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Just about every Sunday during the fall and spring, young preaching hopefuls from Samford head off to Alabama Baptist churches for a dose of practical experience in the pulpit. Begun as H-Day in 1948, now Samford Sunday, the program gave Dr. Jim Barnette '83 a chance "to cut my teeth on the task of preaching," and numerous others as well.

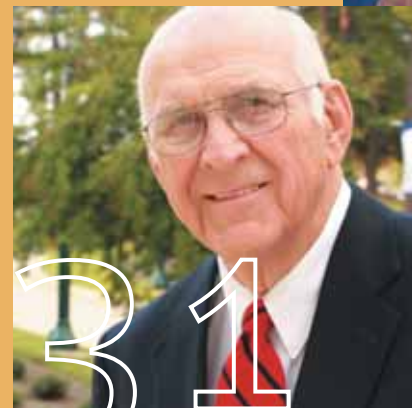
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A Remarkable Record of Shaping the Future

Dwight D. Eisenhower, speaking a few months after the conclusion of his tenure as president of the United States, commented, "Some years ago, I became president of Columbia University and learned within 24 hours to speak at the drop of a hat; and I learned something more—the trustees were expected to speak at the passing of the hat."

Within the world of higher education, one-liners abound regarding the dependence of institutions upon the philanthropic support of trustees. In reality, trustees provide extraordinary support in every area of campus life, from recruiting students to hiring presidents. These men and women are of fundamental importance to colleges and universities. No institution of higher education may be expected to rise above the quality of the individuals who hold it in trust.

Throughout the history of Samford University, we have been blessed with trustees who demonstrated selfless devotion to the mission and to the people of the institution. As for their financial support, every trustee made a gift to Samford this past year. Their record of support, in every respect, is remarkable.

In a recent meeting in which our trustees and overseers were hearing details of our forthcoming capital campaign, one of the trustees, John Pittman, stood up and began to make his way to the front of the room. Mr. Pittman has served as a trustee since 1953, and he has played a role in every important decision of the past half-century, including the vote to move Howard College from East Lake to Homewood.

Speaking from the overflow of wisdom accumulated through decades of service, Mr. Pittman spoke without notes, expressing his personal support for the upcoming campaign and concluding that, at each point in Samford's history, God had accomplished miracles thought impossible. It was a moment of inspiration that I will treasure for the remainder of my life.

I have no doubt that God accomplished the miracles noted by Mr. Pittman, but the instruments of those transforming experiences were, in many cases, the men and women of our board of trustees. Many have served this institution for decades, and one of the best, Jim Stivender, is featured on page 31 of this issue. As Mr. Pittman, Mr. Stivender and so many others have been found faithful in the past, they will surely help to shape our future.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland
President

Samford Joins Associated New American Colleges Consortium

The Associated New American Colleges [ANAC], a national consortium of higher education institutions that integrates liberal education, professional studies and civic engagement, has selected Samford University as its newest member. Samford becomes the 22nd member of this respected group of private colleges and universities, and the first representative from Alabama.

“Samford’s principles and programs dynamically illustrate the ANAC mission—to purposefully integrate the student experience so that graduates are better prepared for success in the global environment,” said David Maxwell, president of Drake University and chair of ANAC’s Board of Directors, in August. “Through its blending of curricular and cocurricular programs, and its emphasis on civic engagement, Samford successfully engages the ‘whole’

student in his education.”

As with other ANAC members, Samford achieved high scores for student engagement on the National Survey of Student Engagement, an assessment tool sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Community service, practicum and internships were areas of particularly high scores.

“Joining ANAC puts us in the company of distinguished, like-minded institutions who believe that rigorous academics alone are not enough to prepare our students,” said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. “Combining what happens in the classroom with what happens beyond is critical if we are to provide the best learning experiences. ANAC will give us the opportunity to collaborate on best practices in integrative education with top institutions across the country.” ■

Estate Gift Funds Davis Chair in Law School

A gift from the estate of Samford alumna Elizabeth “Betty” Davis Eshelman has endowed a new faculty chair in Samford’s Cumberland School of Law. The Harwell G. Davis Chair is named for Eshelman’s late father, Samford’s president from 1939 to 1958. Major Davis was instrumental in the relocation of the university from East Lake to Homewood.

Eshelman graduated from then-Howard College in 1944 and graduated from Cumberland School of Law in 1964. She died in 2007, and the university recently received a disbursement from her estate to fund the endowed chair for the teaching of constitutional law.

David Smolin, professor of law since 1987, was elected by Samford’s board of trustees to fill the new position effective Oct. 1.

Eshelman established the chair in 2000 with the understanding that a trust

from her estate would provide the funding after her death. She received income from that trust during her lifetime, according to Stan Davis, Samford’s director of gift and estate planning.

“Betty Eshelman’s love for her alma mater was evident throughout her life, but she wanted to ensure that she provided for Samford even after her death,” Davis said. “As an attorney, she understood the importance of making sure that her estate would be distributed according to her wishes. As a result of her careful planning, she was able to live comfortably until her death, and now Samford law students will benefit from her generosity for generations to come.”

Eshelman also was a strong supporter of Samford during her lifetime, with gifts to scholarships and capital projects. She was a life member of the Samford University Auxiliary. ■

Samford Choir to Sing at St. Peter’s, Notre Dame

Samford University’s A Cappella Choir will perform during mass at world-famous St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome during a May 2009 tour through Europe.

The mass will be one of several significant performances for the choir, including concerts in the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and with local Baptist congregations.

“This tour provides new precedents in the storied accomplishments of Samford’s music program,” said Joseph Hopkins, Samford’s arts school dean.

The 56-member choir is directed by Timothy P. Banks, professor of music, and has toured internationally for many years. The choir first toured Europe in 1965 with then-director George Koski, and performed at Notre Dame during 1973 and 1983 tours under the direction of Gene Black. In recent years, the choir toured in England and China, and performed at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in 2007. ■

Baldwin Named Assistant Provost

Samford University named Dr. Mary Sue Baldwin assistant provost, effective Aug. 18. At Samford since 1993, she served most recently as director of the Office of Assessment since 2007 and director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship during 2003–07.

Baldwin served on the faculty of Samford’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing from 1993 until 1999, winning the Buchanan Teaching Excellence Award in 1997 and leading the nursing school’s problem-based learning initiative as facilitator during 1997–99.

She served as conference coordinator in 2000 of Samford’s international problem-based learning conference, “PBL 2000: Promises of Better Learning.” She was director of the university’s Center for Problem-Based Learning during 2001–03. ■

Rod Hovater '67 put his Samford marketing degree to work immediately after graduation, and it hasn't stopped working for him since.

After 28 years managing and directing marketing programs at International Business Machines [IBM] and 10 years as a vice president of sales with Computer Associates, he is now a client manager for Compuware, a Fortune 1000 mainframe and distribution software company.

His Samford major and chosen profession were not hastily made choices.

"My dad, who owned a small business in Russellville, Ala., had a wonderful relationship with his customers by practicing good marketing techniques. From

an early age, sales/marketing appealed to me as a future career," said Hovater, who earned an Eagle Award as the top sales director in the United States while at IBM.

His current job calls into play an array of skill sets as he maintains personal contact with clients to ensure they are getting proper utilization of their Compuware software products. "By maintaining solid customer relationships, we learn of additional opportunities to offer the client," said Hovater, who is being honored as a 2008 Samford Alumnus of the Year.

As a member of Samford's Brock School of Business Advisory Board and the business school's mentoring

program, he is often able to share wisdom gleaned from his decades of experience.

One such pearl for students: "Get involved in business and university organizations. It's a great way to network and understand how business relationships work. It is also a great feeling to give back to the community and university," said Hovater.

He should know. In each town where his career has taken him and his wife, Paula Smith Hovater '69—be it Columbia, S.C., Johnson City, Tenn., Honolulu, Hawaii, or Atlanta, Ga.—he has been actively engaged in civic affairs.

"The best way to become a part of a new community is to get involved," he said. "Volunteering to work on projects to improve the community is something one should want to do. It is also a great way to develop relationships with other families in the community."

In Atlanta, he has been a major player in the city's Chick-fil-A Bowl for 20 years. In that time, he has worked with the band, ticket sales and hospitality committees. As a current member of the marketing and team selection committee, and vice chair of the selection process, he has visited more than 30 universities, including every Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference campus. He gets an exclusive behind-the-scenes view of some of the top college teams and sports staffs.

He proudly points to the civic value of the Chick-fil-A bowl, an effort of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Last year, the bowl game produced a \$35 million economic development impact to Atlanta. "Also, the bowl has dispersed over \$3.5 million in charitable and scholarship contributions over the past nine years," he noted.

Hovater put his own athletic talents to use at Samford in intramural competition, often playing for Sigma Nu fraternity, which he also served as commander.

"The campus sports programs organized by J. T. Haywood were excellent," he said, remembering the longtime athletics department faculty member. "The healthy competition between the fraternities, sororities, law school and other campus organizations was a great way to exercise and develop team relationships."

The appreciation he and Paula have for their alma mater is shared by his brother, Fred Hovater '59, and their son, Russ Hovater '94.

"We all had a wonderful experience and were provided with an excellent education. The professors really took an interest in us as individuals and wanted to see us succeed. If I had it to do over again, I would definitely attend Samford University," said Hovater, who was named Samford Business School Alumnus of the Year in 1993. He and Paula were copresidents of the Samford Alumni Association in 2002–03.

The Hovater family includes another son, Clay, and four grandchildren, Jordan, Anna, Colin and Ansley. The couple lives in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell, where relaxation means working outside, tending to their 12 acres and private lake. They are active members of Embry Hills church, where he is a deacon and she has taught a Bible class for 26 years. ■

Volunteering Gets a High Priority

by Mary Wimberley



Rod Hovater

Bumpers Still Values the Benefits of Study

by Mary Wimberley

As much as Bennie Bumpers treasures the Samford degree he received in 1963, he also appreciates its changing value.

“Today, a Samford degree is worth multiples of what it was when I was in school,” said the recently retired corporate executive who is a 2008 Samford Alumnus of the Year.

“I’ve never been as excited about Samford as I am now. We’ve got great teachers and deans. We’ve been able to recruit fantastic people. It is something to be proud of,” said Bumpers, who retired in 2007 as vice president of risk management at Vulcan Materials Company.

The Jackson, Ala., native never really considered another school before he enrolled at Samford in 1959. His older brother, Max Bumpers ’57, and a cousin, A. L. Courtney ’58, had introduced him to friends, and the comfortable campus environment with small classes was a good fit for the teenage Bumpers.

“I learned a lot at Samford, especially to become independent. I needed the college experience in order to mature,” said Bumpers, who was a charter member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and joined student business groups, but mostly stayed busy working part-time or full-time jobs.

During his freshman year, he met classmate Sonja Johnson of Havana, Fla. They married after their junior year, and served as copresidents of the Samford Alumni Association during 2003–04.

After graduation, Bumpers’ career took the couple to several cities as he learned the casualty insurance business with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. In 1967, he joined Vulcan Materials Company in Birmingham as a claims investigator, rising rapidly through the corporate ranks.

He modestly attributes his success to “staying power and experience,” but his résumé tells a story of continual learning to become better in his field.

Early in his career, he earned Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters [CPCU] professional designa-

tion. A past president and board member of the North Alabama CPCU chapter, a three-term state chapter president and two-term national director of Risk and Insurance Management Society [RIMS], he also served on top-level insurance-related councils. He has been chairman of the Shelby County Personnel Board.

His frequent lectures to seminars and colloquies on risk management, insurance and self insurance also helped keep him on top of his professional game.

“When you are preparing to make a talk, you study,” he said of his presentations to professionals and to college business majors.

He values the life lessons he’s learned along the way, such as the admonition from his mother and dad to never forget his roots. “If you forget where you came from, you can’t empathize with people,” he said. Another remembered lesson: always do the right thing.

“Commitment to honor is important to short-term happiness and long-term peace of mind. If you have to think very long about whether something is a good decision, it’s probably not,” he told Samford students when he was the Brock School of Business Alumnus of the Year in 1995.

He remembers his own classes with a fondness for the late business dean William Geer. “He was on the cutting edge of anything that was going on,” he said. “He talked about politics, and how politics affects business and how business affects politics.”

Bumpers looks on his long Vulcan career with satisfaction. “I was lucky in that as a company, Vulcan has the same



Bennie Bumpers

values and standards that Samford has,” said Bumpers, who is pleased that his former employer has a supportive and close relationship with his alma mater. A partnership between the two in the early 1990s resulted in an environmental management master’s degree in the biology department. A \$310,000 grant in 2001 from the Vulcan Materials Company Foundation established the Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education.

Since retirement, he finds more time for tennis, occasional golf outings, and weekly basketball games with a group of buddies at Shades Mountain Baptist Church, where he and Sonja have worshiped for decades. An avid Samford sports fan, he is a regular spectator at Bulldogs competitions and a member of the Bulldog Club Advisory Board. He is a member of the Brock School of Business Advisory Board and its mentoring committee.

With the “schedule freedom” that retirement allows, he enjoys regular trips to the farm he and Sonja maintain in south Alabama, and to North Carolina, where their grandson, Nathaniel, lives.

They have two sons, Doug, in Birmingham, and Shawn in North Carolina. ■

The background of the poster features a large, detailed statue of a man in a blue football helmet and a blue suit with a tie. Behind the statue is a large, ornate clock tower with a clock face, set against a backdrop of trees with autumn foliage. The title 'Samford University Homecoming 2008' is prominently displayed in the center. 'Samford University' is in a blue serif font, 'Homecoming' is in a large, bold, red serif font with a blue outline, and '2008' is in a smaller red serif font inside the 'G' of 'Homecoming'.

Samford University Homecoming 2008

The Samford University family will come together Oct. 24–26 for a full schedule of homecoming activities. The annual gathering includes reunions, banquets, concerts, athletics events and a variety of other activities that should appeal to all ages, according to David B. Goodwin '03, Samford's director of alumni and parent programs.

Registration is available online at www.samfordhomecoming.com. A registration brochure also was mailed in September to all Samford alumni.

A highlight of the weekend includes recognition of the 2008 Alumni of the Year: Bennie Bumpers '63 of Birmingham, and Rodney '67 and Paula '69 Hovater, Atlanta, Ga. (See pages 4–6 for profiles of the Alumni of the Year.)

Other events are being added to the schedule during the fall, and Goodwin encouraged alumni, parents and friends to check the Samford web site regularly for homecoming updates.

Information for this schedule is provided by departments and organizations. If there is an event not listed, please check with the sponsoring department or organization.

Turn to page 8 for a detailed schedule.

2008 HOMECOMING

Friday, October 24

8–12 p.m.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Advisory Board breakfast and meeting, Ingalls Hall, by invitation only

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Advisory Board luncheon and meeting, by invitation only
205-726-2861

12–5 p.m.

Registration, Beeson University Center
Note: If you cannot make it to homecoming but want others to know where you are, send an update to homecoming@samford.edu and it will be posted at registration.

4–5 p.m.

Samford Alumni Association annual meeting

All alumni are invited to attend this short meeting with great fellowship.
205-726-2337 or
dbgoodwi@samford.edu

5 p.m.

Evensong, Hodges Chapel

This worship service is modeled after the British Evensong tradition and led by Samford students, faculty and alumni. Timothy P. Banks '74, professor of music, will be the celebrant.

7 p.m.

"It's a Grand Night for Singing", Brock Recital Hall

An evening of honor and tribute to Dr. L. Gene Black, dean, conductor and professor at Samford University from 1965 to 2000

8:30 p.m.

Bash/Pep Rally/Bonfire/Fireworks
Enjoy refreshments, live music, a bonfire and pep rally featuring the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, Spike the Mascot and presentation of the 2008 Homecoming Court. A fantastic fireworks finale concludes the evening. Cosponsored by the Student Activities Council and Samford Alumni Association

9 p.m.

Reception honoring Dr. Gene Black, Wright Center foyer and terrace

Saturday, October 25

8 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Samford Band Alumni Gathering, Brock Hall

Activities include breakfast, rehearsal, watch party for the homecoming parade, a barbecue lunch and performing together at the football game. Lunch is \$6 per person.
band@samford.edu

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Registration, Beeson University Center

8:30–10 a.m.

Brock School of Business Alumni breakfast, Dwight Beeson Hall
For alumni and friends of the School of Business
205-726-2364 or chdalke@samford.edu

9–10:30 a.m.

Golden Bulldogs Brunch, Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center
Alumni from the classes of 1958 and earlier are invited for brunch and informal visiting with friends and formal classmates. The Lockmiller Award will be presented to the oldest alumnus and alumna attending the brunch.
Note: There is no charge for this event, but advance reservations are appreciated.

9–11 a.m.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing Reunion, Rotunda, Center for Healing Arts
Visit with graduates from 1922 through 2008, and enjoy coffee and pastries.
205-726-4566 or sgsheffi@samford.edu

9–11:30 a.m.

Hot-Air Balloon, Quad
Times are approximate; weather permitting
Sponsored by Samford Business Network

9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board meeting, SIM Forum, Brooks Hall

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Self-Guided Tours of Hodges Chapel, Divinity Hall
Guide books will be available to help you enjoy and understand the beautiful artistry in this worship space.

9:30 a.m.

Live @ the Library, Davis Library
Popular singer Kate Campbell and Dr. Wayne Flynt will be featured.

10 a.m.

Women's Basketball Scrimmage, Hanna Center
The Samford Bulldogs host a scrimmage as they prepare for their first season of competition in the nationally recognized Southern Conference.

10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy and CVS/pharmacy Health Fair
In celebration of American Pharmacists Month this October, McWhorter School of Pharmacy will host a Homecoming Health Fair sponsored by CVS/pharmacy. Heartburn, asthma, blood pressure and diabetes education, and health screenings will be available. CVS pharmacists also will administer flu shots. Please reserve your shot with your homecoming registration. CVS can process insurance and payment verification, so bring your insurance card or \$30 if your insurance does not cover flu shots.

10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Art Alumni Reunion and Minishow, Swearingen Hall
Alumni artwork will be displayed informally, so bring your work to share. Computers will be available to display digital images. Refreshments and lunch will be provided by the Samford art department.

11 a.m.

Homecoming Parade
This year's homecoming parade will be a special treat with floats, the Samford Marching Band and other guest bands, cheerleaders and dignitaries winding through campus. Winning floats will be parked at Seibert Stadium. Honored homecoming queens include Gloria Kirkland Slaughter '58, Lori Littlejohn Sullivan '78, Susan Barnes Howerton '83, Susan Corts Hill '98, and Ellen Donze Harmon '08.

Men's Basketball Scrimmage, Hanna Center
The Samford Bulldogs host a scrimmage as they prepare for their first season of competition in the nationally recognized Southern Conference.

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**Homecoming Festival, Quad**

Rather than single class-year reunions, Samford is hosting reunion gatherings by affinity groups and student generations. Other groups already planning special reunions are Air Force ROTC, Alpha Delta Pi, art department alumni, chemistry department alumni, Chi Omega, Gamma Sigma Sigma, nursing alumni, Phi Mu, Samford bands, Sigma Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha. This list will be updated as alumni reunions are confirmed. A picnic lunch is available on the Quad.

Tickets: \$6 per person, adult or child

11:30 a.m.**Dedication of Bolding Rose Garden**

Located between Swearingen Hall and Divinity Hall

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**All Alumni Reunion Luncheon, Dining Hall, Beeson University Center**

Enjoy lunch and reminiscing with friends, former classmates, former teachers and administrators, and the entire Samford family.

