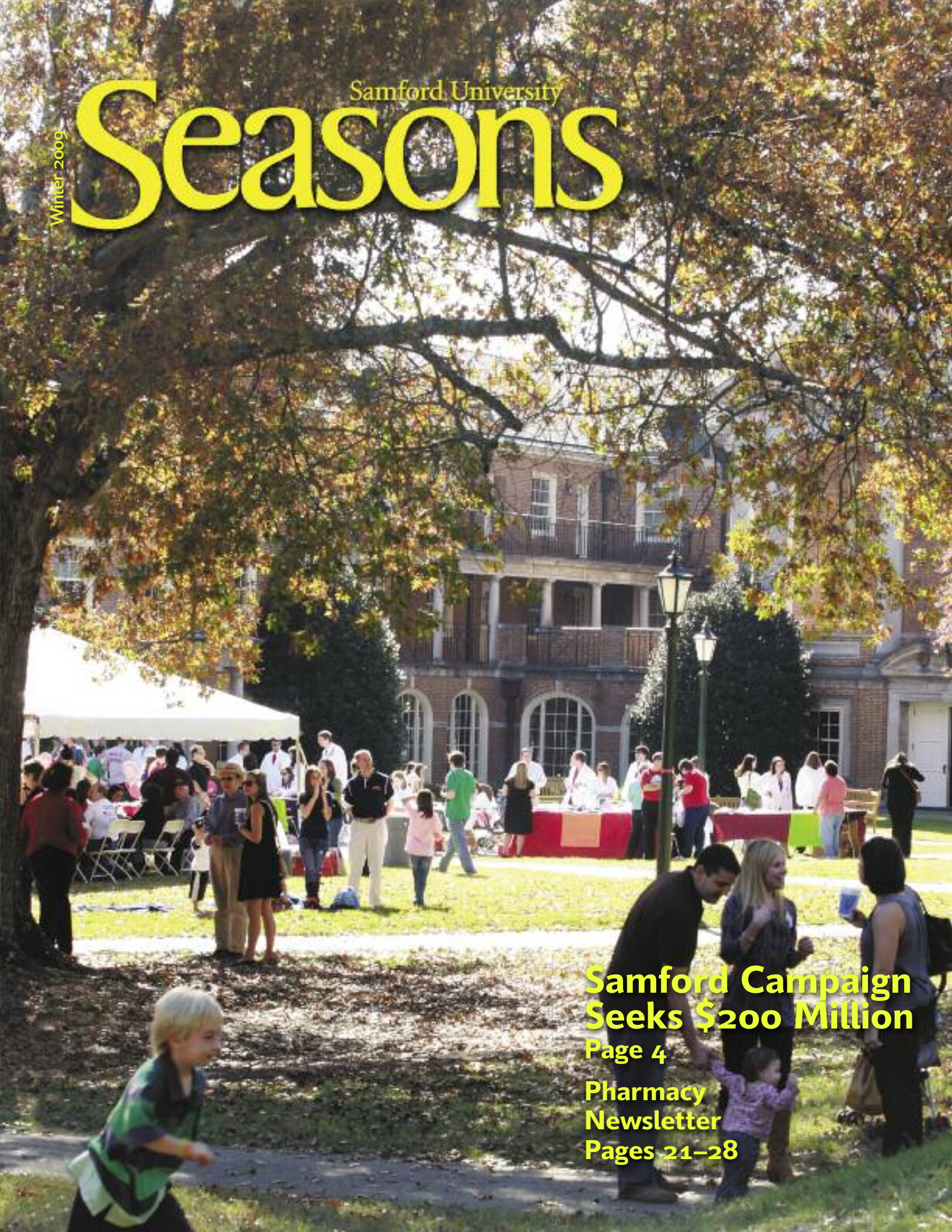


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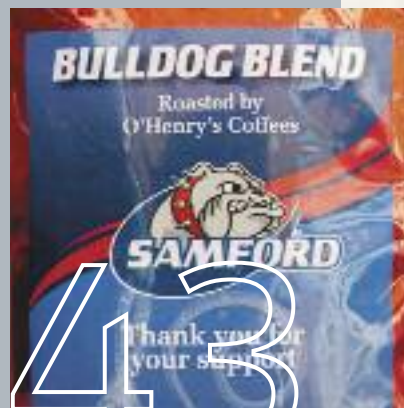
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# On Your Mark...Get Set...

