time in three years, defeating Tennessee Tech, 4-2, in the title match of the 2006 OVC Tournament April 23.

With the victory, Samford improved to 14-6 on the season and advanced to the NCAA Tournament once again. In 2004, the Bulldogs defeated Tennessee-Martin to win the OVC Tournament crown.

"This team worked so unbelievably hard this season. We only had one goal in mind," said Coach Terri Sisk. "After we defeated Murray State to reach the championship match, we knew that it was in our grasp."

Samford drew nationally fourth-ranked Florida in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and dropped a 5-0 decision at Gainesville, Fla.

Katie McMiller compiled a 15-5 won-loss record (10-1 OVC) at No. 2 singles. Sarah McKey was 14-2 and 11-0 at No. 5, and Whitney Warren was 14-7 and 10-2 at No. 4.

The Samford men's team came close to duplicating the women's OVC championship, surviving until the title match of the conference tournament before losing, 4-3, to Tennessee Tech. The loss concluded a 16-10 season for Coach Kemper Baker's squad.

Stuart Misner was 16-7 overall and 12-0 in the OVC. Johnny Griffie was 15-5 and 10-1. ■

Katie McMiller had a 15-5 record for Samford this spring. Coach Terri Sisk, right, led the Bulldogs to their second OVC title in three years.





# 'Not as Wide-eyed'

## 2006 Football Team More Experienced

The Samford football team enters the 2006 season with much more experience than in the past. The 2005 team had just five seniors, while the 2006 edition has 18.

"We shouldn't be wide-eyed when we go out on the field," said Head Coach Bill Gray. "We should be confident in what we are trying to do on both sides of the football and on special teams because of the numbers that are coming back."

The Bulldogs return nine starters each on offense and defense, and at all three of the kicking positions, from last year's 5-6 team.

"That is why the spring was such a good one," Gray said. "We were able to rep a lot of things rather than trying to learn them for the first time. I will be very disappointed if they don't come out and play with confidence and not make the mistakes you make as a young football team."

One of the most improved areas for the 2005 squad was defense. With all but two defensive starters returning, Gray said it should be a strength for this year's team.

"The experience coming back on the defensive side has to be a plus for us," Gray said. "I don't think the drop-off from our starters to our twos is going to be as great as in the past."

"We have four safeties, and we feel confident about any of them being on the field. There have been times when we have struggled to find a second safety, and now we have four. We also have some depth at linebacker, and we have some kids who play hard up front who will make us better as well."

Offensively, Samford returns everyone but lineman Kevin Pughsley and wide receiver Ossie Buchannon.

Quarterback Jefferson Adcock, who passed for 2,338 yards and 18 touchdowns last fall, returns at quarterback. Dante Williams is a capable backup. Jeff Moore leads an experienced receiving corps after catching 53 passes for 669 yards last year. Joe Jones (25 catches), David Lee (24) and Freddy Young (22) also return.

Leading rusher Justin Ray (479 yards, five touchdowns) is back at running back, and medical redshirt Harris Johnson should provide running help. Tackles Tommy Smith and Colby Hooper, guard Matt Crum, and center Graham Lemmond are returning starters. Junior college transfer Kyle Castles will join Crum at guard.

On defense, four-year safety starter Cortland Finnegan is gone, but four of the top five tacklers return in linebackers Jay McCurty and Calvin Hodge, end Steve Tennin and safety B. T. Hartloge. Returnee Rodney Shepherd will join McCurty and Hodge at linebacker.

Veterans T. C. Myers and Quinton Griffin will start at cornerback, and Luke Landers will join Hartloge at safety. Starting tackles Clyde Triplett and Haris Kovacevic return on the defensive line, as do ends Mark Brown and Jonathan Vance.

The kicking game seems solid with returnees Chris Hicks punting, Shannon Fleming placekicking and Andrew Johnson kicking off. Hicks averaged 38.2 yards a punt, and Fleming hit 10 of 14 field goals and added 31 of 35 conversions for 61 points last fall. ■

Jeff Moore caught 53 passes for 669 yards last fall.