Tickets: \$6 per person, adults or children

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing**Barbecue Luncheon, Center for the Healing Arts Plaza**

Advance reservations are requested. 205-726-4566 or sgsheffie@samford.edu
Tickets: \$5 per person (children 5 and under free), payable on-site

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies alumni and friends barbecue luncheon, Orlean Bullard Beeson Plaza**

Advance reservations are requested, but lunch is free of charge. 205-726-2745 or rcduncan@samford.edu

11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.**Samford Women's Basketball Reunion**

205-726-4072

12 p.m.**Bulldog FunZone opens, Seibert Stadium**

Children enjoy games, inflatables and other fun activities.

Note: A football game ticket is required for admission to the FunZone for each adult and child.

2 p.m.**Football: Samford vs. The Citadel, Seibert Stadium**

Cheer the Bulldogs to victory. Enjoy a halftime performance by the Samford Marching Band and the Samford Dance Team as well as other festivities. The 2008 Homecoming Court will be presented. Parade float winners will be announced. The alumni band will play throughout the game. Stay after the game as the Samford Marching Band presents its traditional postgame concert. Tickets are available at www.samfordsports.com.

Tickets: \$12 per person, (\$5 children 12 and under) general admission

6 p.m.**Class of 1958 Golden Reunion Dinner**

Tickets: \$15 per person

7 p.m.**Volleyball: Samford vs. Elon, Seibert Hall****7:30 p.m.****"An Evening to Remember," Brock Recital Hall**

The School of the Arts presents a concert of past and present performance groups, including the A Cappella Alumni Choir, with Dr. L. Gene Black as guest conductor.

Sunday, October 26**10:30 a.m.****Worship Service, Hodges Chapel**

This service will be led by James Barnette '83 and Greg Steele '83. The University Ministries Choir will sing, and other Samford alumni and students also will provide worship leadership.

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**Brunch, Dining Hall, Beeson University Center**

Cost: \$6.75 per person, payable on-site

2 p.m.**Volleyball: Samford vs. UNC–Greensboro, Seibert Hall****6 p.m.****Kate Campbell in concert, Brock Recital Hall**

All activities are free unless otherwise noted.

Shuttles will be provided throughout the weekend around campus and from overflow parking on Saturday. Overflow parking, if needed, will be available across Lakeshore Drive from the west campus entrance.

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- Westmoreland Outlines Samford Strengths, Opportunities, Areas Needing Work
- Five Samford Graduates Will 'Teach for America' This Fall
- Indonesian Ambassador Touts Economic Partnership Possibilities
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Samford University Honors Dr. L. Gene Black

October 24 & 25, 2008



Friday, October 24, 2008, 7:00 PM
“IT’S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING”...

An Evening of Honor and Tribute

Dr. L. Gene Black

Dean, Conductor, Professor
Samford University 1965-2000

Reception to Follow

Reception Hosted by Dr. Andrew Westmoreland
LSW Auditorium and Terrace



Saturday, October 25, 2008, 7:30 PM

Samford University School of The Arts presents

“AN EVENING TO REMEMBER”

Concert of Past and Present Performance Groups

Including the A Cappella Alumni Choir

Guest Conductor, Dr. L. Gene Black



Free tickets for both events can be ordered on
Samford's website - www.samfordhomecoming.com

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Contact Marty Estes: martyestes@yahoo.com

Hunter Goff: hgofff@mcclwain.org

Dobbins Missed Teaching, and the ‘Novel Questions’ of Students

by Mary Wimberley

Dr. Betsy Dobbins

Biology professor Betsy Dobbins was recognized for superior teaching this fall, but she believes her true profession is to “foster learning.”

“People learn when they are respected as individuals, when they are partners in the process, and when they are challenged to produce the highest caliber work,” she said of her classroom approach.

“There are few things more satisfying than watching someone grasp a difficult concept,” added Dr. Dobbins, the 2008 winner of Samford’s John H. Buchanan Award for Teaching Excellence.

She was doing a postdoctoral fellowship when she found she missed teaching and interacting with students. “Students also ask novel questions that allow me to think about the world in a new way.”

Former students in last May’s graduating class showed their appreciation for her teaching abilities by heavily nominating her for the Buchanan Award. The honoree is chosen each year from a list of finalists nominated by students.

Those nominating her commented that she practices what she encourages them to do, stresses the importance of learning over a lifetime rather than crunching facts before a test, and brings

students into an environment that “challenges their comfort zones and broadens their horizons,” said Samford Provost and Executive Vice President Brad Creed in making the presentation at the opening fall convocation.

“Her enthusiasm for the subject matter is contagious and inspires her students to become passionate about what they are learning,” said Creed. As the winner, she received \$1,000 and a silver tray.

Dobbins was cited for her efforts related to problem-based learning, service-learning and environmental concerns. Ever innovative, she pioneered a unique program linking her biology classes to courses in science at Gate City Elementary School in Birmingham, and was codesigner of a new program in bioinformatics that helped secure more than \$100,000 in funding for science-based scholarships.

Dobbins’ own early education included high school in Naples, Italy, as the family followed her dad’s military career.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology at Auburn University, she worked in recreation and was a Scuba diver. In trying to understand the changes in breathing patterns that occur while diving, she earned a master’s in exercise physiology at the University of

California, Los Angeles [UCLA]. Her thesis describing Scuba-related changes in breathing and possible respiratory mechanisms left unresolved the question of what stimulates breathing.

That question drew her to the study of respiration control, an aspect of neuroscience for her Ph.D. in physiological science, also at UCLA.

Before joining the Samford faculty in 1996, she was a research fellow at California Institute of Technology.

Dobbins often leads her students out of the confines of the Samford Sciencenter into natural habitats. Well-known on campus for promoting environmental causes, she is a longtime coordinator of Earth Day activities at the school.

Dobbins has served on many campus committees, and for four years was director of Alabama Governor’s School, which brings bright high school students to Samford for two weeks of college-level classes each June.

She and her husband, Allan, who teaches at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, have two sons, William and James. ■



SAMFORD SUNDAY

by Jack Brymer

Celebrating 60 Years of Mutual Blessings

With only minor adjustments and a name change, Samford Sunday—began in 1948 as H-Day (Howard Day) by the religion department—continues to enhance the interrelatedness of Samford, its ministerial students and the churches that support the university and eventually call its students as ministers. The program celebrates its 60th anniversary this fall.

Jim Barnette '83, associate professor of religion at Samford and faculty adviser to the student-led program, participated in Samford Sunday as a student.

"Samford Sunday gave me a deep appreciation for grass-roots Alabama Baptists, who are the reason that Samford University began and who are still a significant reason for what it is about today," he said. "H-Day was my opportunity to cut my teeth on the task

of preaching, and in doing so, it helped fulfill my sense of calling toward the ministry."

Graduates from a quarter-century ago, as well as current and recently graduated ministerial students, echo Barnette's assessment of the program's value and significance in validating their call to ministry.

Michael Shumate '83, pastor for 15 years of Union Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C., described the program as "an awesome experience." Acknowledging a call to the ministry while pursuing a business degree at Southern Union State Junior College and working as manager of a restaurant, Shumate enrolled at Samford and began immediately to participate in the preaching program.

"Samford Sunday gave me the opportunity to improve and simply learn how to preach," he said. "I

preached almost every week for the two years I was at Samford and was one of the first students to sign up each year."

In addition to preaching opportunities, Shumate said that the experience of observing people and pastors in different size churches and locations gave him a sense of "pastoring." As a result, he continued, "I grew to love preaching."

C. Benjamin "Ben" Styles '85, who served more than seven years as pastor at New Canaan Baptist Church in Lacey's Spring, Ala., said that in addition to the tremendous value of preaching in a wide spectrum of churches, there were side benefits.

"We always had a great meal at some member's home or dinner-on-the-grounds in which I felt nurtured as a young preacher," he said. "Plus, we received a little spending money of \$25 to \$30, which was a tremendous help."

Ministerial students Jeremiah Chester, left, and Alex Poythress chat with Samford Sunday adviser Jim Barnette in Reid Chapel.

Active in the Baptist Student Union choir and drama group, Styles said he also sang in churches with attendance ranging from 50 to 500. He is also a writer and is in the final editing stages of a book scheduled for release this fall entitled *The Great Adventure: A Guided Journey through the New Testament*. It combines a reading schedule, Bible book introduction and study helps designed to assist church members in reading and better understanding God's Word. His wife, Jeanne, is also a writer who has published three sewing books.

"Samford Sunday was the defining moment in my calling to preach," said Chris McCaghren of Montgomery, Ala., who served as coordinator of the student-led program for three years before graduating in 2007. Now a master of divinity student at Beeson Divinity School, McCaghren said his first preaching experience had a tremendous impact for good on his life.

"I was the first [student] to sign up my freshman year in '03," he said. "I was sent to Concord Baptist Church in the East Cullman Association, I believe. I had worked on my sermon for hours, but it took me only eight minutes to deliver it to a congregation of seven people. It was the best experience of my entire life. When I returned to Samford that night, I knew I was called to preach."

McCaghren praised the people at Concord for allowing an 18-year-old in their pulpit and for the way they cared for him. "Their care of me as a preacher, not my sermon, affirmed God's calling of my life to ministry," he said.

"It was definitely my favorite college experience," said Andrew Garnett '07, a classics major from Trussville, Ala. He entered Samford knowing that ministry was his calling, but is leaning toward service in international missions as a Bible translator.

Not so with Brandon Nygaard '07, a native of West Des Moines, Iowa, who came to Samford from Marietta, Ga., with no plans for ministry. He discovered Samford Sunday on Samford's website. Because he liked to speak, he saw it as a challenge for him.

"I started out with a selfish motive," Nygaard said. "I did not suspect the call to preach would grab hold of me when I first went out there. After

I started, however, I didn't want to do anything else. That is when I surrendered to the calling."

Now a second-year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Nygaard said, "Looking back, it was not only the most important but most joyous experience of my college years. It was such an honor to preach to people we met Sunday after Sunday."

Developing long-term friendships among the participants is another value of the program cited by participants.

"After preaching assignments, we would find ourselves hanging out together the rest of the week," said McCaghren. He likened it to a lifelong brotherhood or fraternity, citing the recent wedding of Garnett, in which both he and Nygaard served as best men.

Jeremiah Isaiah Chester, a junior from West Palm Beach, Fla., said he agreed to serve as coordinator of the program because of its history and

"Samford Sunday gave me the opportunity to improve and simply learn how to preach."

Michael Shumate '83

what it provides for students who feel preaching is their lifetime calling.

"Preaching is one of those vocations that the only way you learn it is by preaching," he said. "It is an active learning experience. In fact, some students feel called after preaching at Samford Sunday."

Chester said the current leadership is seeking ways to enhance the program. One relates to transportation.

Currently, the students carpool with three or four cars following each other to an association. The group wants to secure the services of a van or bus where they can ride together. "That would help with safety, plus provide a spirit of togetherness on the long drives," he said.

Still another challenge to the program is the multiple directions of ministry today. "Not all are interested in preaching, but also in missions and other areas," Chester said.

Longtime Samford professor Sigurd Bryan, now retired, serves as volunteer director of the Samford Sunday program and as a mentor to the students. As director, he contacts the directors of missions [DOM] about hosting a Samford Sunday event.

"From the outset, Samford Sunday has worked through the DOMs over the state," Bryan said. Many have supported the program for years, he noted, such as West Cullman, which has a permanent date—the first Sunday in March.

Jack Collins '64, the association's director for 23 years, remembers participating in the program as a student. "As a young preacher, the program provided encouragement and experience when we didn't have a place to preach," he said. "Some of the churches treat the students as though they were their own. In fact, one church has requested the same student preacher for three years."

Bryan added, "Pastors are most generous to open their pulpits to these young men. We regard this as a great trust which we do not want to violate, a trust we deeply appreciate."

Samford Sunday is partnering with the Samford Preministerial Scholars Program, according to Barnette. "Students who are aspiring preachers are encouraged to use Samford Sunday for at least some of their required ministry internships," Barnette said.

Students who do so receive feedback from local pastors regarding their sermons, and they meet regularly with Barnette, Bryan or other ministers to debrief about their experiences.

Collins said the program is a wonderful way for churches to get acquainted with preachers who are coming out of the religion department at Samford and Beeson Divinity School.

"The students come well prepared and have been a blessing to the churches," he said. ■



Samford Sunday alumni, from left, Brandon Nygaard, Andrew Garnett and Chris McCaghren chat at Garnett's wedding.

Samford Proposes 'Unprecedented' Cap on its Funding from Cooperative Program

by Philip Poole

"We value our relationship with Alabama Baptists, and we see this as another way to support all Alabama Baptist ministries."

Andrew Westmoreland
President

In what may be an unprecedented move in Baptist life, Samford University has offered to cap its annual Cooperative Program funding from the Alabama State Baptist Convention at its present \$5.3 million.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland announced the recommendation at an Aug. 18 university-wide staff meeting. He said the proposal earlier had received unanimous approval from three key groups: Samford's board of trustees; the Alabama Baptist Education Commission, which oversees the work of Alabama Baptists' three higher education institutions; and the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, which oversees Cooperative Program funding in the state.

Westmoreland said he became convinced after studying the university's funding for about two years that adjustments would benefit both the university and Alabama Baptists. Samford receives more Cooperative Program funding than any other Baptist college or university in the U.S., he added. He is not aware of any other institution in modern history that has presented a similar proposal.

Samford was founded by a group of Alabama Baptist leaders in 1841 and has always had a close relationship with the state Baptist convention, receiving state convention funding since at least 1925. Samford's Cooperative Program allocation is a significant portion of the convention's budget, Westmoreland noted, and represents about three percent of Samford's annual revenue budget.

"We have come to a point with the convention budget that a readjustment of the Samford allocation is in order," Westmoreland explained. In working with state convention officials, he said, "we have come to an understanding of how we could be even more proactive in this relationship."

Westmoreland emphasized that the suggestion does not change Samford's relationship with Alabama Baptists. "We value our relationship with Alabama Baptists, and we see this as another way to support all Alabama Baptist ministries."

Despite the fact that Samford will forego automatic annual increases in funding, Westmoreland dispelled perceptions that the university "has all the money we need." He noted, for instance, that Samford soon will embark on a comprehensive capital campaign to secure needed resources for the campus.

Cooperative Program funding for Alabama Baptists' three higher education institutions—Samford, Judson College and the University of Mobile—is based on a complex formula related to enrollment and other factors. Under the proposal, Samford's allocation still could be adjusted upward from the \$5.3 million in the future if convention and university officials mutually agree. Westmoreland said that such decisions might be made "every few years."

The suggestion that the funding allocation be capped must be approved by the messengers (delegates) to the annual state convention meeting in November as part of the budget approval process. But, Westmoreland said he does not anticipate any significant problems with approval.

Samford will continue to relate to the state convention "just as we've always done," Westmoreland said. "This does not change our valued and historic relationship with Alabama Baptists."

State convention leadership echoed Westmoreland's sentiments.

"Alabama Baptists have been supportive of the mission of Samford University throughout the history of the university," said Rick Lance, Alabama Baptist State Convention executive director. "Alabama Baptists are proud to partner with Samford University in the effort of offering students an intentional environment where there is an opportunity for their faith to grow and their learning to be enhanced. This is a partnership which has been blessed by God, and it holds even greater promise for the future."

Alabama State Baptist Convention President Roger Willmore said, "I commend Samford University, President Westmoreland and the [Samford] board of trustees for their recent Cooperative Program funding proposal. There is a wonderful spirit of good will in this proposal that reflects the cooperative spirit of Samford University and the desire to strengthen the service of her two sister institutions. I am grateful to God for the relationship that the Alabama Baptist State Convention has with our Samford University, Judson College and University of Mobile."

Willmore is pastor of Deerfoot Baptist Church in the Birmingham suburb of Trussville. Both Lance and Willmore serve as ex officio members of Samford's board. ■

Divinity Celebrates 20th Year Training 'Pastors Who Can Preach'

by William Nunnelley

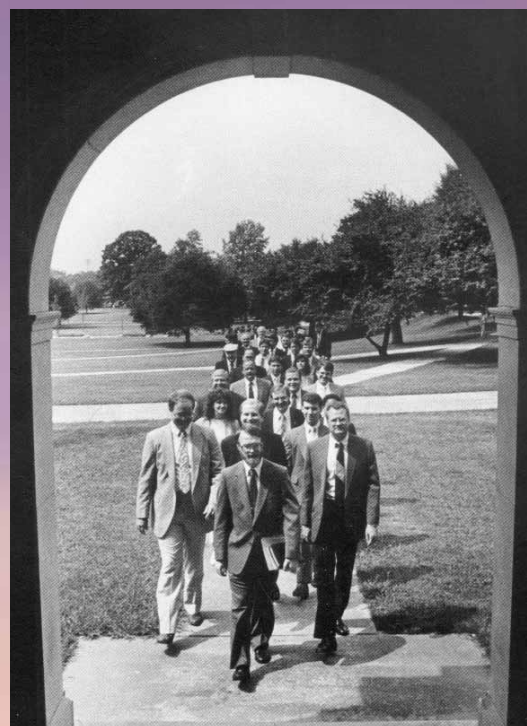
In August of 1988, Dean Timothy George led an academic procession of 32 students across the Samford campus and into Reid Chapel in the symbolic beginning of a new graduate school of theology at the university. It was the first full-fledged divinity school to be opened on an undergraduate Southern Baptist campus.

Beeson Divinity School (the name was added the next year) completes the celebration of its 20th anniversary this fall. The observance began last year with the entry of Beeson's 20th class, and continued this past summer with Beeson's 20th Pastor's School. About 200 attended the first Pastor's School in the summer of 1988, and more than 300 enrolled in the 2008 program.

Today, as at the outset, the divinity school reflects the influence of Ralph Waldo Beeson, whose generosity provided the substantial financial support that made possible the school's establishment.

"A modest man of few words and old-fashioned piety, Ralph Beeson gave us a simply stated but very difficult task—to train 'pastors who can preach,'" Dean George recalled. "He specifically stated that our school should be 'Christian, Protestant, evangelical and inter-denominational.'

"Mr. Beeson wanted us to be faithful to the Holy Scriptures, the historic Christian faith and the great heritage of the Reformation," George continued. "But he wanted this to be done in a nonsectarian way that would foster Christian unity, not exacerbate division. In keeping with



Dean Timothy George leads the first Beeson class into Reid Chapel in this 1988 *Birmingham News* photo.

that vision, we have sought to be both evangelical and ecumenical."

The divinity school's original enrollment today has grown to an army of more than 700 alumni serving in various ministries in 36 states and more than 20 countries on six continents.

"They serve in churches large and small, in inner-city ministries and rural congregations, as chaplains, teachers, counselors, evangelists, missionaries, as church administrators and denominational leaders," said George. "I am proud of each of them and all that they are doing to make a difference for Christ in our fragile world."

Beeson Divinity School now enrolls about 200 students each year. This fall's entering class includes 35 full-time master of divinity students representing 12 states and 13 denominations.

"In this our 20th year, we own and celebrate the great traditions of faith and commitment which brought Beeson Divinity School into being and on which we still stand," George noted. But rather than being keepers of a museum or chroniclers of past glory, the school wishes to be "faithful shapers of the future under the Lordship of Jesus Christ," said George. ■

Beeson

DIVINITY SCHOOL ✝ 1988-2008

Preparing for The Asian Century

by Sean Flynt

The nations of the world might as well consider the Beijing Olympics of 2008 the official opening ceremonies for the long-anticipated “Asian Century.” With growing wealth, geopolitical influence, and demand for consumer goods and petroleum, the region may be the dominant economic and cultural force in coming decades. Samford is one of many U.S. schools hoping to introduce their students to what may be the defining international cultures of their adult lives.

Miyajima floating shrine in Hatsukaichi, Japan.

The change is beginning as early as kindergarten in this country. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages [ACTFL] is still compiling data for an update of its 2000 study on the subject, but ACTFL Director of Education Marty Abbot said that “every indication is that we’re going to see a huge increase” in Chinese language offerings in U.S. public schools. According to the Modern Language Association, 661 U.S. colleges and universities offered Chinese language instruction and 728 offered Japanese language in 2006.