A few years ago, *Runner's World* magazine featured an article revealing the strange magic of Norway's Bislett Stadium. The old stadium was replaced by a newer version in 2005, but the original venue functioned for most of the 20th century. Obviously something was special about the old facility, because more than 65 world records were set there in track and field and speed skating. No other stadium even approaches such a claim. Researchers traced the cause of the phenomenon, known to athletes as the "Bislett effect," not to the cold weather, nor to the wind resistance, nor the altitude, but to the design of the stadium itself. The narrow lanes were surrounded by steep grandstands, placing the spectators remarkably close to the athletes. The roar of thousands of fans—such a great cloud of witnesses—propelled each runner forward.

Although, given the nature of their sport, they weren't pressed on every side by fans in the grandstands, the members of our women's cross-country team must have experienced a version of the Bislett effect this fall as they ran away with Samford's first championship since joining the Southern Conference. What lessons can we learn from these remarkable student-athletes?

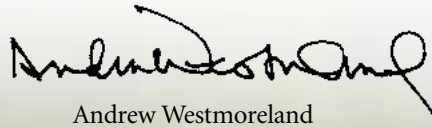
**Commitment.** Our team was the preseason favorite to win the championship, which only enhanced the pressure of each performance. With each meet, they worked to give their best.

**Perseverance.** The weather was a factor almost every week of the season, from extreme heat and humidity to rain. Hillary Neal, a junior nursing major from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., said, "It's been a crazy season. We could've gotten down on ourselves, but we persevered . . . and got it done."

**Balance.** Members of the team are committed athletes and committed students. The team has achieved a perfect score of 1,000 on the NCAA Academic Progress Report each year since the inception of the ratings, measuring academic progress, persistence and graduation.

Commitment, perseverance and balance: qualities that will serve these young women well in the years beyond their cross-country careers, and qualities to which we all aspire.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland  
President



# SAMFORD report

# 4,658

## Samford Enrolls a Record

Samford, Alabama's largest private university for many years, has gotten even larger. The university's official enrollment for 2009 is 4,658 students. That exceeds the previous record of 4,630 in 1995. Last year's total was 4,469.

Samford enrolled 2,908 undergraduates and a record 1,750 graduate students this fall.

Dr. Phil Kimrey, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, noted that this year's freshman class had an average ACT college entrance exam score of 26, significantly higher than the national average of 21. About one-fourth of the class ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. Fifteen were National Merit Scholarship finalists.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing recorded the largest increase in enrollment, growing from 403 students to 509, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland noted. This reflects increased national interest in health-care education, and aggressive recruitment efforts by the nursing school, he said.

Samford's pharmacy and law schools also have increased enrollments.

"I'm grateful to every member of the campus community for these great efforts to maintain and enhance enrollment during a period of economic stress," said Dr. Westmoreland. ■

## Brock National Finalist

Samford's Brock School of Business Entrepreneurship Program was selected as one of three national finalists for the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program by the U.S. Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship [USASBE]. The award recognizes top programs in existence three years or less.

"One strategic goal at Brock School of Business is to build one of the top programs in the country for training aspiring entrepreneurs, and this award validates our efforts to date," said Franz Lohrke, the Brock Family Chair in Entrepreneurship.

Other finalists include the University of Rochester and Creighton University. The top program will be selected at USASBE's annual conference in January 2010. ■

## Vann Works To Avoid the Pitfall of the Stale

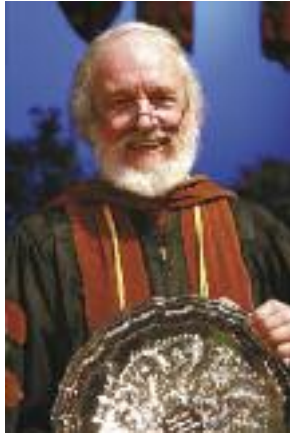
What challenge does Dr. Lowell Vann face after teaching full-time since 1970?

"Striving to stay fresh, avoiding the stale, realizing each new year's class has never been down this road before," he said.

Vann received the 2009 John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching at Samford during the semester-opening convocation Aug. 25, about the same time he met his latest group of new students.