## 2006 schedule

<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>MILES COLLEGE</b>
Sept. 9	at Georgia Tech
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>AUSTIN PEAY</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS*</b>
Sept. 30	at Southeast Missouri*
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>EASTERN KENTUCKY*</b>
Oct. 14	at Murray State*
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>TENNESSEE-MARTIN (HC)*</b>
Oct. 28	at Tennessee State*
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH*</b>
Nov. 11	at Jacksonville State*

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| <b>June 25–July 8</b> | Samford Forensics Institute, (205) 726-2049  | <b>Aug. 9</b>     | Second summer session ends  | <b>Sept. 7–10</b>               | Greek Weekend, (205) 726-2028  |
| <b>July 3–14</b>      | Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionary training, Beeson University Center, (205) 821-6994 | <b>Aug. 10–12</b> | Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy, (205) 726-2865   | <b>Sept. 8</b>                  | Samford Business Network, Atlanta, Ga., (205) 726-2364, <a href="http://www.samfordbusinessnetwork.org">www.samfordbusinessnetwork.org</a>   |
| <b>July 4</b>         | University offices closed; no classes  | <b>Aug. 14</b>    | Cumberland School of Law Orientation, (205) 726-4093  | <b>Sept. 9</b>                  | Tailgate Party, Samford vs. Georgia Tech, Atlanta, (205) 726-2807, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/alumni">www.samford.edu/alumni</a>  |
| <b>July 6</b>         | End of first summer session  | <b>Aug. 21–22</b> | Faculty back-to-school workshop   | <b>Sept. 13–18</b>              | Greek Life recruitment, (205) 726-2028   |
| <b>July 7–8</b>       | Middle school baseball camp, (205) 726-4095  | <b>Aug. 23–24</b> | New student orientation Session 5, (205) 726-2216, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/groups/fyi">www.samford.edu/groups/fyi</a> | <b>Sept. 14</b>                 | High school communication workshop, hosted by journalism and mass communication department, (205) 726-2394   |
| <b>July 10</b>        | Second summer session begins   | <b>Aug. 26–27</b> | Returning student move-in days, (205) 726-2345  | <b>Sept. 21, 23, 29, Oct. 1</b> | Samford Theatre presents <i>Restoreth My Soul</i> , Harrison Theatre, (205) 726-2853   |
| <b>July 10–13</b>     | Volleyball camp for grades 3–9, (205) 726-2969   | <b>Aug. 27–31</b> | Welcome Back, sponsored by Student Activities Council, (205) 726-2345   | <b>Sept. 22, 24, 28, 30</b>     | Samford Theatre presents <i>Electra</i> , Harrison Theatre, (205) 726-2853   |
| <b>July 10–14</b>     | Adventures in Music day camp, (205) 726-2810   | <b>Aug. 28</b>    | Fall semester classes begin   | <b>Sept. 22–24</b>              | Family Weekend, (205) 726-2345, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/parents">www.samford.edu/parents</a> or <a href="http://www.samford.edu/groups/sga">www.samford.edu/groups/sga</a> |
| <b>July 11–13</b>     | Cheerleading camp for ages 7–17, (205) 726-4013  | <b>Aug. 29</b>    | University Convocation, Wright Center Concert Hall, 10 a.m., Speaker: President Andrew Westmoreland                           | <b>Sept. 23</b>                 | Preview Day, coordinated by the Office of Admission, (205) 726-3673, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/admiss">www.samford.edu/admiss</a>  |
| <b>July 17–19</b>     | High school individual baseball camp, (205) 726-4095   | <b>Aug. 31</b>    | Holley-Hull Lectures, 10 a.m., Reid Chapel, Speaker: A. J. Levine, professor of New Testament, Vanderbilt University, free    | <b>Sept. 29–Oct. 1</b>          | Leadership Samford weekend, Office of Student Involvement, (205) 726-2031  |
|                       | Football camp for grades 3–8, (205) 726-2478   |                   |   | <b>Sept. 29</b>                 | Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing nurse anesthesia hooding ceremony, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, 2 p.m., (205) 726-2863   |
|                       | Volleyball camp for grades 7–12, (205) 726-2969  |                   |   |                                 |  |
| <b>July 17–21</b>     | All Aboard for Music camp, (205) 726-2810  |                   |   |                                 |  |
| <b>July 20–21</b>     | Football team camp for passing and linemen, (205) 726-2478                                   |                   |   |                                 |  |
| <b>July 24–27</b>     | Baseball camp for grades K–5, (205) 726-4095   | <b>Sept. 4</b>    | Labor Day holiday; classes in session and offices open  |                                 |  |
| <b>July 24–28</b>     | Pastors School, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, (205) 726-2338                             | <b>Sept. 5</b>    | School of Business science and religion seminar, 2–5 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Ralph W. Beeson University Center, (205) 726-2547  |                                 |  |
| <b>July 31–Aug. 3</b> | Men's basketball camp, (205) 726-2920  |                   |   |                                 |  |
| <b>Aug. 5, 12, 17</b> | Teen Court, sponsored by the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, (205) 726-2433      |                   |   |                                 |  |

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Harry and Jane Brock visit the construction site of Samford University's new recital hall, scheduled to open this fall. The Samford University Board of Trustees voted to name the \$8 million facility Jane Hollock Brock Hall (see page 3).