Samford offers instruction in Chinese, Japanese and Thai as part of the Department of World Languages and Cultures’ Critical Languages Program. Although Samford also has student exchange agreements with partners in China, South Korea and Indonesia, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland wants to increase the university’s presence in the region. “In assessing our strengths, it appeared to me that we ought to devote more attention to Asia, for reasons so transparent that just about anybody could make the case for support,” he said.

Common Threads

In July, Westmoreland visited three Asian universities in the hope of making the best of current relationships and cultivating new ones. Samford already has exchange agreements with two of these institutions—Hong Kong Baptist University [HKBU] and, most recently, Universitas Pelita Harapan [UPH] in Jakarta, Indonesia. Westmoreland visited those partners during his trip and explored the possibility of a new agreement with Seinan Gakuin University [SGU], a school with approximately 8,300 students in Fukuoka City, Japan.

In spite of many common threads uniting Samford and SGU, an exchange agreement is not a given. Both schools have Baptist roots. SGU president and Samford alumnus Gary Barkley ’77 is “a great friend of Samford,” Westmoreland said. Former SGU faculty member David Johnson recently joined the faculty of Samford’s Department of Biology and Environmental Science. Westmoreland knows SGU well due to longstanding partnership between SGU and Ouachita University, Westmoreland’s former presidential post.

“Staff members at SGU are quick to say that the Ouachita exchange program has been among their most successful efforts,” Westmoreland said. But, he added, SGU has many prospective international partners. Before SGU agrees to a formal partnership with Samford, he said, “they’ve got to determine how many exchange relationships they can manage.”

For this or any other exchange program to work, Samford faculty must be interested and involved. “An administrator can create a relation-



ship,” Westmoreland said, “but if it’s going to be sustained, faculty have to buy in, which means they have to make visits, they have to develop peer-to-peer relationships, all of those things.” Toward that end, he expects to lead a group of Samford faculty and staff to Jakarta in January 2009. Faculty and student exchanges with UPH might follow within a year or so.

Westmoreland noted that UPH, a private university of approximately 10,000 students, has a law school and many programs that parallel Samford’s. Although Jakarta looks especially promising as a source of internships for Samford business students, Westmoreland said all of Samford’s deans have expressed interest in a two-way exchange with Asian partners. “I’m very pleased with that,” he said, “because I think it means we’ll be able to get a broad base of support and interest early on.”

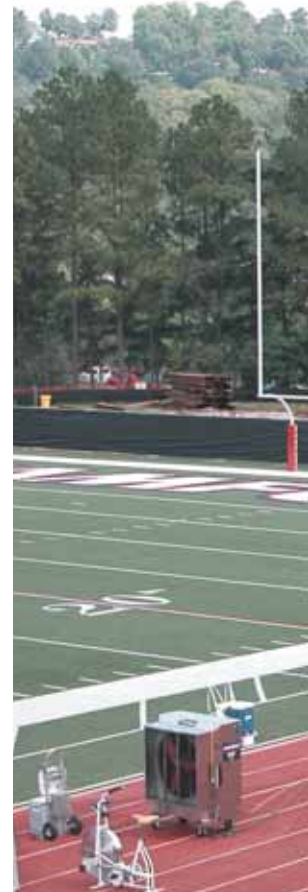
A Complete Education

Although the July trip was Westmoreland’s first to Japan, he has visited China many times and witnessed the region’s impressive growth.

“Every time you go, you’re more impressed with the construction boom, the obvious economic development that’s been taking place in the region,” he said. “They’re driving the world right now, and it’s not just China.” He noted that Vietnam is often described as the new China, and that Indonesia is “far too often overlooked as we discuss Asia and think about relationships.

“I want us to walk before we attempt to run, so these new ventures will require careful planning and allocation of resources,” Westmoreland said. Clearly, though, Samford must prepare for the Asian Century. “To do otherwise,” Westmoreland said, “would be to provide an incomplete education for our students. ■

Samford has an exchange agreement with Hong Kong Baptist University, above, and schools in South Korea and Indonesia. It is working to establish ties with other Asian schools.



Construction Proceeding Toward 2009 Opening of Samford Football Building

Samford University broke ground for construction of a new football fieldhouse in August. The university's board of trustees approved the project several months ago with the understanding that private contributions would fund construction.

The 39,000-square-foot facility will be located in the south end of Seibert Stadium. Construction is expected to take about 11 months and should be completed in time for the 2009 season, according to Athletics Director Bob Roller.

To accommodate the new building, the university moved the stadium's video scoreboard to the north end zone of Seibert Stadium.

The \$7.5 million building is being funded completely with private financial support, according to W. Randall Pittman, vice president for university relations. Most of the funding already has

been pledged, and Pittman noted that many of the donors to the facility are supporting Samford for the first time in any way.

The fund-raising campaign for the building is being led by Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan with assistance from Pittman, Roller and Larry Long, Samford Athletics Foundation executive director.

"The support for this facility demonstrates a growing interest and support of

Samford athletics across the region," Pittman said. "The addition of Pat Sullivan as our head football coach has helped to attract many new friends and donors to the university for the first time."

The new fieldhouse will include locker rooms, training rooms, weight rooms, equipment storage, offices and meeting rooms for Samford's football program. A second-level terrace will be

Architectural rendering of Samford's new football fieldhouse





used to host special events, especially on football game days. The building replaces facilities in Seibert Hall that date to that building's construction in the late 1950s.

Interior portions of the building's third level will be finished at a later date. That level will be used to house academic and administrative offices during transition periods of other new construction or building renovations on campus.

"This new building provides our football program with state-of-the-art facilities at an important time for Samford athletics," Roller said. "With the university's move to the Southern Conference, it is critical for us to compete at all levels—on the field, in the classroom and facilities—with our new conference counterparts."

Visiting teams will continue to use locker rooms and other facilities in Seibert Hall adjacent to the stadium, Roller said.

Gary C. Wyatt General Contractor, LLC, is the Birmingham-based contractor for the building, which was designed by Davis Architects of Birmingham. Construction updates will be posted periodically at www.samfordsports.com. ■

Construction is underway on Samford's new football fieldhouse at the south end of Seibert Stadium, above. At left, the video scoreboard was moved to the north end of the stadium, and a new 60-yard practice area was added.

Samford Football to Play Florida State, Auburn

Samford has reached agreements to play football games at Florida State and Auburn during the next three seasons. Samford Head Coach Pat Sullivan made the announcement during his talk to the Samford Business Network Birmingham meeting in August.

Samford will play at Florida State in 2010 and Auburn in 2011. The Bulldogs also will open the 2009 season at Conference USA member Central Florida at its new on-campus Bright House Networks Stadium.

The Florida State game will match Samford against its graduate and former head coach, Bobby Bowden '52, and his announced successor, Jimbo Fisher, who was a record-setting quarterback for Samford in 1987 and an assistant coach for the Bulldogs from 1988 to 1992.

The Auburn contest will mark the first time for 1971 Heisman Trophy winner Sullivan to coach from the opposite sideline of his alma mater. The game will be the 27th all-time meeting between Samford and Auburn, but the first since 1993.

"First, I want to thank these schools for giving us the opportunity to play," Sullivan said. "It's very special to our team and to our Samford family to be able to go to those places, and it's also exciting for our players to go to those venues. This will help us in recruiting, and for us to build our program to where we want it to be, this is what we need to do."

Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller said such scheduling shows how the football program has progressed under Sullivan and his staff.

"There is a great deal for the Samford students, fans and alumni to be proud of when you add these marquee games to the already powerful Southern Conference schedule we will play annually."

Roller said the Auburn game in 2011 is expected to be the first weekend in November. ■



Meet New Mascot Joins the Bulldog Team Libby

by Matthew Roberts



Spike meets Libby.

Samford has gained a spirited fan this fall as it joins the Southern Conference. Her name is Libby, and she is the University's new live bulldog.

Libby will be on the sidelines during home football games, helping cheer the Bulldogs to victory.

A registered English bulldog, she is owned by David and Rhoda Oser of Vestavia Hills, Ala. The product of six generations of breeding, she is registered with the American Kennel Club with the formal name, Oser's Lady Liberty.

Her name is especially fitting for Samford because many of the school's best-known benefactors—including Frank Park Samford, Ralph and Dwight Beeson, Andrew Gerow Hodges and F. Page Seibert—were affiliated with Liberty National Life Insurance Company.

The Osers contacted Samford's athletics department last spring about the possibility of providing a live mascot for the university. The university welcomed Libby to campus, and now has a real bulldog to work alongside its costumed human mascot, "Spike."

Libby has toured the campus but feels most at home in Seibert Stadium, according to the Osers. She also welcomed fans to the first Southern Conference FanFest Aug. 12 and began appearing at football games for the Aug. 28 opener with West Georgia.

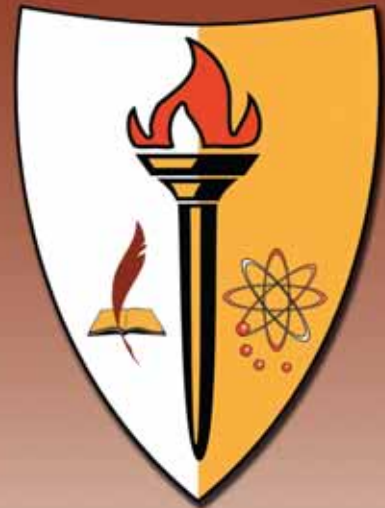
Samford has had live bulldog mascots previously, but not in several years. ■

Matthew Roberts is a sophomore journalism major and the human inside Spike's bulldog costume.



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A Newsletter of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences



Education as Transformation



Most people think of education as simply a matter of transmitting ideas from one generation to another. The teacher's role is to pass along known facts in a given field of study, whether it's Russian history, organic chemistry or metaphysical poetry. This "transmission model" of education imagines students to be empty vessels, just waiting to be filled with the appropriate academic content.

However, a closer look at this model shows it to be faulty in many respects, particularly in the context of higher education. First, knowledge is not static or fixed. Our understanding of subjects such as genetics has been completely transformed since Watson and Crick published their findings on DNA in 1953. Changes in other disciplines may be less well publicized, but every field constantly undergoes revision. Psychologists have made tremendous advances in the understanding of memory, learning and other aspects of human behavior. Literary studies have expanded to include the Harlem Renaissance as well as the English Renaissance. Geography uses the tools of modern geographical information systems as well as traditional maps. Every field of inquiry constantly benefits from the availability of new knowledge and the revision of existing ideas.

But even in those areas where there is a great deal of continuity, say Latin grammar or introductory calculus, students cannot be seen merely as empty vessels. Educational research shows that understanding grows through interplay between the learner's existing thoughts and knowledge ("schema" in the current

academic jargon) and the new information. The result of this interaction is much more like mixing paint than filling an empty container. Students of Latin naturally try to understand this new language in light of what they know about English spelling, vocabulary and grammar. Students of calculus build on the knowledge they have of algebraic symbols and concepts. Since society is constantly changing, a good teacher must be able to present ideas in a way that is most effective for the current group of students. One generation may relate to Leonardo da Vinci as the painter of the *Mona Lisa*, and another may be more interested in his scientific sketches. (More recently, they may think of him as a Ninja turtle or a participant in a vast religious conspiracy.)

For this reason, good teachers constantly reassess both what they teach and how they teach. This process is exciting, but it cannot be done cheaply. We are constantly sending faculty to professional conferences to be sure they stay abreast of the latest developments in their fields. We offer workshops on campus to acquaint them with new technology and new methods of teaching. This year, we are equipping the campus with wireless technology to make the Internet and other forms of electronic communication available anywhere on campus. We are expanding library resources with new means of data retrieval and new electronic archives.

As a university, we hope to transmit to a new generation the best that has been thought and discovered by the great minds of the past. But we also want to acquaint students with new ideas and new challenges. In the end, we want students not simply to encounter new ideas, but to be transformed by them. This was Paul's message as well in the Book of Romans, where he challenged believers to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Our goal for students is not simply to retain facts and formulas, but to be those who fulfill their calling in this world.

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



Classics Department Invites Samford Friends to Experience Wonders of Greece

The Department of Classics has provided opportunities for students to travel to Rome and Greece almost since its inception. More recently, these trips have been opened to alumni and friends of the university who want a deeper understanding of the culture than can be provided by holiday tour guides.

Under the direction of a Samford professor who has devoted a lifetime to studying the history, culture, and languages of classical Greece and Rome, the ruins and artifacts of the ancient world become living documents. The lead professor is able to explain the Christian influences on these civilizations, and the way these cultures have contributed to contemporary government, law, philosophy, art and architecture.

Andrew Clark (Classics 2003), a member of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, has taken a leading role in planning these tours for Samford friends and alumni. "You experience the sites, the culture and the fun of a foreign country in a leisurely way, while learning and growing in the appreciation of how these ancient cultures ruled and developed in their time," he said.

Samford's next tour of Greece is scheduled for January 2010. Reservations will be accepted through the summer of 2009. Interested individuals and groups should contact Kim Foster at 726-4261 or kcfoster@samford.edu to receive further details.

Collegium cover (page 21): Samford student Victoria Stone, left, and English professor Julie Steward look over reference material for their summer research project, "20th Century British Women Poets: An Annotated Bibliography." See story, page 23.

Keller to Lead Samford Undergraduate Research Program

The Samford Undergraduate Research Program [SURP] began with one student, Kyle Rudemiller, who spent the summer of 2005 researching nanotechnology with Dr. Brian Gregory, a chemistry professor. Since that small beginning, the program has continued to grow, with 16 students carrying out research this summer under the guidance of Samford faculty.

Assistant Dean George Keller assumed leadership of the burgeoning program this summer. “Dr. Keller brings first-rate administrative skills,” noted David Chapman, dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Keller has worked closely with the research program since its founding. His expanded role includes administering the summer program and developing new sources of funding.

“The goal of SURP is to be able to provide highly motivated students an opportunity to pursue a research project that cannot be completed in the limited time available for a traditional course,” Keller explained.

Students and faculty commit to spending the majority of the summer in residence at Samford or traveling to collect data. Student research projects often lead to regional—and even national—presentations, and several have been



Samford University Research Project 2008 participants include, from left, front row, Jeanne Cross, Victoria Stone, Stephanie Larson, Laura Dzugan, and, back, SURP Director George Keller, Cole Farmer, Will Weaver, Sam Douglas, Josh Drive, Barrett Worley, Jonathan Jenkins and Dean David Chapman.

published in peer-reviewed journals.

Student research projects have been funded in a variety of disciplines: classics, English, history, political science, psychology and sociology, as well as laboratory research in biology, chemistry and physics.

Contributors to SURP include Alabama Power, Vista Engineering, Balch & Bingham, and individuals from the Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board. Designated funds, such

as the W. Mike Howell and Ron Jenkins funds in biology, also help.

SURP can give students a competitive advantage in applying for graduate school. Erin Stewart received a graduate school fellowship in environmental history at Georgetown University. John Carson published a paper in *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* and was accepted for graduate school at the University of Dublin.

Freshmen Connect with Book on Climate Change

As part of their Connections experience, all incoming Samford freshmen read common material. This year, the reading was Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change by Elizabeth Kolbert. After a talk on “Potential Effects of Climate Change on Alabama’s Plant Life” by Dr. Larry Davenport, students participated in small-group discussions led by faculty.

Review by Dr. Betsy Dobbins

Icebergs capture the imagination because of their immensity and strangeness. Floating in seawater, they are composed of fresh water with more than 80 percent of their mass hidden below the surface. Icebergs are born from glaciers in the Arctic. This is where Elizabeth Kolbert begins her journey into understanding the changes that are reshaping the world.

As the climate warms, the glaciers that produce icebergs retreat north. The speed of the ice streams that bear them to the ocean increases, while the icebergs

themselves become smaller. Alone, these are interesting facts. In Kolbert’s hands, they are also a symbol of rapid, dramatic, physical and biological changes that are affecting the world. Kolbert travels the globe documenting these changes and interviewing scientists. She clearly describes the melting of the sea ice and glaciers, the collapse of permafrost, the loss of species and the changes in ocean temperature that mean fiercer storms across the globe.

Understanding climate change comes not just from observation. Such changes take place across vast amounts of time. To evaluate weather patterns, gas concentrations or the temperature over centuries requires very specific data and models. Ice cores and permafrost must be

sampled, and those samples analyzed. Kolbert describes these tests and the people who perform them as if the reader can look over their shoulders. On an 18-hour foray to monitor temperature in the Alaskan permafrost, we learn that the permafrost has warmed by 3–6 degrees over the last 25 years.

The crux of the problem of global climate change is that apparently isolated events have complex effects. As the ice melts, more sunlight is absorbed by the dark water, warming the ocean, melting more ice. Kolbert describes these complex cycles in simple terms based on scientific understanding.

Kolbert ends with a note of hope. There are constructive practices that some individuals and cities use to combat climate change. As Samford commits to “Go Green,” we can prepare for the future by arming ourselves with knowledge. Kolbert provides such knowledge in an engaging, often humorous, and carefully researched book.



Public Expression of Faith An Old Story in Politics: Wallace

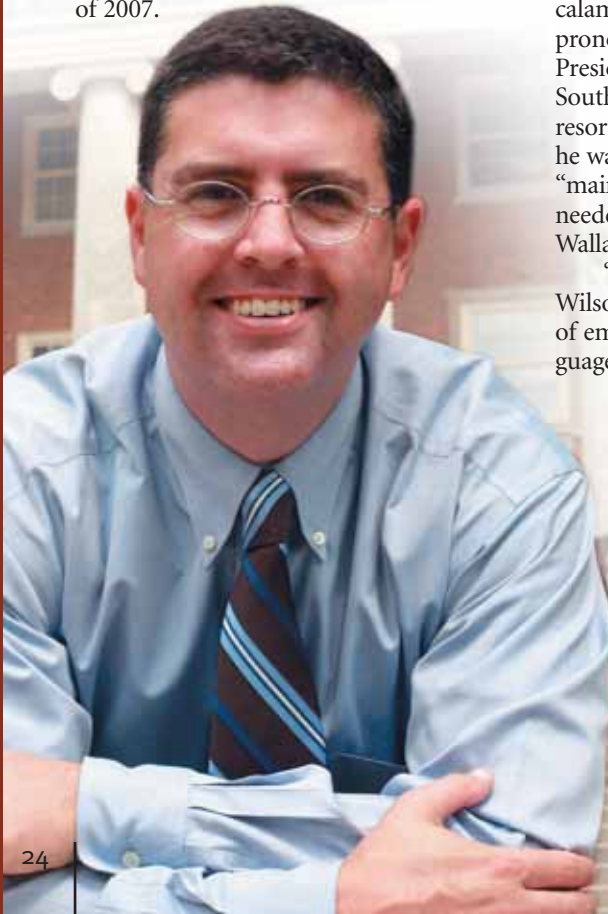
by William Nunnolley

Even though the Founding Fathers carefully crafted a separation of church and state into the first amendment to the U.S. constitution, ensuring there would be no national religion, one of the constants of American politics has been the public expression of faith by leaders.

“Public usage of religious rhetoric by political leaders has been a part of the American experience” from Colonial days forward, according to Samford history professor Jason Wallace. But such usage often has been characterized by indifference “to the theological claims of any one denomination,” he noted.

For example, both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were “content to use generic religious language in order to retain the moral capital of Christianity without ceding any particular doctrinal stance,” said Dr. Wallace.

He traces the evolution of the subject in a chapter, “Public Expression of Faith by Political Leaders,” in the three-volume *Church-State Issues in America Today*, edited by Ann W. Duncan and Steven L. Jones, and published at the end of 2007.