A 1957 Samford graduate, Vann joined the faculty full-time in 1970 after teaching part-time for several years. He served as art department chair for 36 years.

The veteran professor defines teaching as "an interaction with students in a quest for learning." He added, "This is not a mere accumulation of information, but the application of what we learn to



Dr. Lowell Vann

use in our lives."

Students nominating Vann for the Buchanan award described him as a "hard, productive and learned teacher who gives his all and more to his students," and as a professor "who makes art fun and opens the eyes of those who take his course for even just an elective."

He holds the master of fine arts degree from the University of Alabama and the Ph.D. from Florida State University.

Does anything surprise Vann in the classroom?

"A student's unexpected forward progress, a venture on their part that really pays off," he answered. "It makes you wonder what the impediment was before and how it could have been moved aside earlier." ■



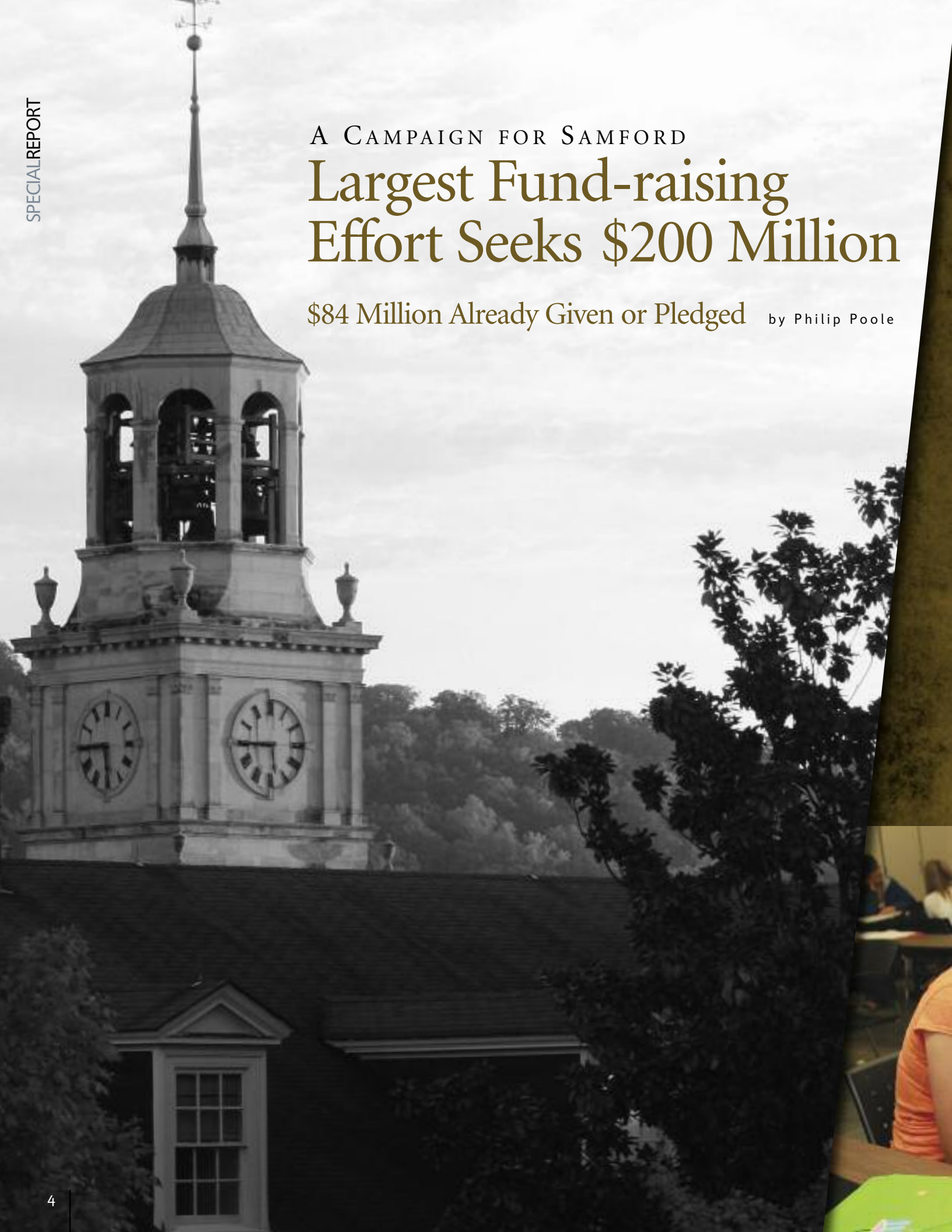
Mike Roylance, principal tubist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, performs with the Samford Wind Ensemble Oct. 22 in Brock Recital Hall at Samford. Roylance also has performed with the Chicago Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and Seattle Symphony.