“The Founding Fathers left the country a peculiar legacy with regard to the public expression of faith by political leaders,” said Wallace. “Virtue and morality were important to the nation, and indeed, the ethical precepts of Christianity provided a code of personal behavior that could benefit all citizens.”

But, he added, if Christianity was to be useful to the republic, it had to be “carefully contained,” because if “disputes over nuanced theological positions or doctrinal convictions were to spill into public life, then the social order risked fragmentation and disarray.”

Wallace noted that by the late 18th century, the confessional Protestantism of the early Colonial period, born out of the doctrinal controversies of the 16th and 17th centuries, ceased to matter politically. In public life, Christianity was valued for its broad ethical imperatives and “its ability to proffer a generic moral consensus.”

He added that, “over time, this principle has held true for both liberals and conservatives.”

Periods of war and national calamity particularly have produced faith pronouncements from leaders. Both President Abraham Lincoln and his Southern counterpart, Jefferson Davis, resorted to religious rhetoric. Although he was not a church member, Lincoln “maintained that a unified country needed a unifying religious sentiment,” Wallace noted.

“In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson continued the politician’s habit of employing nonspecific religious language for moral causes while studiously avoiding any detailed denominational controversies in an address before the Federal Council of Churches,” Wallace wrote.

For Wilson, an important function of religion was to inspire public service, the historian noted, and he encouraged participation in World War I by associating public service with the spread of democracy.

President Franklin Roosevelt used similar appeals after America’s entry into World War II

in 1941. According to Wallace, “the president urged that ‘victory for us means victory for religion. The world is too small to provide adequate living room for both Hitler and God.’”


During the Cold War, “the idea of an absolute dualism between democracy and totalitarianism continued to influence public expressions of faith in the political arena,” said Wallace. He noted that the 84th Congress passed a joint resolution to replace the existing motto, *E Pluribus Unum* (Out of Many, One), with “In God We Trust,” and President Dwight Eisenhower signed the resolution into law in 1956.

Earlier, Eisenhower spearheaded the movement to have the words “under God” added to the American pledge of allegiance.

“Shaken by the dramatic social upheavals of the Vietnam era, conservative Christians countered by mobilizing a concerted political effort to ‘return’ America to the moral consensus they believed had been lost” to secular elites in universities and government, Wallace wrote. They thought they had found a politician who shared their perspective in President Jimmy Carter, a professed born-again Christian, Wallace said, but were disappointed by Carter and turned their support to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Sr.

“In recent history, politicians have been both celebrated and chastised for their enthusiastic use of religious rhetoric in the pursuit and maintenance of public office,” Wallace said. “Although conservatives, specifically conservative Republicans affiliated with the religious right, are considered the primary practitioners of faith-based politics, examples of public expressions of religious convictions can be found across most of the political spectrum.”

Wallace concluded that because many Americans value the idea of a shared religious heritage, those seeking office have been able to successfully integrate the idea of a civil religion that lacks specific doctrinal commitments into their rhetoric for more than two centuries.

“It continues undiminished,” he added. 

Dr. Jason Wallace

Samford Launches Model United Nations Program

by Andrew Konitzer

Samford University marked its first full year in the Model United Nations Program during the 2007–08 academic year. Each participating university researches a member nation and represents that nation's interests at the Model UN. Samford sent a nine-member delegation to represent Guyana at the National Model United Nations [NMUN] conference in New York City.

"Model United Nations is an unforgettable, eye-opening experience," said sophomore Rachel Corr.

Fellow team member Christina Mosley illustrates the transformation that many students undergo at their first major conference.

"It changed the way I viewed international politics," Mosley said. "The experience revealed the many barriers that must be overcome to merely set in place the catalysts for change."

The largest conference of its kind, NMUN draws more than 4,000 student delegates from 20–30 countries. Portions of the conference are held in the United Nations building. Samford's team was

hosted by the Guyana United Nations Mission for the four days of simulated debate on major international issues. Samford participants had the opportunity to discuss their topics with the Guyana staff and officers who generously gave of their time and information.

While learning about international politics, Samford students also met students from other universities. "I could hardly believe the diligence of all delegates and their determination to reach a cohesive solution for the given topic," said student Misha Mitchell.

By launching its own NMUN team, Samford joins a global network of similar organizations. According to the NMUN website, more than one million people have participated in NMUN conferences around the world. The program is more than 50 years old, and today, there are more than 400 conferences that take place in 35 countries.

The program provides students with a unique and invaluable opportunity to learn more about foreign countries, debate critical global issues, and develop useful bargaining and cooperative skills while engaging with students from other schools, countries and cultures.

Starting in the fall of 2008, Samford students may enroll in an International Organizations course offered by the Department of Political Science. In March 2009, Samford's NMUN team will cosponsor a High School Model United Nations conference with the Altamont School's Model UN team. Samford also hopes to add a second international conference to its yearly conference schedule, with prospects in China, Germany and Holland.

Samford's Model UN delegation, meeting with Guyana officials, included, from left, Susan Zheng, Courtney Carnes, Professor Andrew Konitzer, Rachel Corr, Todd Almon, Christina Mosley, Misha Mitchell, Corley Almon, Lisa Hart, Tommy Archer, Guyana Mission Charge d'Affaires George Tablot, Rebekah Corley and Guyana Mission Second Secretary Donnette Critchlow.



Religion Speakers Bureau Program Underway

Few topics in America generate more discussion than the role of religion in public policies and private lives. Samford faculty often are asked to speak on such issues, whether it's the changing nature of American worship services or a desire to understand modern Islam. However, many groups are unaware of the different areas of faculty expertise or the process for obtaining a speaker.

Samford's Religion Speakers Bureau will address these issues by providing a list of speakers and topics, and facilitating the process for setting up speaking engagements. Information will be provided in brochures and online.

Dr. James Strange, a New Testament professor, is directing this effort. "Our faculty are prepared to speak on nearly every facet of religious life: understanding the Bible, forms of music and

worship, Birmingham's religious heritage and the Civil Rights Movement, the ethics of the death penalty, and many other current issues," he said.

In addition to his work on the New Testament, Strange has long been active in archaeological work at Sepphoris in lower Galilee. "I've found many church members have a deep interest in the knowing what the archaeological record tells us about the lives of everyday people during the time Jesus was on earth," said Strange.

Many Samford faculty are speaking in a variety of venues already. For example, religion professor David Bains has spoken at St. Stephen the Martyr Campus Ministry Center, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church and Alagasco's Montgomery office.

David Chapman, dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences, sees the bureau as a natural expression of the university's mission to encourage "social and civic responsibility."

"Having our faculty speak in the community certainly enriches civic dialogue on religious issues," said Chapman, "but it also keeps our professors in touch with public concerns."

Professors see the bureau as another avenue for doing something they love. "We've long needed this kind of coordination," said English professor and Assistant Dean Rosemary Fisk.

Faculty from Howard College of Arts and Sciences make up the bulk of the bureau's speakers, but professors from the School of the Arts and Brock School of Business also are participating.

For more information, go to www.samford.edu/speaking.

Meet the New Arts and Sciences Faculty

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Baby boomer retirements have been coming in waves the last two years at Samford. Howard College of Arts and Sciences hired nine new faculty members, four of them in the Department of Biology. These new faculty should be mainstays in the liberal arts programs for years to come.



Kristen Bakkegard joins the biology department as an assistant professor. While she grew up in Huntsville, Ala., she has seen the world as a surface warfare officer in the

U.S. Navy. She served for 10 years on three ships in their engineering and operations departments. In 2004, she was mobilized in Kuwait, and she currently holds the rank of commander. Her professional interests include the behavior, ecology and natural history of reptiles and amphibians. She holds advanced degrees in chemistry and zoology, and she received her Ph.D. this year in biology from Utah State. She enjoys spending afternoons roaming the woods in search of the Red Hills salamander, Alabama's state amphibian.



Chandra Clark, visiting instructor of journalism and mass communication, started her broadcast career with a local ABC affiliate. She produced the first ever newscast

for the station and continued up the management ranks to senior producer. At the University of Alabama, she was the assistant director of broadcast marketing and media. While working full-time and pursuing her Ph.D. at Alabama, she also taught broadcast news as an adjunct instructor. Clark has worked on a full range of media projects, including national commercials, multimedia recruitment videos and web content. She and her husband, Chris, project manager for Mercedes, have a 7-year-old daughter. They are very active in their church and recently started a Leadership Training for Christ program for the youth.



Jasmine P. Gaines is a native of Butler, Ala., not far from the Mississippi border. She has been an adjunct assistant professor at Samford and a postdoctoral fellow in UAB's

Department of Nutrition Sciences. She joins the biology department as an assistant professor this year. Her professional interests include cancer prevention, human genetic variation/environmental risk factor interactions, and community health. Gaines also enjoys traveling.



David A. Johnson was born in East Tallassee, Ala., but grew up in Renton, Wash. He earned two degrees from Samford in biology and a Ph.D. in genetics at Emory

University. He returns to his alma mater as a professor of biology. From 1989 to 2008, he taught biology at Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan. The first 16 years of his tenure at Seinan were as a career missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention. Before that, he was a biology instructor/associate professor at Concordia College, Moorhead, Min., for 10 years. His professional interests are in genetics and molecular biology. He is an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals and Fukuoka Softbank Hawks. He and his wife, Robin, met at Samford. They welcomed their first grandchild a little over a year ago.



Andrew J. Lampkins, a native of Evansville, Ind., is taking a joint appointment as assistant professor of chemistry and assistant professor of pharmacy at

McWhorter School of Pharmacy. He comes to Samford from the University of Notre Dame, where he has been a Walthor Cancer Institute Postdoctoral Fellow for the past two years. His professional interests include synthetic and mechanistic organic chemistry, drug design and metabolism, pharmacotherapy of disorders affecting the central nervous system, and community

pharmacy practice. Current work in his laboratory is directed toward the design and synthesis of new treatments for Alzheimer's disease. Lampkins earned a Pharm.D. from Butler University in 2002 and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Florida in 2006. He enjoys playing golf and softball, traveling, and spending time with his fiancée, Roslyn.



Andy Milstead has more than four years of experience teaching Spanish at beginning and intermediate levels. He joins Samford as an instructor of Spanish and

administrative director of the Language Learning Technology Center. Milstead served as director of technology for the Spanish department at the University of Alabama from 2006 to 2008, where he developed many online modules for language learning and an exclusively online course for beginners in Spanish. He also trained graduate assistants to use various language learning technologies. His professional and academic interests include Spanish language and literature, technology in language learning, and Internet-based learning. He also enjoys web design, fishing, kayaking and reading. He and his wife, Meredith, live in Calera.



Lakisha D. Moore is a native of Huntsville, Ala. She has been an adjunct in the biology departments at Samford and Jefferson State Community

College. She now joins the Department of Biology as an assistant professor. Moore earned a bachelor of science degree from Xavier University in biochemistry in 2003. This year, she completed her doctoral degree from UAB in the molecular and cellular pathology department. Her research interests are focused on the development of targeted therapeutics for breast cancer metastasis and elucidating the molecular mechanisms involved in the progression of carcinogenesis. She enjoys reading, traveling and shopping.



LeeAnn Reynolds is originally from Knoxville, Tenn. She completed a B.A. and M.A. in history at the University of Tennessee. After earning her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt

University in May 2007, she spent a year at the University of Georgia as a Franklin Postdoctoral Fellow and visiting assistant professor. She joins the history department as an assistant professor. Reynolds specializes in twentieth century U.S. history, history of the South, and African American history. She is revising her

dissertation on the acculturation of black and white Southern young people into a segregated society for publication.



Jennifer Speights Binet comes to Samford from the University of Houston–Clear Lake. She joins the geography department as an assistant professor. She

earned a bachelor's degree in history and geography from Samford in 1994. She continued her education by earning an M.S. from the University of Edinburgh,

Scotland, and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. Her research interests include urban geography, specifically community-based revitalization efforts in downtowns and urban neighborhoods throughout the United States. More recently, her research projects have examined pedagogical issues such as the role of field-based instruction in fostering affective learning. Her husband, John, teaches French and math at Homewood High School. They have two children: Sara begins third grade at Shades Cahaba Elementary this fall, and Luke Major, 16 months, attends Samford's Children's Learning Center.

Additions to the Family

Nancy and **William Womack**, assistant professor, Department of History, a son, Peter William, born April 15, 2008.

Sean and **Shannon Flynt**, assistant professor, Department of Classics, Ambrose Doss, born Aug. 30, 2007.

Anthony and **Abigail Williams**, debate coach and instructor, Department of Communication Studies, Mariah Elyse, born Nov. 26, 2007.

Mark Calegari and **Rhonda Parker**, professor and chair, Department of Communication Studies, Christian Carter, born Sept. 5, 2007.

Retirement

Dr. Marlene Rikard retired at the end of summer 2008; she has been part of the Samford community for more than three decades. She earned her master's degree from Samford in 1971 and completed a Ph.D. at the University of Alabama.

Upon joining Samford's faculty full-time in 1979, Rikard rose to both campus and national prominence very swiftly. She has been president of the Southern Association of Women Historians, the Association of Alabama Historians and the Alabama Historical Association, and chair of the Alabama Baptist Historical Association and the national Southern Baptist Historical Association. She was named a Danforth Associate and a finalist in the Columbia University Nevins Prize for best dissertation. She won a Sears Foundation award in addition to numerous other honors.

Rikard created and developed the history department's offerings in women's history, taught a variety of courses in American history from 1877 to the present and developed imaginative oral history projects. She also spent 14 years directing the London Study Program. In 2005, she won the Macon Award for excellence in teaching.

Throughout her teaching career, Rikard has been an active research historian in subjects as diverse as Birmingham's Tennessee Coal & Iron company, Mobile artist Roderick MacKenzie and suffragist Patti Ruffner Jacobs. These projects still engage her, and she intends to spend at least part of her retirement researching and writing. When not at the computer, she intends to play tennis, relax in her condominium at Gulf Shores, travel and spend time with family.

Funding Renewed for Vulcan Materials Center

The Vulcan Materials Company Foundation has extended funding for the Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education at Samford for three more years. The center was founded in 2001 with an initial grant of \$310,000. Located in the Sciencenter, the center officially opened in 2002. The continuation grant brings the funding total from Vulcan to more than a million dollars.

David Donaldson, director of community relations for Vulcan Materials Company [VMC], cited the importance of the center "for the exploration of complex and vital risk/benefit questions encountered in today's world, enabling a better understanding of environmental, business and societal issues that must be addressed locally and globally."

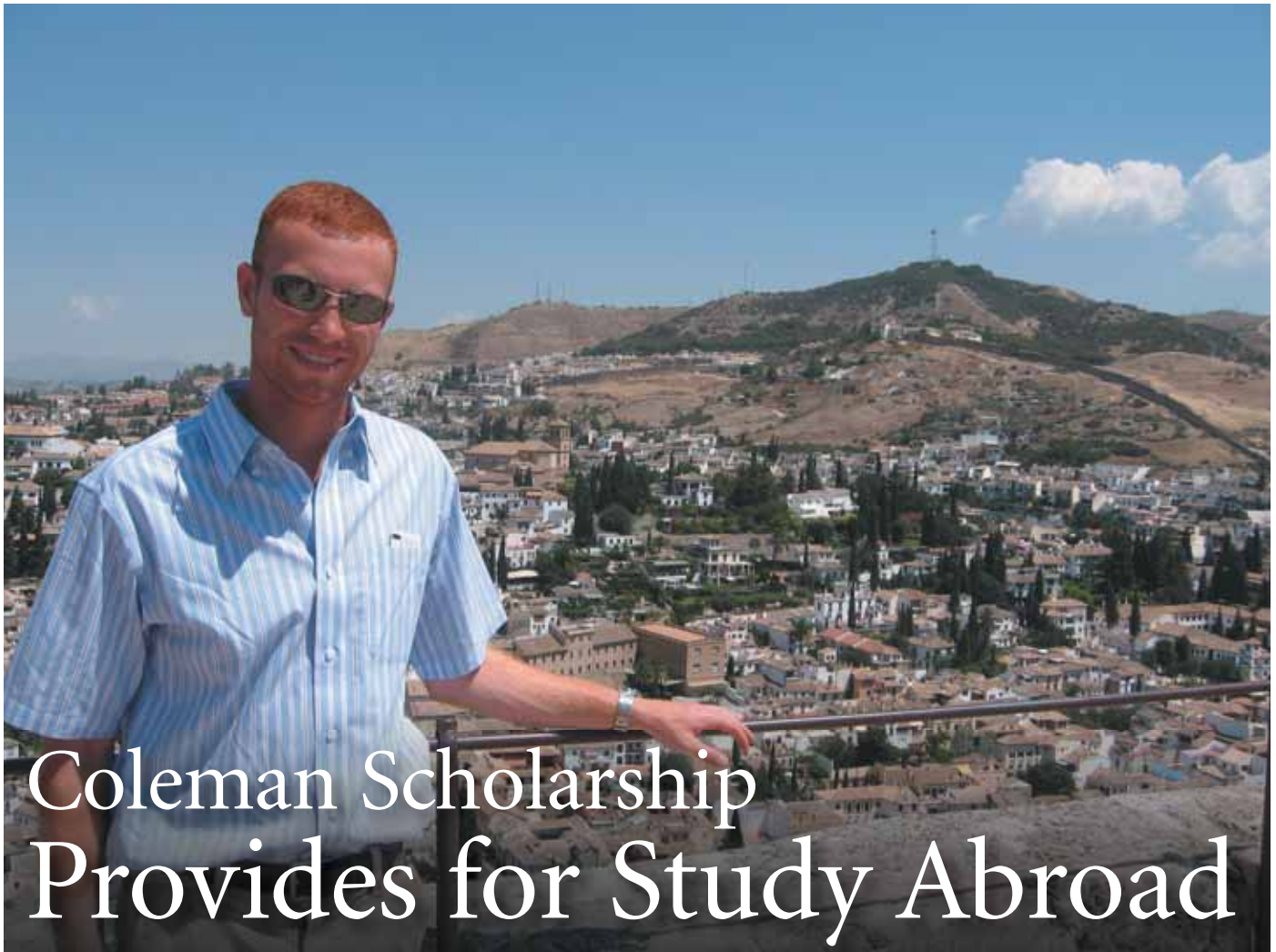
The center has hosted semiannual conferences on environmental issues and brought leading environmental scholars to campus, such as Pulitzer Prize-winning authors E. O. Wilson and Jared Diamond. The conferences also feature best practices in environmental stewardship. Ray Anderson, founder of Interface, Inc., came to Samford to describe his efforts to transform his carpet business into a sustainable enterprise.

Larry Davenport, professor of biology, is the director of the Vulcan Materials Center. Davenport is well known in environmental circles for his efforts to preserve the Cahaba Lily. In 2007, Davenport was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as the Alabama Professor of the Year. Virginia Brown serves as VMC program administrator.

Davenport applauds the efforts of VMC to support environmental education.

"Our goal with the VMC is to provide the public with a deeper understanding of the environmental challenges facing our nation and to provide a forum for informed discussion of these issues," he said.

To this end, Davenport has spoken to civic and educational groups throughout the state on the impact of global warming on Alabama and to this year's entering class on the ways it can be a good steward of the environment.



Coleman Scholarship Provides for Study Abroad

Andrew Sharpe tours Granada while studying in Spain during the summer of 2008.

This year, four Samford students were able to study abroad with assistance from the David Michael Coleman Spanish Study-Abroad Scholarship. Carole Miller and Amanda Jones participated in the Jan Term course in Costa Rica. Anna Page and Andrew Sharpe studied in Spain during the summer term.

Jones said she will long remember her experience staying with a Costa Rican family while she studied. "Through living with my *Tica* family and the intensive language program that we participated in, I learned so much about Spanish, about Costa Rica, and about myself," Jones said. "I would not have been able to participate in the Costa Rica program without the Coleman Scholarship."


Sharpe spent nine weeks in Spain this summer because of the scholarship assistance he received. He was impressed not only with the beauty of Spain, but also with the mission opportunities available there. "Beyond the obvious benefits of studying abroad, I was able to

really see the way people live in a foreign country and observe the needs of those people," he said. "Studying abroad in Spain gave me the opportunity to practice the Spanish language, interact with the Hispanic culture and meet the people whom I had studied for many years. In whichever career direction I go, I will always have the advantage of studying abroad, along with the language skills and cultural adaptation abilities it afforded me."

The Coleman Scholarship is named after David Coleman, a Samford graduate who died in a car accident in 2002. Myralyn Allgood, former chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, remembers him fondly. "David was a very special young man," she said. "Many of us watched as he grew and developed as a student, a Spanish-speaker, a world traveler, and a sensitive, caring human being. Even when that sheepish, mischievous smile came forth, one knew there was a kind heart behind it."

Charlotte Coleman, David's mother and an assistant professor of Spanish,

remembers how David loved his Samford study-abroad experiences. "He was probably world languages and cultures' most prolific study-abroad participant with two trips to Costa Rica, two trips to Spain and one trip to Ecuador during his college career," she said. "Too restless to enjoy traditional classroom experiences, he learned best by doing. Studying and practicing in small class settings, living with families, getting to know other international students, and making friends with the locals were all activities perfectly suited to his character. Through his travels, David developed a genuine appreciation for peoples of all cultures."

As an endowed fund, the David Michael Coleman Spanish Study-Abroad Scholarship will provide an opportunity for succeeding generations to enjoy the benefits of study abroad, ensuring his love for other cultures will be a lasting Samford legacy. 

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This year, Samford once again is asking students to take part in a participatory campaign. Based on the success of the 1841 Mission, Samford's inaugural undergraduate fund-raising initiative, the university is asking students to vote for Samford with a small gift. **Students are inviting alumni to engage in a participation challenge.** Your participation is more valuable than the size of your gift. Let the competition begin! Make your vote for Samford today!

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Chattanooga Truckers Win 'Blast-Off' As Young Company on the Move

by Mary Wimberley

The next transport truck you see on the highway could very well be there because of three Samford alumni and their fast-growing business, Access America Transport.

The third-party logistics company run by 2000 graduates Ted Alling, Barry Large and Allan Davis has access to a fleet of more than 200,000 trucks that are apt to be traveling anywhere coast to coast.

The \$50 million company based in Chattanooga, Tenn., is garnering respect and attention from the business press and other groups, but there's a chance it might never have existed.

The partners first met at Samford as freshman business majors and Sigma Nu pledge brothers. "We took most of our classes together," said Alling, "and during our senior year, we dreamed up the idea of opening a Smoothie King franchise in downtown Chattanooga."

But his girlfriend, now wife, Kelly Schmidt Alling '00, "squashed that idea," said Alling. "Thank goodness she did."

Started in 2002, Access America handles all modes of transportation, including full truckload, less than truckload, supply chain management, specialized transport and rail service for a diverse national customer base.

The company began as an off-shoot of Key-James Brick, a successful Tennessee distributorship owned by Large's father. The younger Large was working for the family business when Alling, representing his employer at the time, C. H. Robinson global logistics company, made a sales call on Key-James.

"Barry and I started talking, and decided we could start a third-party logistics company together," said Alling, who is company president. Large is chief financial officer.

Meanwhile, Davis was working at a Birmingham restaurant and trying to launch a new business venture of his own.

Alling and Large approached their former intramurals teammate about joining the company. Soon after, Davis opened Access America's Birmingham office and is now chief operating officer in Chattanooga. Richard Bishop '05 is sales manager in Birmingham.

With 65 employees, Access America has locations in Minneapolis, Minn., Knoxville, Tenn., Columbus, Ohio, and Eufaula, Ala. Some of the biggest accounts include Komatsu, Department of Defense, Coca Cola and Big Lots.

In late 2007, the team started a trucking company, AAT Carriers. The

company's 25 trucks all have team drivers, mostly husband and wife, who focus on hauling hazardous materials, time-sensitive freight, ammunitions and explosives.

About that time, the company was recognized by *Tennessee Business* magazine as one of 2007's fastest growing companies, receiving a "Blast-Off" designation as a young company off to a fast start.

What explains Access America's success in an old, established industry such as transportation? The answer may be its youth.

"Being a young company, we have a very progressive information technology department that has built some of our own programs," said Alling. He believes the customized software applications give the company an edge over competitors.

But to Alling, the company's greatest recognition came earlier this year when it was ranked number four on the list of Best Employers in the State of Tennessee.

"Our Tennessee-based employees voted on this honor and consequently, it means a great deal to us. We strive to create a positive, upbeat atmosphere. We think our culture is what sets us apart from the competition.

"We work in a fast-paced, stressful industry, but our goal is for our employees to love coming to work every day," said Alling. ■

Making a success of their trucking business are, from left, Barry Large, Allan Davis and Ted Alling.



50 Years on the Board

Jim Stivender and Samford Share a Lifelong Relationship

by Jack Brymer

Although James C. “Jim” Stivender graduated from Samford in 1948 and has served as a trustee for 50 years, his relationship with the school actually began at birth. His late father was serving as pastor of Ruhama Baptist, the college church in East Lake, when Jim was born in 1924. The pastor’s home was located next to the women’s dormitory. As a result, most of the faculty and students—those who didn’t live in other parts of Birmingham—were members of Ruhama, where his father served from 1919 until 1944. For young Jim Stivender, they were more like family than professors and students.

“I knew all of them very, very well,” he said. “As a child, I spent nearly every afternoon either at Berry Field or Causey Gymnasium with the students. Samford was like a second home.”

After graduating from nearby Woodlawn High School in 1942, Stivender enrolled at Samford, then Howard College. Unfortunately, World War II interrupted his education shortly after he began his freshman year. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps hoping to become a pilot, but deficient eyesight dashed those plans. He was assigned to the 8th Army Air Force, and trained as a gunnery and radio technician.

Stationed in England for most of his tenure, he flew in B-17 bombers on 35 missions. Memorabilia of his service—battle ribbons, his wings and tech sergeant stripes—are displayed in a shadow box in the den of his Gadsden, Ala., home. In early September, he attended the 8th Air Force reunion in Washington, D.C., as one of only five of his crew members still surviving.

Discharged in 1945, Stivender returned to Alabama, where his father had taken a pastorate at First Baptist Church of Tuskegee in 1944. He enrolled at Wake Forest College but stayed only one semester before transferring to Samford. “To be honest, I was homesick,” Stivender explained of the move.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Samford in 1948, Stivender graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1951. He turned to Samford’s president at the time, Major Harwell Davis, for a recommendation on where to

practice law. Davis suggested Gadsden, Ala., where he had begun his own law practice years before.

After a brief stint with attorney E. G. Pilcher, Stivender became a prosecutor in the district attorney’s office for several years before joining a practice with E. K. Hamby. Later, he was affiliated with the firm of Inzer, Suttle, Stivender, Haney and Johnson until retirement.

In 1958, the 34-year-old lawyer was invited to become a trustee of Samford University. It was the year after Major Davis retired, and Dr. Leslie Wright had become president. Thirty years later, in 1988, Stivender was elected a Life Member of the Board of Trustees.

“It was an honor to be chosen; of course, the administration had known my father and family for many years, and I was active in alumni affairs, so they knew me and thought I would be of value to the school,” Stivender told the *Gadsden Times* in a recent feature on his 50 years as a trustee.

His trustee tenure has included service as chairman of the board in 2002–03, membership on the executive committee (elected in 1974), chairmanship of several committees and service on numerous ad hoc committees.

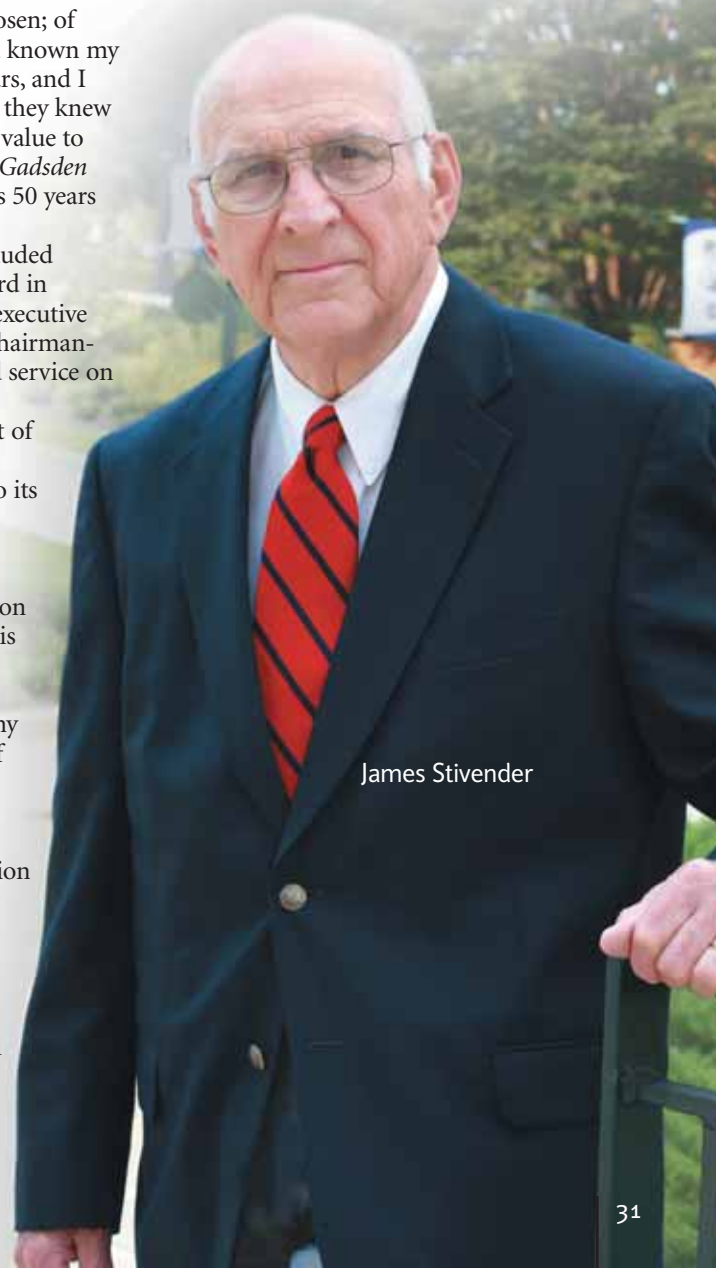
Stivender said being a part of the commitment to Samford’s growth from “a little college” to its present-day status as a major university on a magnificent campus with high academic ranking as a Christian institution is the most gratifying part of his 50 years on the board. He still attends every meeting.

“Knowing the school all my life, and particularly hearing of the financial struggles early on while I was a teenager and my father was president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention [1939–40], are unforgettable experiences,” he said. “I can remember times when it was tough paying salaries. Special sessions of the Baptist Convention were called to deal with it, and even later as a student, I experienced the struggle firsthand.”

Despite all its growth and achievements of the past half century, the one thing that sets Samford apart and distinguishes it from other institutions experiencing similar growth, according to Stivender, is its motto: for God, for learning, forever. “Trustees, administration and faculty are committed, now and in the future, to adhere to this motto,” he said.

Now retired, Stivender continues to play golf and to be involved in the life of First Baptist Church, Gadsden, where he has taught a Sunday school class for more than 50 years. He and his wife, Stella, have four children and seven grandchildren.

One granddaughter is a senior at Samford. ■



James Stivender

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ALUMNI

- '50 Harry D. Brown, Jr.**, a retired pharmacist, is owner of Brown's Apartments in Greenville, Ky. He and his wife, Jean, have two great grandchildren.
- '53 Bettye Ann Fletcher Gill** of Birmingham and her husband, Charles, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in July. She is a retired music and piano teacher, and church organist.
- Ralph B. and Kathryn Orr Jernigan** of Jackson's Gap, Ala., enjoy retirement at their home on Lake Martin. She retired in 1993 after teaching school for 34 years. He "re-retired" in 2008 after 60 years as a preacher/pastor, ranging from leading youth revivals as a young preacher to pulpit supply in recent years.
- '54 A. Wayne and Betty Pratt Barrett** live in LaFayette, Ala. He is pastor of County Line Baptist Church in Dudleyville, Ala., and she is branch manager of LaFayette Public Library. They were married 53 years in August, and have three children and seven grandchildren.
- '56 John E. Craig** recently was elected District 4 commissioner in Dothan, Ala.
- '59 Robert H. Jackson** is associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala., and is founder and president of Romanian-American Mission, an international mission agency.
- '61 Larry E. and CeCelia Smith Armstrong '63** live in Montgomery, Ala. He retired after 23 years as associate pastor for education/administration and senior adults at Eastern Hills Baptist Church. She retired after 21 years as a teacher with the Montgomery County Board of Education. Their immediate family includes seven Samford graduates and one current student.
- '64 Judy L. Rice** retired in June as director of church community ministries/Woman's Missionary Union with the Alaska Baptist Convention. During her 41-year career with the Home Mission Board—North American Mission Board, including 39 years in Alaska, she was the second woman to serve as a Baptist state paper editor.
- '66 Sue Butler Orr** of Florence, S.C., is associate professor of music and choral director at Francis Marion University, where she directs concert and show choirs, and teaches voice. She is a soprano soloist for university recitals, and area orchestras and churches. At Samford, she was a member of the A Cappella Choir. A recent trip to Birmingham included a visit on campus with her former voice teacher Eleanor Ousley, and college pals **George '64 and Judy McMichael Frey '66** of Sanford, Fla.; **Joe Burt '64** of Evanston, Ill.; **Don '64 and Mary Jim Bennett Harper '66** of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and **Herman and Georgia Weaver Murdock '67** of Birmingham.
- '67 Douglas L. McWhorter, J.D. '73**, is an attorney with Dominick, Fletcher P.A., in Birmingham. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two daughters.
- '69 Glenn G. Majors** is minister of missions and church planting at High Pointe Baptist Church, Cedar Hill, Texas.
- '70 Paul Andrews** has led a weekly peace vigil in his hometown of Tyler, Texas, since January 2007. In July, he rode a bicycle along the 500-mile Underground Railroad route across the state of Ohio with a "War is not the Answer" sign attached to the bike.
- Ann Akers Jarrett** of Blakely, Ga., retired after 34 years with the State of Georgia. She traveled 14 counties in southwest Georgia as a regional Medicaid field program specialist with the Department of Human Resources/Division of Family and Children Services. She and her husband, Rudy, have one daughter, Julie.
- '71 Karen Jinright Shealy** is a voice and piano instructor in Cumming, Ga. A church pianist for more than 40 years, she shared a singing ministry with her late husband, Nicholas, for 22 years.
- '73 Karen McCullough Ray** of Fairhope, Ala., is a freelance travel photographer. She and her husband, Eric Dale, have two children.
- '75 James E. Moody, J.D. '80**, of Springfield, Va., is an administrative judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of Defense.
- '76 Beth Flippo Gabbert** of Florence, Ala., retired after 30 years of teaching. She and her husband, Louis, have two daughters.
- Joseph C. Godfrey** is executive director of Alabama Citizens Action Program, a Birmingham-based nonprofit ministry that promotes drug and alcohol abstinence. He and his wife, **Joy Chastain Godfrey '77**, have two children, Rebekah Ussery and **Elizabeth Godfrey '07** of Trussville, Ala.
- '77 Murray Keith Arthur, M.S.E. '86**, of Marietta, Ga., is a senior contract manager with AT&T Services, Inc. He and his wife, Allyson, have two children.
- Robert Glenn Carden** retired from private practice of optometry in Sylacauga, Ala., after 28 years. He still owns Greene County Eye Clinic in Eutaw, Ala., and is an examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- '79 Vicki Jane Brock** of Bynum, Ala., is organist and music associate at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala.
- Richard E. O'Neal, J.D./M.B.A '82**, is an assistant U.S. attorney in Birmingham. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children.
- '81 Mary Ann Wilson Baldwin** of Hillsborough, N.C., teaches at The Hill Center, a private school in Durham, N.C., for children with learning differences. She and her husband, Bruce, have two sons.
- Greg Barnes** is an insurance medical examiner with Hooper Holmes, Inc., in Birmingham.
- James Paul Brock, Jr.**, of Crestview, Fla., is a group commander with the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Duke Air Field. He and his wife, Tammy, have three children.
- Edgar Wilson Evins** is vice president/wealth management adviser with Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, Nashville, Tenn. He sings with the Nashville Symphony Chorus and Nashville Jazz workshops. He recently judged National American Miss pageants in Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. He and his wife, Kim, have two children.
- Patricia Ann Swearingen Shaw, J.D. '91**, of Hoover, Ala., is a senior claims attorney with Coastal Insurance Risk Retention Group, Inc. She and her husband, Walter, have a son, Parker Nathan.
- '83 Randall Lee Medford** is vice president of Medford Volvo, Dothan, Ala. He has three children.
- '85 Susan Young Darby** is associate director of Hand-in-Paw human services organization in Birmingham.
- Gwen Mary Cosson Haywood** teaches elementary music and chorus in Berrien County Schools, Nashville, Ga. She also teaches the 4-year-old choir at First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga. She was

named to the 2008–09 edition of *Who's Who Among American Educators*.

Brent King, J.D. '88, an attorney in Decatur, Ala., is also varsity tennis coach at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children.

'87 Katie Parrish Cushman's first novel, *A Promise to Remember*, is a finalist for the American Christian Fiction Writers' Book of the Year Award. A second novel, *Waiting for Daybreak*, will be released by Bethany House Publishers in October. She and her husband, Lee, and their two daughters live in Santa Barbara, Calif.

'88 Karen Jane Grizzle Dean is a broker with Roanoke Realty, Inc., Roanoke, Ala. She and her husband, Stephen, have a daughter, Lauren Jane.

'89 Amy Lawrence Scarborough is executive director of legislative affairs for AT&T and is the company's chief lobbyist in Kentucky. She is active in Rotary, Women Leading Kentucky and her local Chamber of Commerce, which she served as president. She and her husband, Daniel, are parents of two daughters adopted from China, Kathryn Elizabeth, 8, and Claire Sydney, 2.

Andrea K. Wichmann is human resources manager—Europe for Littelfuse Inc., in Duensen, Germany. She is also a bivocational pastor at German Baptist Union.

'90 Warren Byron "Ron" Parker earned a juris doctor degree from Birmingham School of Law in May. He coordinates human resource efforts at Marriott. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Hoover, Ala.

'91 Greta Hudson Honsberger is a teacher at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School in Mandeville, La. She and her husband, Rick, have three children, Anne, 12, Lettie, 8, and James Grayson, born in June.

Sheri Lobach Spivey passed the written exam for certification to become a Canadian athletic therapist. She is athletics director and teacher at Kamloops Christian School in British Columbia, and covers sporting events as an athletic therapist candidate for Thompson Rivers University. She and her husband, Donald, are church planters for the North American Mission Board. They have two children.

'92 Sandy Martinez Little, J.D., is an attorney in Plantation, Fla., concentrating in transactional/real estate law. She and her husband, Rob, have two daughters, Gabrielle, 4, and Katherine, 2.

Culp Takes Circuitous Route To Producing Book on Islam

by Jack Brymer

That Samford alumnus Paul Culp '87 would become a writer seems a foregone conclusion. His father, Jesse, was the first editor of *The Sand Mountain Reporter*, founded in 1955 in Albertville, Ala. Later, Jesse established a family-owned public relations, advertising and media consulting firm in which Paul worked.

The subject matter of Paul Culp's latest book, however, was not as predictable. Entitled *Nothing New Under the Sun*, it is an introduction to Islam. The book was published in 2007 following a circuitous route that led Culp from the family business in north Alabama through a study of the Reformation and Islamic studies at Oxford University in England to a teaching post in Palestine and finally, to Arizona.