A CAMPAIGN FOR SAMFORD

# Largest Fund-raising Effort Seeks \$200 Million

\$84 Million Already Given or Pledged by Philip Poole



**S**amford University has launched the most ambitious fund-raising campaign in the university's 168-year history with a goal of raising \$200 million over the next five years. The campaign, several months in planning, was announced publicly Oct. 9.

A total of \$84 million already has been given or pledged, noted Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

The campaign provides financial support for Samford's multifaceted, multiyear strategic plan that was approved and announced by the university's board of trustees in September 2008. The strategic plan and the campaign both support the academic priorities of the university and provide for the needs of students, said Dr. Westmoreland.

Key components of the campaign are funds for scholarships, academic programs such as endowed chairs and professorships, annual support of university operations and capital projects.

University administrators and campaign leadership acknowledged the unusual economic climate in which the campaign launched. But, campaign leaders are convinced that the effort can be successful.

"We are aware that these are tough economic times, and people might ask 'Isn't this a strange time to be starting a capital campaign?'" said campaign chair Albert P. Brewer, former Alabama governor and retired Samford law professor.

"Our needs are even greater and more pronounced now, and the needs of our students and the opportunities that we have to minister to them are greater now because of these [economic] circumstances," said Brewer.

"This is a time when we must go forward with our campaign in view of those conditions.



We believe that people recognize the needs that we have, that they recognize the importance of what we're trying to do for our students by way of scholarships and enhanced research and facilities here. I believe that people are going to respond affirmatively and positively to what we're trying to do because it is so essential that we do it now."

The largest campaign component, about \$65 million, is designated for scholarships. Funds will be used for existing scholarship programs, ranging in vintage from the one-year-old University Fellows for top academic students to the 80-year-old Samford marching band. Additional endowment will provide new program-specific and needs-based scholarships, Westmoreland noted.

Officials said scholarship funding is critical, especially in today's economy, as Samford

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competes to attract top students.

"One very important goal of this campaign is scholarships," said Samford Provost J. Bradley Creed. "We want qualified students to be able to receive a college education, which is one of the most life-changing experiences that any human being can have. That is why a significant part of this campaign is dedicated to scholarships to enable qualified students in need of assistance to come to Samford and have this life-changing experience."

In addition to scholarship funding, the campaign also will support academic programs and faculty. About \$25 million is earmarked in the campaign for faculty enrichment and academic programs.

"As the largest private university in

Alabama and one of the top private schools in the region, it is imperative that our faculty and academic programming reflect that status," said W. Randall Pittman, Samford's vice president for university advancement.

Income from endowed academic chairs and professorships will fund research, and help to attract and retain quality faculty "to join our team of esteemed professors," Pittman said. Other funds will be used to support existing or new academic programs in each of Samford's eight schools.

An unusual component of the campaign is \$60 million for annual support. Most major institutional campaigns focus on capital or new projects, but because

tuition revenue alone cannot support a major university such as Samford, annual giving to support day-to-day instructional needs is crucial, Pittman said.

"Tuition revenue is designated for instructional costs, but ongoing operational needs are just as critical," he explained. "A sprawling campus requires care and maintenance. Library resources and school-based equipment must be replaced. Continuously changing technology needs must be met. Resources must be available for growth in student enrollment.



## Where the Money Will Go

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“Even with Samford’s prudent financial management, it is a challenge for tuition costs to remain affordable for most students while providing adequate funds for the university’s physical plant and other needs. That is why annual giving is so important,” Pittman continued.

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A steering committee of volunteers, chaired by Brewer, is assisting the university’s administration with the campaign. (See listing on page 5.)

Westmoreland and Brewer anticipate strong support from all Samford constituencies. The campaign already has been endorsed by a unanimous vote of Samford’s board of trustees.