Culp grew up a Methodist on Sand Mountain. He started college at the University of Alabama but transferred to Samford midway through his sophomore year, "one of the best decisions I ever made," he said.

He served as captain of the College Bowl Team, was an officer in the German Club, and earned membership in Phi Kappa Phi and associated social science and history honoraries before graduating fourth in his class. He also met and later married Ginger Wells '88, a paralegal studies graduate.

Culp returned to Albertville after graduation and later moved to nearby Huntsville, where he was vice president of Culp Associates until mid-2003. During this period, he also wrote numerous articles for *Alabama Living* magazine; produced a satirical novel, *Social Justice*, published in 2002; and earned a master's degree from Jacksonville State University.

Paul Culp, right, visits with a teaching colleague, Donn Hutchinson, in the Palestinian city of Ramallah. Hutchinson is chair of the English department at Friends School in Ramallah.



In 2003, he entered Oxford to pursue a longtime interest in theology and ministry. He studied under noted Reformation historian Diarmaid McCulloch and later branched out into Islamic studies under renowned Belgian scholar Yahya Michot of the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies. He graduated from Oxford in 2005 with an Honours B.A. in theology. The Culp family then moved to Palestine.

After some editing chores for the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute for International Studies at Birzeit University and the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Culp landed a faculty position at Birzeit University. He also gathered material for his book on Islam.

As the political situation escalated to its current turmoil following the Hamas election victory in 2006, the Culp family made a "hasty exit" from the region. Even so, he stressed, "At all times, we were treated with the utmost warmth and love." They landed in Arizona, where he now teaches in the Great Books program at Tempe Preparatory Academy.

Culp acknowledges that while his book is a serious study of Islam, it does not attempt to fully explain the religion.

"What this book can do is enable you to think intelligently about Islam and Muslims, weigh the opinions you hear from friends and strangers and pundits and politicians, and lay a foundation for further study," he writes. "The relationship between Islam and the West—often fruitful, sometimes stormy, and usually complicated—is a long story, and probably of no less importance at any time in the last 13 centuries than it is today." ■

J. Scott McBrayer was elected mayor of Homewood in August. The former Samford SGA president is manager of Ridout's Valley Chapel, where he has worked for 18 years. He has served on the Homewood City Council since 2000.

Dara Jeanette Trotter of Brentwood, Tenn., is an athletic trainer, massage therapist and personal trainer.

Todd W. Young is minister of administration and activities at Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Sadie, 8, and Macy, 6.

'93 **Charlene Seaborn Fuino, M.B.A.**, is associate pastor at First United Methodist Church, Duluth, Ga.

Andrea Jarvis is a line producer with E! Entertainment Television. She lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Lee Thomas Wimberly is a hospitalist at St. Vincent's East in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Melissa Ivey Wimberly '97**, have five children. They live in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

'94 **Gary Conway, M.B.A.**, is director of LinQ Corporate, West Perth, Australia.

Kathy White Curtin is a public relations consultant in Atlanta, Ga. She has two daughters, Meaghan and Hannah.

LeighAnna Henry Moneypenny lives in Brentwood, Tenn., with her husband, Harry, and their three children, Josie, Bridges and Max.

Brett and Andra Simmons Opalinski live in Fernandina Beach, Fla., with their children, Anna Brook, 10, and Emily, 5. He earned a Ph.D. in religious studies from the University of Denver in May and is senior pastor at Memorial United Methodist Church in Fernandina Beach. She earned a Ph.D. in nursing from University of Colorado in 2006 and is assistant professor of nursing at Jacksonville University.

'95 **Ed Briscoe** and his wife, Lauri, live in Denver, Colo. He is assistant vice president—investment banking with Capmark Finance Inc.

Katherine Tollison Hilton of Hoover, Ala., is a project manager in Compass Bank's retail lending group. She and her husband, **Grayson Hilton '93**, have three sons, Nathaniel, 5, Nicholas, 3 and Jake Spencer, born in April.

Scott Holmes is a partner in Newton, Hinson & Holmes, LLC, a firm specializing in investments and insurance. He and his wife, Jill, live in Brentwood, Tenn., with their three children, Carter, Clay and Ali Scott.

Monti Michelle Marsh is a registered nurse critical care traveler with HRN Services, Inc. She lives in Clanton, Ala.

'96 **Brian Disher, M.B.A. '00**, and his band, Dysher, recorded their first album, *The Café Song*, set for release this winter by White Rabbit records. He cowrote many of the songs. The band's sound combines rhythm and blues, folk, rock and techno. Disher lives in Greenville, S.C., with his wife, Laura, and their four children.

Brit McLeod Lovvorn is an anesthesiologist with Anesthesia Consultants Medical Group, Dothan, Ala. He and his wife, Lorrie, have three children.

Gregg Morrison, M.Div., is a trust protector with McDonald Group, Inc., Birmingham. He and his wife, Laura, have two children.

'97 **Glen and Kristen Hancock Criswell** live in Montgomery, Ala., with their sons, Colton, 5, and Dawson, 4.

Brian J. Harris, J.D., is legal counsel in real estate and construction with Aaron Rents, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Carrie, have two children.

Martha Scott McLaughlin and her husband, Gene, live in Meridian, Miss., where she is in private practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist. Their daughter, Jane Ann, was born in June.

Greg Sheek is an adjunct instructor in Samford's Adult Degree Evening Program. He teaches political science.

Cindy Bowie Skipworth lives in Sumter, S.C., with her husband, James, and their three children, Cate, Lily and Ally.

'98 **Mary Elizabeth Loden Garrigan** and her husband, David, are missionaries in Montana with Youth with a Mission. They and their four sons live in Lakeside, Mont.

Carolyn Jean Nelson earned a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., in May. She is pursuing a master of arts in pastoral counseling at the seminary.

Kevin Lance Waldrop is a radiologist in Hattiesburg, Miss. He and his wife, Valorie Claire, have a daughter, Mary Catherine.

'99 **Lauren Helene Barrus, M.B.A.**, is a registered representative at Chris Dorris State Farm Insurance Agency, Hoover, Ala. She and her husband, Darron, live in Pelham, Ala., with their son, Dexter, and daughter, Gabriella Grace.

Christa Choate Callaway lives in Orlando, Fla., with her husband, Chris, and their son, Kagan James, 2.

Carla Elizabeth Dorsch is an acute-care nurse practitioner with Cardiology Associates, P.A., in Panama City, Fla.

Michelle Rimel, Pharm.D., is pharmacist in charge at Peoples Drug Store in Strasburg, Va. She and her husband, Bob, have four children: John-Robert, 8; Chase, 6; Owen, 4; and McKenna, 2.

Jared Shull, a film editor with Outpost Pictures, received two regional Emmy

Green Eyeshade Honors Whitehouse



Ken Whitehouse

Ken Whitehouse's investigative journalism work with the online journal NashvillePost.com earned the 1993 graduate several regional awards this summer from the Green Eyeshade

professional journalists group.

Whitehouse, a political columnist with the Nashville, Tenn., journal, won a top award in the serious commentary category for a story on Fred Thompson's presidential aspirations. The piece was written almost six months before the Tennessee senator officially entered the race.

He and colleagues Walker Duncan and Richard Lawson won the year's

sports reporting category for their coverage of the 2007 sale of the Nashville Predators professional ice hockey team.

Whitehouse picked up two other awards for stories co-written with colleagues: an article on an ill-fated deal to buy the Predators won second place in the online breaking news category, and one analyzing the Marcia Trimble child murder case placed second in the non-deadline reporting division.

The Green Eyeshade Awards recognized the best journalism from 2007 in 11 southeastern states.

Whitehouse, who has worked at the online journal for three years, spent late August and early September covering the Democrat and Republican political conventions in Denver, Colo., and St. Paul, Minn., respectively. He and his wife, Joy, married in August 2007. ■

Awards in the National Academy of Arts and Sciences Southeast chapter 2008 competition. Both awards were for the documentary film, *Mr. Dial Has Something to Say*, which premiered on Alabama Public Television in October 2007. He and his wife, Mohana, and their two sons, Nathan and Isaiah, live in Birmingham.

'00 **Kelly Glass Birdwell, Pharm.D.**, lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with her husband, Bryan, and their two sons, Carter Jackson, 3, and Hunter Bradley, born in April.

Amber Willis Bunce teaches sixth grade social studies. She and her husband, Brian, live in Adairsville, Ga., with their two sons, Corbin James and Drake Joseph.

Benjamin Alan Davidson graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in May. He was named to Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society, received a Merck Award for superior academic achievement and was named the outstanding student in anatomical sciences. He is a resident in family medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

Jonathan Michael Hooks, J.D. '03, is an attorney with the Birmingham law firm of Lloyd, Gray & Whitehead P.C. He and his wife, Holly, have two children, Jonathan, Jr., and Spencer.

Michael Smith was named Teacher of the Year at Groton School, Groton, Mass. He is organist and director of chapel music at the school, where he is the youngest faculty member to receive the award.

Gary and Ashley Allen Twelkemeier '01 live in Cartersville, Ga. He is fleet lease manager at Georgia Dealer's Auto Auction. She teaches at Acworth Intermediate School and is completing a master's in educational leadership. They have a daughter, Avery Anne, born in February.

'01 **Dana Alexine Dews** is an attorney with Christian & Barton, LLP, in Richmond, Va.

Adam Nickalas Glass of Kennesaw, Ga., recently received a master's in middle grades education from Mercer University. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have a daughter, Addison Elizabeth, born in April.

Dustin Allen Greene is chief operating officer of Emory Eastside Medical Center, Snellville, Ga. He and his wife, Amy, have three children, Riley Kate, Davis Allen and Ellie Rose.

Joshua and Nancy Warren Hartgrove live in Phoenix, Ariz. He earned a master of music in instrumental conducting from Northern Arizona University in May, and is director of bands and orchestra and performing arts department chair at Mountain Pointe High School. She is

choral director at Connolly Middle School.

Christie Godwin Hennings, J.D., is an attorney with McCurdy & Candler, LLC, in Decatur, Ga. She and her husband, Todd, have one child, Evan.

James Scott Machin of Champaign, Ill., is business and operations manager with Scanics of Illinois. He has two children, Annie and Gracie.

Bonnie Branum Monroe and her husband, Jamie, live in Homewood. She is a litigation associate with Maynard, Cooper, & Gale P.C. law firm.

Kevin and Whitney Bowers Payne, M.Acc. '03, live in LaGrange, Ga. He is youth minister and worship arts director at Western Heights Baptist Church. She is a financial adviser with Smith Barney.

Heather White Stinson, M.S.E. '02, of Scottsville, Ky., is a teacher in Allen County schools.

'02 **Benjamin Keith Conforti** earned a doctor of psychology degree at Nova Southeastern University in June.

Brett Fuller is minister of music and worship at First Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala.

Ginger McCarthy O'Brien is a student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass.

Tara Taylor Simpson is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development [USAID]. She manages international development projects related to population, health and nutrition. Her first post will be Dhaka, Bangladesh, after she completes a year of training in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, **Zeb Simpson '01**, live in Arlington, Va.

'03 **Amanda Kathryn Cooley** earned a master's in sports administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May. She is a processing analyst in the UNC athletics department's business office.

Doug Davis, a designer and director of the Birmingham office of Tracery Interiors, oversees residential and commercial projects throughout the United States and the Bahamas. He is active in the Alabama chapter of the International Interior Design Association.

John Draper, Ed.D., is chief executive officer of Educational Research Service, an independent nonprofit research organization based in Alexandria, Va.

Dana Bryant Duell of Sterrett, Ala., is an admission adviser with Clayton College of

Natural Health. She and her husband, Richard, have one child, Alexandra.

Alex and Courtney Fenwick Goodman, Pharm.D. '07, live in Nashville, Tenn., where he is a dentist. She is a pharmacist at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Kylie Jill Jordan Henriksen is a teacher at Heritage Elementary, Madison, Ala. She and her husband, Michael, have one child, Maycie.

Brandon Luke McKinney is senior pastor at First Baptist Church, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Racheal Lynn, have three sons.

David Oakley is president of The Oakley Group, Inc., in Birmingham. He married Leigh Anne Rula in June.

Lauren Osmundsen married Ryan Meisenheimer in June. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is a child life specialist on the rehabilitation unit at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Webb Parker is pursuing a Ph.D. in music education and conducting at the University of Oregon on a full school of music scholarship.

Christen Saunders married BJ Edmonds in January. They live in Charleston, S.C., where she is a collegiate ministry assistant with the Charleston Baptist Association.

Sarah Elizabeth Stanley is a reference and instruction librarian at Duke University. She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

'04 **Brooke Alycen Bryant** of Nashville, Tenn., is a decision support coordinator with HCA TriStar Health System.

Cassidy Taylor Cook earned a doctor of dental medicine degree from the University of Florida in May. She is a resident in the UF advanced education in general dentistry program in Seminole, Fla. She lives in Clearwater, Fla.

Michael and Jennifer Meservy Douglas live in Knoxville, Tenn. He attends medical school at Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is co-owner of Elle women's boutique.

Dana Garcia married Kent Jackson in July. They live in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Stephen John Garrison graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in May. He is a resident in diagnostic radiology in Springfield, Ill.

Meredith Brooke May, M.Div. '07, is director of preschoolers and kids at Waters Edge Church, Yorktown, Va. She lives in Newport News, Va.

Rachel J. McWhorter recently earned a master's in women's studies at the University of Alabama. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in English literature and gender literary theory at the University of Minnesota, where she is a fellowship recipient.

Lauren Wilkey Morse teaches first grade in Vestavia Hills, Ala. She and her husband, Brian, have one child, Carter.

Lisa Robishaw married Ryan Forester in May. They live in Denver, Colo.

Ralph Newton Sams and **Allison King Sams '05** live in Macon, Ga., He recently graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and is a resident in general surgery at Mercer University. She works in pharmaceutical sales for Eli Lilly.

Celeste Arlene Sharplin graduated from University of Rochester School of Medicine and is a resident in the Tufts University family medicine residency program at Cambridge Health Alliance in Malden, Mass. She lives in Somerville, Mass.

Heather Nicole Sims married DeShawndre Hill in April. She is an economic development planner with the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

'05 **R. Matthew McKinney** is special assistant in the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Stacy Michelle Shoemake Park, Pharm.D., is assistant pharmacy manager at Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Woodstock, Ga. She and her husband, Phillip, live in Acworth, Ga.

Alejandro V. Pascual IV, J.D., is an assistant district attorney in the DeKalb District Attorney's Office, Decatur, Ga. He

and his wife, Carrie Denise, live in Norcross, Ga.

Megan Snow Thomas attends Jones School of Law, where she is on the board of the *Law Review*. She and her husband, James, live in Helena, Ala.

Keisha Walding, 2008 Miss Alabama USA, competed in the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., in April.

Andrew David Watts, J.D., is an assistant district attorney general in Maryville, Tenn.

'06 **Duncan T. Blount** earned an M.B.A. in international finance from Thunderbird School of Global Management in December. He is a macro analyst at Ronin Capital Management, a global macro hedge fund in Miami, Fla.

Katie Amanda Bullock married Nathan Speulda in July. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

Thomas Blake Davidson, M.Acc. '08, is an assurance associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Birmingham.

Marcie Fairchild married Mason Shea in May. They live in Richmond, Va., where she teaches high school physics.

April Dione Howell is an audit associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Birmingham.

Angela Holston Lewis, Pharm.D., is pharmacist in charge at Target in Bessemer, Ala. She and her husband, Heath, have a son, Austin.

Suzanne Mattox received the 2008 leadership award presented by the Council of Organizations Serving Deaf Alabamians. The award recognizes a deaf or hard of hearing person who has demonstrated significant leadership through involvement with the community or professional

growth. Mattox teaches deaf preschool children at Preschool for the Sensory Impaired in Mobile, Ala.

Timothy Dylan Reeves is enrolled at the University of Alabama School of Law in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is a member of the managing board of the *Law Review*.

Spencer, Pharm.D., and **Jennifer Wise Stephens, Pharm.D. '07**, live in Hoover, Ala. He is pharmacy manager for Walgreens pharmacy in Hueytown, Ala. She is a Walgreens pharmacist in Alabaster, Ala.

'07 **Emily Bourke** married David Geyer in August. She is director of development for annual giving at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Mary Elizabeth Briand, Pharm.D., is a clinical pharmacist at Baptist Medical Center Downtown, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dawson Hull is minister of music at The Church on Warren Avenue in Baltimore, Md., and is pursuing a master's in piano at Peabody Institute.

Lauren Cantrell and **Chris McCaghren** married in April in Reid Chapel. She is assistant director of alumni relations at Cumberland School of Law. He attends Beeson Divinity School and is minister of youth evangelism at Bluff Park Baptist Church.

Barbara Whaley Martin, Ed.D., is a principal with Gwinnett County Schools, Georgia. She lives in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Sarah Ruth Spires Rich is a music teacher at Vincent and Wilsonville elementary schools in Shelby County, Alabama. She and her husband, Matt, live in Moody, Ala.

Drew Rouse and **Celia Stewart** married in June. They live in Gainesville, Fla., where she attends University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He is an account manager for Coca-Cola.

Emily Suzanne Smith married Joseph Case Brannan in June. They live in Columbus, Ga., where she teaches second grade at St. Luke School.

Liza Craven Williams, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist with Winn-Dixie Pharmacy. She and her husband, Joey, live in Sumiton, Ala.

'08 **Jordan Andrew Beard** married Carrie Dawn Martz in June. They live in Cordova, Tenn.

Meg Rich is enrolled in a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Yeshiva University, Bronx, N.Y. ■

Five Samford Graduates Serving 'Teach for America' This Fall

Five recent Samford University graduates were accepted for the Teach For America program and began their teaching assignments this fall.

The new corps members, with their hometowns and towns of assignment, are: Kathryn Harrell of Amelia Island, Fla., Charlotte, N.C.; Brittany Heathcock of Florence, Ala., Houston, Texas; Rob Howell of Haleyville, Ala., Charlotte, N.C.; Lauren Welty of Carmel, Ind., St. Louis, Mo.; and Emily Whitworth of Owings, Md., St. Louis, Mo.

The five May Samford graduates are part of Teach for America's largest entering corps of new teachers in its 18-year history. The 3,700 new teachers were selected from a record 24,718 applicants.

Teach for America corps members commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity. ■

For more information, go to www.teachforamerica.org.

births

'91 Rick and **Greta Hudson Honsberger** of Mandeville, La., a son, James Grayson, born June 28, 2008.

'93 **Grayson and Katherine Tollison Hilton** '95 of Hoover, Ala., a son, Jake Spencer, born April 16, 2008.

Jonathan and **Jennifer Bridwell Howes** of Grayson, Ga., a daughter, Jesslyn Kay, born June 13, 2008.

Lee and Melissa Ivey Wimberly '97 of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, John Lee, born June 20, 2008.

'94 Harry and **LeighAnna Henry Moneypenny** of Brentwood, Tenn., a son, Maxwell Henry, born March 4, 2008.

Chad and **Cindy Keen Simmons** of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Caroline Tate, born Dec. 5, 2006.

'95 **David and Brooke Thomas Fleming** of Birmingham, a son, Thomas Blake, born Oct. 3, 2007.

Dottie and **John Raymer** of Stoneville, N.C., the adoption of two sons from Ethiopia, Bereket, 5, and Feromsa, 6, on July 7, 2008.

Michelle and **Jonathan Paul Vernon** of Dallas, Ga., the adoption of a son, Ryan Blake, age 14, from Latvia, on June 12, 2008.

'96 Scott and **Paula Byars Heath** of Birmingham, a son, Benjamin Campbell, born Sept. 27, 2007.

'97 Chris and **Shannon Nicole Mathis Blosser** of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Ryan, born Jan. 15, 2007.

Gene and **Martha Scott McLaughlin** of Meridian, Miss., a daughter, Jane Ann, born June 28, 2008.

Steve and **Melissa Tabor Terjung** of Duluth, Ga., a daughter, Audrey Kate, born Feb. 28, 2008.

'98 Michael and **Julie Mills Crocker** of Houston, Texas, a daughter, Kenedy Cecilia, born Dec. 4, 2007.

Ben and **Holly Armstrong Drake** of Birmingham, a son, Austin Boyd, born March 16, 2007.

Scott and **Ainsley Kauffmann Seeley** of Vero Beach, Fla., a daughter, Kelsie Harriett, born June 7, 2008.

Kathleen Kilbride Troiano and **Jeffrey Troiano** '99 of University Park, Fla., a daughter, Noelle Anne, born May 24, 2008.

'99 Daniel and **Melody Leigh Davis Noles** of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., a son, Eli Samuel, born May 12, 2008.

'00 Bryan and **Kelly Glass Birdwell, Pharm.D.**, of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Hunter Bradley, born April 4, 2008.

Mandy and **Chad Eggleston** of Durham, N.C., a daughter, Elizabeth Cady, born May 27, 2008.

Holly and **Jonathan Michael Hooks, J.D.** '03, of Birmingham, a son, Spencer Murray, born Feb. 28, 2008.

Cooper and **Anna Brooke Childs Johnson** of Birmingham, a son, Cooper Freeman, Jr., born July 8, 2008.

'01 **Andrew and Jessica Pennington Dye** '04 of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Mary Margaret, born Aug. 1, 2008.

Elizabeth and **Adam Glass** of Kennesaw, Ga., a daughter, Addison Elizabeth, born April 17, 2008.

Kate McKosky Nuwayhid and **Mazen Nuwayhid** '02 of Huntsville, Ala., a daughter, Ella Jane, born July 16, 2008.

Robert and **Jennifer Musser Patrick** of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Mary Olivia, born Nov. 14, 2007.

'03 **Holly, M.B.A.**, and **Jay Doyle, M.B.A.** '04, of Birmingham, a son, Patrick Hamilton, born July 8, 2007.

Racheal Lynn and **Brandon Luke McKinney** of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., a son, Andrew Maddux, born Nov. 14, 2007.

Hank and **Brecca Lightsey Powers** of Birmingham, a daughter, Sydney Adair, born May 28, 2008.

'04 Ryan and **Amber Rose Zuercher Myers** of Moscow, Idaho, a daughter, Mercy Kyrie, born May 27, 2008. ■

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inmemoriam

'31 **Ruth Gravlee Waggoner**, age 86, of Birmingham, died July 26, 2008. She taught elementary school in Tennessee, North Carolina and Birmingham. She graduated from Howard College at age 19. She was a Miss Entre Nous.

'36 **Wilma A. Collins Mapes**, age 93, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Aug. 11, 2008. She owned a florist and worked in office management.

'37 **Edward William Spencer**, age 92, of Birmingham, died Aug. 3, 2008. A Mason and veteran of World War II, he founded Spencer Furniture Company in 1949.

'39 **Elizabeth Cagle Browne**, age 90, of Carrollton, Ga., died July 5, 2008. She was a homemaker, and skilled quilter and seamstress for her family.

'44 **John Henry Jeffers**, age 86, of Auburn, Ala., died Aug. 6, 2008. He was pastor emeritus of Auburn First Baptist Church, which he served 1958–86. He served on Alabama Baptist State Convention boards and committees, and received Samford's Retired Minister of the Year Award in 1998. He was named a Citizen of the Year by the Auburn Rotary Club. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

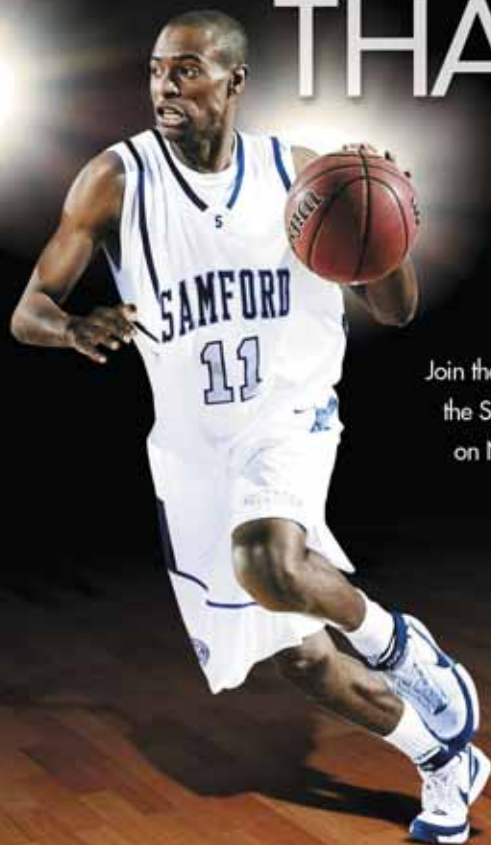
'45 **Ira Lee Myers**, age 84, of Montgomery, Ala., died July 23, 2008. Dr. Myers was Alabama's state health officer from 1963 until his retirement in 1986. At that time, he was the longest-serving health officer in the nation. Advances during his tenure included the mass Salk polio vaccine program and initiation of a narcotics enforcement program, newborn screening, computerization, and a laboratory system. He served on many national advisory committees and was an involved layman on state Baptist boards. He was the father of the late **Dr. Martha Myers** '67, a Baptist missionary who was murdered in Yemen in 2002.

Dixie Volking Snell, age 85, of Birmingham, died June 7, 2008. She retired from *Southern Living* magazine.

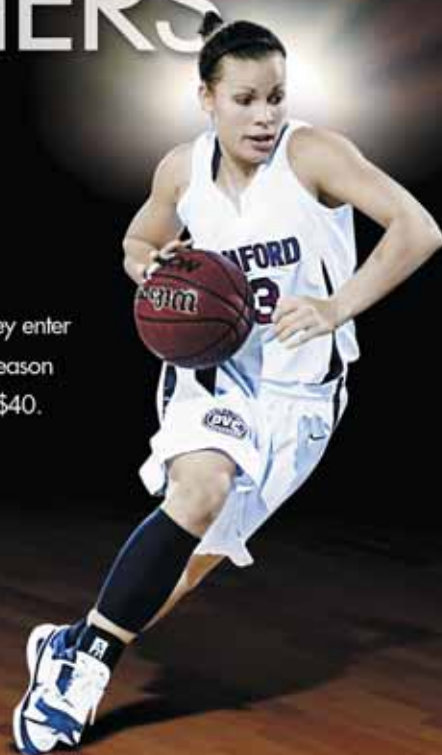
'46 **John A. Duddy**, age 85, of Versailles, Ky., died April 28, 2008. He owned a horse farm.

- '47 **Donn E. Hill**, age 84, of Birmingham, died July 20, 2008. He served in Germany as a U.S. Army chaplain and retired as a Salvation Army chaplain.
- Norma Kirk Patterson**, age 83, of Montgomery, Ala., died June 7, 2008. She was a retired teacher and an avid genealogist.
- '48 **William Howell Forrester, J.D.**, age 84, of Pulaski, Tenn., died May 27, 2008. A long-time attorney in Pulaski, he also was city judge. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.
- George Benjamin Ritch, Jr.**, age 90, of Cropwell, Ala., died June 8, 2008. He owned Ritch Pharmacy in Mountain Brook, Ala., for 40 years.
- '49 **Charles Roden**, age 83, of Albertville, Ala., died June 6, 2008. He worked at Albertville Wholesale Grocery, and was an executive and board member with the Albertville Municipal Utilities Board. He was the town's Man of the Year in 1974. During World War II, he was part of the Normandy invasion.
- '50 **Ruby Bryant Cleveland**, age 78, of Birmingham died June 7, 2008.
- Charles E. Gray**, of Defuniak Springs, Fla., died March 18, 2008. He was a retired minister.
- A. B. Martin, Jr.**, age 85, of Kinsey, Ala., died June 8, 2008. He was a Baptist minister, schoolteacher and principal. During World War II, he was a fireman first class in the U.S. Navy.
- William Mark O'Brien, Jr.**, age 81, of Jonesboro, Ga., died May 30, 2008. He retired as chief of finance and accounting at Fort McPherson, Ga., with 30 years of government service. He was an Army veteran of World War II.
- '51 **Samuel David Glenn** of Birmingham, died Aug. 2, 2008. He held an Alabama pharmacy license for 55 years. He was a U.S. Air Force officer during the Korean and Vietnam wars.
- '53 **Harry B. Howard, Jr., J.D.**, age 78, of Memphis, Tenn., died May 21, 2008. He retired as a senior agent with Allstate Insurance Company after a 40-year career. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.
- '54 **H. Dean Buttram, Sr.**, age 82, of Centre, Ala., died July 4, 2008. A practicing pharmacist for 52 years, he opened Dean's Pharmacy in 1963 and worked there at least part time until 2006. A World War II veteran, he fought at the Battle of the Bulge and later in the Philippines.
- John L. Williams, J.D.**, age 80, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died May 9, 2008. After service in World War II, he became the youngest circuit court clerk in Tennessee at age 22. He practiced law in Huntington and was a district attorney general.
- '56 **Geraldine K. Gant** of Dora, Ala., died May 20, 2008. She was a teacher in the Walker County school system for 31 years and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma education honor society.
- '60 **Gloria Atkins Kennedy**, age 69, of Georgetown, Ala., died July 31, 2008. She was a longtime resident of Panama City, Fla.
- '63 **Ernest Jacques Kronimus, Jr.**, age 69, of Richmond, Va., died May 24, 2008. He retired from Richmond Juvenile Detention Center. He enjoyed model railroads and barbershop singing.
- '65 **William Joseph Byrd**, age 70, of Headland, Ala., died Aug. 9, 2008. A U.S. Air Force Veteran, he worked for the World Health Organization, Salk Institute and private pharmaceutical companies.
- Gary Luther Marshall**, age 67, of Birmingham, died Aug. 6, 2008. He retired after 30 years with the Jefferson County Health Department. He enjoyed collecting and selling toys and antiques.
- '66 **Louise Lipscomb Nealy, M.S.E.**, of Mountain Brook, Ala., died June 4, 2008. She taught in several Homewood area schools, retiring from Vestavia Hills Elementary School.
- '68 **Tena Frances Dean Skipworth** of Montgomery, Ala., died March 31, 2008, of ovarian cancer. A retired elementary school teacher, she taught most recently at Trinity Presbyterian School.
- '69 **John H. Blackman, Jr.**, age 61, of Birmingham, died July 17, 2008. A licensed minister, he was a substance-abuse counselor at University of Alabama at Birmingham medical center.
- '72 **Ronald L. Collins, Sr., M.B.A.**, age 70, of Knoxville, Tenn., died May 30, 2008. An engineer for companies in Birmingham, Dothan, Ala., and Knoxville, Tenn., he was active in the American Association of Cost Engineers.
- '73 **Ronald Edward Kopesky J.D.**, age 61, of Fairhope, Ala., died June 23, 2008. An attorney in Fairhope since 1974, he was a past president of the Baldwin County Bar Association.
- '74 **Susan Brown Bond**, age 53, of Gautier, Miss., died May 6, 2008. She was a registered nurse for 34 years.
- '75 **Robert Michael Greene**, age 61, of Birmingham, died June 25, 2008. He was a pharmacist.
- '76 **James E. Moon M.B.A.**, age 79, of Gulf Shores, Ala., died June 9, 2008. Administrator of University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital for 18 years, 1971–89, he was considered a pioneer of professional hospital administration in Alabama.
- '77 **Robert Douglas Gentry M.B.A.**, age 64, of Hoover, Ala., died July 5, 2008. He was a retired accountant and a 13-year survivor of a double lung transplant.
- Scott Lovell Speake J.D.**, age 59, of New Orleans, La., died June 20, 2008. He was a tax attorney and certified public accountant.
- '79 **William C. Malone IV, J.D.**, age 62, of Winter Park, Fla., died July 7, 2008. He worked for McDonnell Douglas and Martin Marietta, and practiced corporate law. He was president of his law school graduating class.
- '84 **Melanie Gorff Newman**, age 46, of East Ridge, Tenn., died June 7, 2008. A nurse, she retired from Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Alan Neal Post, J.D.**, age 49, of High Point, N.C., died June 19, 2008. He practiced law with his father at Post and Post Attorneys, and in 2000, joined the firm of Keziah, Gates and Samet, specializing in real property law.
- '89 **John Henry Sytsma, J.D.**, age 69, of St. George Island, Fla., died Aug. 5, 2008. He immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands with his family at age 9, and later served in the U.S. Navy. He practiced law in Apalachicola, Fla.
- '90 **James Malcolm Cannon, J.D.**, age 44, of Nashville, Tenn., died June 23, 2008. He was an attorney and cofounder of Medical Reimbursements of America.
- '91 **James Paul Frey, Jr., J.D.**, age 58, of Birmingham, Ala., died July 14, 2008. He worked 18 years for Alabama Power Company and practiced law in Birmingham, specializing in Social Security disability cases. ■

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BASKETBALL

Men's Team Is Young but Experienced

Coach Jimmy Tillette had one of his youngest teams ever last year, and the majority will return for Samford's inaugural season in the Southern Conference. "We'll have a learning curve to deal with, not only with new opponents, but with facilities, travel plans and such," said Tillette. "But we're looking forward to our new conference."

Eight lettermen and a talented redshirt will return from last year's 14-16 team. Returnees include starters Trey Montgomery and Josh Bedwell at guard, and Bryan Friday at forward. Curtis West, who started the first five games at guard before going down with a shoulder injury, also returns.

Other lettermen back are guards Josh Davis and Gaby Bermudez, forward Jim Griffin and center Andy King. Redshirt freshman Matthew Friday, a 6-8 center, is expected to contend for a starting job.

Tillette signed four freshmen—guards Peter Carroll, Kaylin Johnson and Jeffrey Merritt, and forward John Peterson.

In addition to a 20-game Southern Conference schedule, Samford will play such teams as Ohio State, Saint Louis, Belmont and Louisiana Tech. The conference schedule will include two games against Davidson, which went to last year's Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

"We're playing against a lot of good teams this season," said Tillette. "We have a good mix of opponents in our nonconference schedule, and then we're starting play against a new conference." ■

Josh Bedwell



2008-2009 schedule

Nov. 6	Covenant (exhibition)	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	Tennessee Wesleyan (exhibition)	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Belmont	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	Spring Hill	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Campbellsville	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Lipscomb	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Ohio State	TBA
Dec. 6	at Georgia Southern*	TBA
Dec. 13	at Saint Louis	4 p.m.
Dec. 18	Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Chicago State	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	at McNeese State	7 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Davidson*	TBA
Jan. 8	Furman*	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wofford*	TBA
Jan. 12	at College of Charleston*	TBA
Jan. 15	Western Carolina*	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Appalachian State*	2 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Elon*	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	at UNC-Greensboro*	1 p.m.
Jan. 26	Citadel*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Georgia Southern*	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	Davidson*	TBA
Feb. 5	at Furman*	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Wofford*	TBA
Feb. 9	Chattanooga*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	UNC-Greensboro*	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Elon*	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Chattanooga*	TBA
Feb. 26	at Western Carolina*	TBA
Feb. 28	at Appalachian State*	2:30 p.m.
March 6-9	Southern Conference Tournament Chattanooga, Tenn.	

*Southern Conference games

All times central; dates and times are subject to change

T B A L L

Women Return Key Players from 23-9 Team

The Samford women's basketball team brings high hopes to its inaugural season in the Southern Conference. The Bulldogs are coming off their best record in history (23-9), and a solid foundation returns from that team.

"We will be facing many unknowns as we enter a new conference," said Coach Mike Morris. "What we know is solid defense, balanced scoring and strong leadership are musts for us to have a successful season."

That was the formula that produced last year's success.

Emily London, the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year last season, led Samford scoring with a 12.2 average and topped the conference in 3-point shooting with a .488 percentage.

Three other starters return—Monica Maxwell (10.7 points a game), Savannah Hill (9.7) and Chika Okoli (8.2).

Megan Wilderotter, a sparkplug guard, was lost to a season-ending knee injury after eight games last year, but has recovered and will be back at full speed this season.

Morris signed four talented freshmen—Paige Anderson, Erin Hogue, Jazmine Powers and J'Quita Babineaux—who could have a positive impact.

"The Southern Conference will be a little tougher competition and, hopefully, we can raise the bar as a program," Morris said.

He thinks Samford's nonconference schedule, which includes games against Alabama, Baylor, Evansville, McNeese State and Jacksonville State, will help prepare the Bulldogs for the tough conference schedule. ■

Emily London



2008-2009 schedule

Nov. 6	Montevallo (exhibition)	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Jacksonville State	TBA
Nov. 18	at Alabama	TBA
Nov. 21	New Orleans	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Lipscomb	TBA
Nov. 28	McNeese State	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Evansville	4 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Chattanooga*	TBA
Dec. 4	at Wofford*	TBA
Dec. 13	at Baylor	TBA
Dec. 19	Elon*	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	UNC-Greensboro*	7 p.m.
Jan. 3	at College of Charleston*	TBA
Jan. 5	at Georgia Southern*	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Western Carolina*	TBA
Jan. 14	at Furman*	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	Appalachian State*	4 p.m.
Jan. 19	Davidson*	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	Furman*	2 p.m.
Jan. 26	Wofford*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Elon*	TBA
Feb. 2	at UNC-Greensboro*	TBA
Feb. 7	College of Charleston*	2 p.m.
Feb. 9	Georgia Southern*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Appalachian State*	1 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Davidson*	TBA
Feb. 23	Western Carolina*	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	Chattanooga*	2 p.m.
March 6-9	Southern Conference Tournament Chattanooga, Tenn.	

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Bulldogs Look Forward to SoCon After Successful Run in OVC

Cayley Winters



After five successful years in the Ohio Valley Conference, including four regular season titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances, Samford soccer faces its first Southern Conference [SoCon] schedule with one of its more experienced teams.

Coach Todd Yelton returns nine starters and 16 letter-winners in all from a squad that finished with a school-record 15-5-1 mark and Samford's first at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. It was the Bulldogs' second NCAA berth in three seasons.

Samford left the OVC with an overall 38-6-7 mark against league foes.

"As we move into the Southern Conference, we already have the respect of the coaches and the other teams in the league because of what we were able to accomplish in the OVC," said Yelton.

But the coach also knows the Bulldogs are joining a tough soccer league that perennially earns two NCAA berths, including last year's bids to Furman and UNC-Greensboro.

"Our league mates in the SoCon look at us as a team that will really add to the conference and can possibly make it one of the premier soccer leagues in the nation," Yelton said. Even so, the coach thinks it will be "challenging for us to go into the SoCon and be successful right away."

Although Samford scored a school-record 43 goals last season, Bulldog success under Yelton has been built on defense. Last year's team allowed only 16 goals in 21 games. Starting goalkeeper Cayley Winters and reliever Jenna Sturgill both return after combining for nine shutouts last year.

The back line is traditionally one of the defensive strengths. Starters Marche Olds, Cindy Spiker, Caroline Baxter and Colette Nammour return, along with 2006 starter Paige Lanter, who missed last season with an injury.

On offense, forwards Amber Cress, Leah Leppert and Natalie Fleming return after combining for 14 goals last year. Cress scored a team-high 21 points. Several experienced midfielders return, including Kelly Shaffer, Hilary Samuels, Mary Shelton Bryant, Kat Sweatt, Valerie Kikkert and Melissa Miller.

"We have the ability to be very good in the attack this season," said Yelton.

Samford scheduled its usual demanding pre-conference schedule, including high-profile games against Texas, Marquette, Arkansas, Alabama, UAB and Auburn. The Bulldogs play 11 conference matches, including six at home. ■

For schedule and results, go to



Volleyball Hopes To Build on Last Year's Success

Samford volleyball heads into the 2008 season with nine returnees from last year's first winning season, a talented transfer and a new coaching staff. The team will play its first season as a member of the Southern Conference and its first full campaign in the \$32-million Pete Hanna Center.

As a result of these elements, "Our energy and eagerness are very high," said new coach Dex Schroeder.

The Bulldogs christened Hanna Center last November with wins over Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. Those season-ending victories boosted Samford to 16-13 overall and 11-9 in the Ohio Valley Conference, its best record ever.

"How this team carries its 2007 performance into 2008 is going to play a large part in our success," said Schroeder. "These players are certain they want to compete and want to win. Getting a taste of it last season has only made them hungry for more."

Seniors Sara Sears, Courtney Gay, Kirstein Sosnowski and Jackie Jaszcz are the most experienced returnees. Sears has been a regular since her freshman year and ranked sixth on Samford's all-time kills list with 1,031 going into 2008. Gay set the match record for digs with 46 against McNeese State last year.

Juniors Sarah Gardner, Katie Luckman and Sheriden Stangohr, and sophomores Samantha Bland and Hillary Fountain provide additional experience this fall. Gardner led last year's team with 45 service aces, while Fountain was named to the OVC All-Newcomer team.

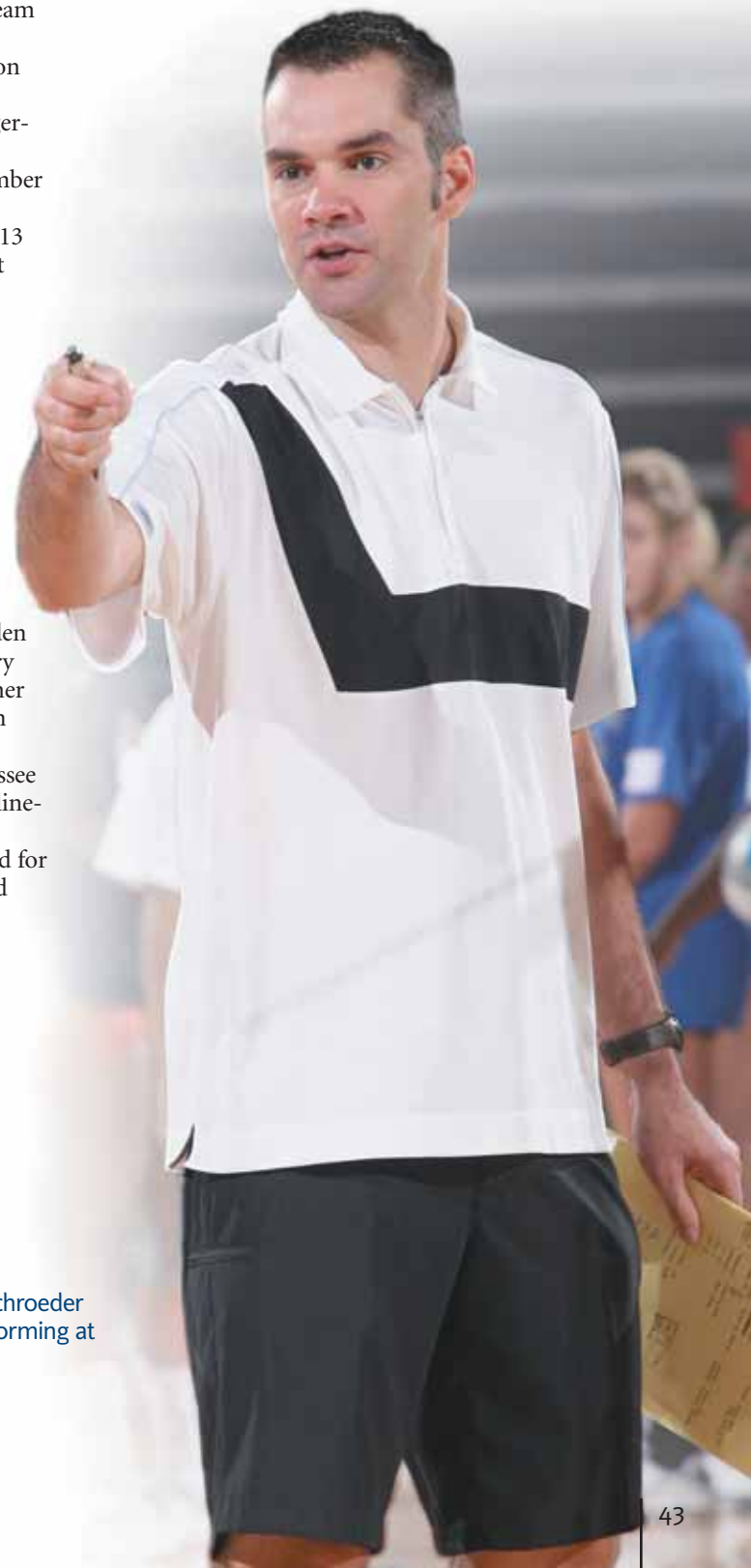
Senior transfer Ashley Adams from Middle Tennessee State adds an intriguing new dynamic to the Samford lineup this fall. She is the reigning Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and transferred to Samford for her last year of eligibility to begin study at Cumberland School of Law.

Other team members this fall are redshirts Rachel Gadberry and Alyssa Trimpe, and freshmen Shelby Brandon and Katie Weber. ■

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New coach Dex Schroeder has volleyball performing at a high level.



Davidson Fund Will Assist Rural Pastors Through RCPE

by William Nunnelley

Dr. James E. Davidson, who served 61 years in the pastoral ministry in Alabama Baptist churches, could say he came from a long line of rural preachers.

When Davidson was ordained by Luverne Baptist Church in 1933, he was the fourth generation in his family to answer the call to preach. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather all served as ministers in south Alabama dating back to the 1800s.

Davidson began his career at rural churches in Crenshaw County before moving to north Alabama in the mid-1930s. He pastored churches in Jefferson and Calhoun counties, and began taking classes at Samford, then Howard College.

By the time he earned his degree in 1940, Davidson had served as pastor at Huffman Baptist Church for three years. He stayed at Huffman until 1948, when he was called by South Avondale Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Serving South Avondale for the next 28 years, he became one of the leaders of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. He served as vice president of the convention, preached one convention sermon, and was a member of the executive board and administration committees of the convention. Along the way, he completed his Ph.D. at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1952.

After his retirement from South Avondale in 1974, Davidson continued to fill interim pastorates at rural churches for another 20 years. He died in 1997.

“He ended his career as he began, by serving the Lord in rural areas,” said Davidson’s son, Dr. Rudolph Davidson, a 1958 Samford graduate and lifelong educator. “He also taught in the Howard College Extension program for 40 years.”

In memory of Davidson’s lengthy career and interest in smaller rural churches, his son has established the James E. Davidson Fund for Rural Ministries in Samford’s Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence [RCPE].

“My father’s motto was, ‘If God calls, prepare . . . then preach,’” Rudolph Davidson recalled. “The hope of our family is that this fund will assist pastors, particularly rural pastors, to do so.”

Proceeds from the \$100,000 endowment will be used by the RCPE in

support of its programs for ministers serving rural congregations in Alabama. “Most of the churches in Alabama are smaller congregations located in rural areas,” noted Michael Wilson, RCPE program director. “Many of these have bivocational pastors who serve their churches full-time as well as work a day job. They appreciate help that fits their challenging ministry settings, and that’s what we try to offer.”

The Davidson Fund will ensure that the RCPE continues to provide unique resources for these pastors who fill vital roles in so many congregations, Wilson said.

James E. Davidson’s great-grandfather, John L. Davidson, began the family line of Baptist preachers in Crenshaw County before the Civil War. His grandfather, James Thomas Davidson, was licensed to preach after returning from the Civil War and ordained in 1868 in Crenshaw. His father, Willie T. Davidson, preached for 58 years at 21 rural Baptist churches in Crenshaw, beginning in 1914.

Now, the Davidson family will assist others dedicated to serving rural churches through the James E. Davidson Fund in the RCPE. Additional contributions to the endowment are encouraged and welcome. ■

At left: Dr. Rudolph Davidson, donor of the James E. Davidson Fund for Rural Ministries. Below: Gathering to initiate the fund are, from left, Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence Director Michael Wilson, Davidson and his wife, Kay, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and Mountain Brook Baptist Church Senior Minister James Moebes.



Brock Challenge Nets \$311,000

Samford University's students and employees exceeded a \$100,000 challenge from Birmingham businessman Harry Brock, resulting in \$311,352 to various university funds.

Through the Brock family foundation, Brock committed to match up to \$100,000 in new contributions to endowment from students and employees. The challenge was made at the end of a Feb. 21 convocation celebrating the recent naming of Samford's business school for Brock.

Called the 1841 Mission in recognition of the university's founding date and Christian mission, the challenge encouraged each student and nondonor employee to make a gift of \$18.41 or more to the general endowment or the endowment of one of Samford's eight academic schools.

Many of the gifts were designated for scholarships, and the gifts benefitted each of Samford's eight academic schools, according to Sheri H. Ransome,

Samford's director of annual giving, who coordinated the 1841 Mission project.

Although final totals have not been announced for 2007–08 annual giving, Ransome noted that faculty, staff and students gave about \$479,000 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, an 87 percent increase over the five-year average for those groups. The increase could be tied directly to the Brock challenge, she noted.

"What a tremendous impact this effort made when our students, faculty and employees rose to the challenge of matching the challenge of making these gifts in just four short months," Ransome said. "These gifts, empowered by Mr. Brock's generosity, are the foundation for future similar transformational gifts to Samford."

Brock specifically praised the university's administration and academic deans for supporting the 1841 Mission. "The deans stepped up to the challenge, and the teamwork from President

[Andrew] Westmoreland on down is what made this work," he said. "This broad participation should help Samford going forward in trying to attract additional gifts for the university."

Brock envisions a long-term impact of the challenge if current students will continue giving to Samford after graduation. "This is a good start, and hopefully some day we'll have at least half of our graduates giving back to Samford," Brock said.

Ransome said the university plans for the 1841 Mission to be an annual giving opportunity, and she already is working to find a donor who will match Brock's challenge for the new fiscal year that began July 1.

Gifts to the 1841 Mission can be made online at www.samford.edu or through Samford's university relations office, 310 Samford Hall, 800 Lakeshore Dr., Birmingham, AL 35229. ■

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in memory of Ms. Robyn Bari Cohen
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events

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- Sept. 25** **J. Roderick Davis Lecture/Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum**, Eugene Robinson, syndicated columnist, *The Washington Post*, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-726-4178
- Sept. 26** **Cumberland School of Law continuing education conference**, 7 a.m.–4p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** reception, 6:30 p.m., Boren Garden and Courtyard; concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-254-2731
- Sept. 27** **Preview Day** for prospective students, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673
- NurCE** continuing education class, hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Center for Healing Arts, 205-726-1616
- Sept. 29** **NurCE** continuing education class, hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Center for Healing Arts, 205-726-1616
- Sept. 30** **Student Government Association speakers series**, C. L. Lindsay, 8:30 p.m., Reid Chapel, 205-726-2598
- Oct. 1–24** **Art Show: Past, Present and Future**, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, free, www.samford.edu/arts
- Oct. 1** **Faculty Women's Club** meeting, 10 a.m., Hanna Center, 205-726-2229
- Oct. 1–4** **Samford in New York City** trip, hosted by Office of Alumni and Parent Programs, 205-726-2337
- Oct. 2** **Faculty recital**, Angela Flaniken, Jeffrey Flaniken, Kevin Kozak and Donald Sanders, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Recital**, William Bugg, baritone, and Kathryn Fouse, piano, 8 p.m. EDT, Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York City, www.carnegiehall.org
- Oct 2–5** **Samford Theatre presents *The Rover***, www.samfordartstickets.com for times and ticket prices
- Oct. 3** **McWhorter School of Pharmacy white coat ceremony**, 1 p.m., Shades Mountain Baptist Church, followed by a reception, 2:30 p.m., Ingalls Hall, 205-2387
- Oct. 3–5** **Leadership Weekend**, sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement, 205-726-2345
- Oct. 4** **Law School Admission Test**, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-2561
- Law and Civic School Violence Prevention** workshop, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 410 Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall, 205-726-2433
- Oct. 6** **Board of Ministerial Mentors** fall meeting, 10 a.m., Divinity Hall, 205-726-4200
- Oct. 7** **Graduate School Fair** hosted by Career Development Center, 10 a.m.–1p.m., Hanna Center, 205-726-2980
- Faculty recital**, Joseph Hopkins, baritone, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 7–8** **Global Missions Fair**, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Ben Brown Plaza, 205-726-2170
- Oct. 9** **Samford Auxiliary** meeting, 10:30 a.m., Brock Hall
- Lecture**, “The Future of Islam: Reform in the 21st Century,” John Esposito, Georgetown University, hosted by Department of Religion and Philosophy, 3:15 p.m., Brock Forum, 205-726-2879
- Donor and Alumni dinner**, hosted by Howard College of Arts and Sciences, 6:30 p.m., Chattanooga, Tenn., 205-726-2995
- Lecture**, “Is Terrorism Ever Permitted in Islam?” John Esposito, Georgetown University, hosted by Department of Religion and Philosophy, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-726-2879
- Oct. 10** **Elementary All-State Choir Festival**, Wright Center, 205-726-2615
- Nurse Anesthesia hooding ceremony**, 2 p.m., Hodges Chapel, followed by a reception, Center for Healing Arts rotunda, 205-726-2863
- National Association of Teachers of Singing** recital, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2505
- Oct. 10–11** **Bishop Guild High School debate tournament**, 205-726-2695
- Alabama CMENC state music education summit**, 205-726-2651
- Oct. 10–12** **Family Weekend**, 205-726-2598
- Oct. 11** **Preview Day** for prospective students, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673
- Football tailgate party**, 12:30–2 p.m., Talbird Circle, 205-726-2337
- Oct. 12** **Samford Hymn Sing** (formerly Old-Song Sing-Along), 2 p.m., Reid Chapel, 205-726-2807
- Oct. 14** **Employee Health Fair**, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Hanna Center, 205-726-2469
- Samford Orchestra** concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 16** **College Republications speakers series**, Kay Ivey, Alabama state treasurer, 6 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall
- Samford Wind Ensemble** concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2485
- Oct. 17** **Cumberland School of Law continuing education conference**, 7 a.m.–4p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Evangelical Homiletics Society** meeting, 12–5 p.m., Divinity Hall, 205-726-2338
- Oct. 18** **Masquerade Recitals**, hosted by Preparatory Music Department, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 20–21** **Fall break**, no classes, university offices open
- Ministering to Ministers conference**, hosted by Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, 205-726-4064
- Oct. 21** **Pastor's Day Retreat**, sponsored by Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., University Center, 205-726-4064
- Clergy Wellness Workshop**, 4–5 p.m., Hodges Chapel, Divinity Hall, 205-726-4064

- Faculty recital**, Lisa Weinhold, flute, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 24–26** **Homecoming**, go to www.samford.edu/homecoming for a complete schedule of events
- Oct. 25** **ACT testing**, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-2561
- Oct. 26** **Kate Campbell in concert**, 6 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 28** **Faculty/Guest Artist recital**, Randall Richardson and Melanie Williams, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 28–30** **Reformation Heritage Lectures**, “The Anabaptist Witness,” Myron Augsburg, president emeritus, Eastern Mennonite University, www.beesondivinity.com
- Oct. 30** **Percussion Ensemble concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2488
- Oct. 31** **Cumberland School of Law continuing education conference**, 7 a.m.–4p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Oct. 31–Nov. 1** **Music Teachers National Association competitions**, 205-726-2489
- Oct. 31–Nov. 2** **Alabama Ballet presents *Jekyll and Hyde***, www.alabamaballet.com
- Nov. 1** **Temple Time**, hosted by Samford in Mission, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-4203
- Football tailgate party**, 12–1:30 p.m., Talbird Circle, 205-726-2337
- Nov. 3–Dec. 1** **Landscape Photography by Charles Selfried**, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall www.samford.edu/arts
- Nov. 6–9** **Samford Theatre presents *Dancing at Lughnasa***, www.samfordartstickets.com for performance times and ticket prices
- Nov. 7** **Worker’s Compensation continuing education seminar**, sponsored by Cumberland School of Law, 7 a.m.–4p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Nov. 7–8** **School of the Arts scholarship weekend**, 205-726-2778
- Nov. 8** **Preview Day** for prospective students, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673
- Nov. 8–9** **Nonviolent Education Group workshop**, 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall, 205-933-8007
- Nov. 9** **Student Recitals** hosted by Preparatory Music Department, 2–5 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Nov. 10** **Samford Democrats speakers forum**, 6:30 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall
- Nov. 11** **Davis Guest Artists Series**, Christopher Parkening, guitarist, and Jubilant Sykes, vocalist, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Nov. 13** American Choral Directors Association **Collegiate Choral Festival**, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Bluff Park United Methodist Church, 205-726-2486
- Nov. 14** “**DUI: The Law in Alabama**” **continuing education seminar**, sponsored by Cumberland School of Law, 7 a.m.–5 p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Career Interview Day**, hosted by McWhorter School of Pharmacy, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Hanna Center, 205-726-2387
- Miss Samford scholarship pageant**, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-726-2345
- Nov. 15** **Preview Day** for prospective students, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673
- Football tailgate party**, 12–1:30 p.m., Talbird Circle, 205-726-2337
- School of the Arts Masquerade Ball**, 7 p.m., Wright Center
- Nov. 21** **Samford Bands Christmas Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Nov. 23** **SuperJazz concert**, 3 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-4188
- Nov. 24** **Last day of classes, Cumberland School of Law**
- Nov. 26–28** **Thanksgiving holiday**, no classes, university offices closed Nov. 27–28.
- Dec. 2** **Birmingham Children’s Choir concert**, 6:30 p.m., Reid Chapel, 205-726-2486
- Bells of Buchanan Christmas concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2826
- Dec. 3** **Beeson Divinity School commencement and consecration service**, 11 a.m., Hodges Chapel
- Dec. 4** **Samford Opera Works presents *Amahl and the Night Visitors***, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Hanging of the Green service**, 6 p.m., Reid Chapel
- Lighting of the Way ceremony**, 7 p.m., Centennial Walk, University Quadrangle
- Dec. 5** **Fall semester ends**
- Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 7:30 p.m., Harrison Theatre, Swearingen Hall
- Dec. 6** **Law and Civic School Violence Prevention workshop**, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 410 Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall, 205-726-2433
- Law School Admission Test**, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-2561
- Preparatory Music Department recitals**, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall and Bolding Studio, Swearingen Hall, 205-726-4049
- Festival of Christmas Music and *Amahl and the Night Visitors***, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Dec. 7** **Preparatory Music Department recitals**, 12:30–5:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall and Bolding Studio, Swearingen Hall, 205-726-4049
- Dec. 8–11** **Fall semester final exams**
- Dec. 8–13** **Graduating Senior Art Exhibit**, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, www.samford.edu/arts
- Dec. 12** **Pinning Ceremony**, hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, 1 p.m., Hodges Chapel, followed by reception, Center for Healing Arts rotunda
- Dec. 13** **ACT testing**, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-2561
- Commencement**, 10 a.m., Hanna Center
- Dec. 13–21** **Alabama Ballet presents *The Nutcracker***, Wright Center Concert Hall, www.alabamaballet.org for times and ticket information

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For a complete list of Lay Academy of Theology classes, go to www.beesondivinity.com.

For a list of Samford After Sundown classes, go to www.samford.edu/sundown.

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