“One might ask why the community should be involved in or support the Samford campaign,” Brewer said.

“Samford is an integral part of this community and proud to be a part of the community. We participate in and provide many of the cultural activities of the community. We’re good corporate citizens. We educate the young people of the community. So, the community has a real stake in the success of our campaign because of what we’re doing at Samford.”

Westmoreland added, “We need the help of all friends of Samford. Certainly, these goals are lofty, but they are attainable if the Samford constituency rallies around this great cause.” ■

T H E W O R L D I S B E T T E R F O R I T

## Samford Made Him a Well-Rounded Pharmacist, Believes Patrick Devereux by Mary Wimberley

Whether Patrick Devereux, Pharm.D. ’05, is counseling a patient at his community pharmacy, mentoring a student or presiding at his Rotary Club, he can trace his passion for the activity to his Samford University student days.

He had already claimed the profession for his future vocation when he entered Samford, having been drawn to the career while working at a pharmacy as a high school student in St. Augustine, Fla.

“I liked the personal interaction between the pharmacists and patients,” said Devereux, who identified his particular niche after entering the professional curriculum at Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

“I decided on independent community pharmacy through my involvement with student organizations in pharmacy school, especially the National Community Pharmacists Association,” he said.

Advancing quickly in his career, he is now vice president of clinical services at Family Medical Services, Inc., and managing pharmacist at the company’s Bessemer, Ala., location.

Earlier this year, he received the pharmacy school’s Shaddix Award, an honor given to recognize a graduate who has made a difference in pharmacy within five years of graduation.

Devereux was cited for his efforts to create and implement new forms of pharmacy services. Specifically, he garnered the accolade for his implementation of medication therapy management [MTM]. MTM encompasses a variety of patient-specific and specialized services—all designed to help patients improve their medication use.

The MTM concept is important to him and to his patients, says Devereux, because informed and empowered patients make the best health decisions.

“If I am able to provide some peace of mind to patients with their medications, while at the same time reducing or eliminating drug interactions and adverse reactions, I have truly done my job as a pharmacist,” said Devereux.

Too often, he explains, patients are given prescriptions by their doctor with little or no guidance as to what to expect, or how a medication fits in with their health-care plan.

“That is where we come in and why medication therapy

management is so important,” he said.

Devereux gladly incorporates his patient-care experiences into lectures he gives on campus and in his work as a preceptor to pharmacy students who do a rotation at his store.

“I do this to offer some real-world perspective to the students. This helps reinforce what they are currently studying and shows them that there are different avenues in pharmacy open to them,” said Devereux.

President-elect of Rotary International’s Shades Mountain Sunrise Club, Devereux is active in Jefferson County and Alabama pharmacy associations, National Community Pharmacists Association and the American Association of Diabetes Educators. He is also a member of the pharmacy school’s newly formed leadership team.

This commitment to community service and professional development can be traced back to his Samford roots.

“Many of my professors taught me that this was the way to shape the future of our profession and give back to the community through service,” said Devereux, who served as president of his 2005 pharmacy class.

Devereux’s decision to attend Samford came easy, in part because he had already made his career choice in high school.

“I wanted to attend a school where I would be able to do both my undergraduate work and attend pharmacy school,” said Devereux, who researched possible schools around the country. “I was convinced that Samford was the school for me when I made a campus visit. It felt like home to me.”

Now, five years out of school, he remains very happy with his choice.

“I believe I emerged from Samford a well-rounded pharmacist,” said Devereux, who participated in a variety of campus activities outside of pharmacy. “My experience in undergraduate Greek life formed friendships with people that I am still very close to and see regularly.”

Perhaps Devereux’s strongest testimonial for Samford is his desire that his younger sister choose to attend his alma mater.

“I think she will benefit from the sense of community and friendship that helped me to get where I am today.”

Not a bad endorsement. ■



# Giving Back to Samford a Hallmark of Campaign Chairman Brewer

by Mary Wimberley



**F**ormer Alabama governor Albert P. Brewer has served Samford University in many ways through the years: distinguished professor of law and government, founding president of the Samford-based Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, trustee and unofficial goodwill ambassador.

The partially retired Brewer found it hard to refuse Dr. Andrew Westmoreland when the Samford president asked him to take on one more role: that of steering committee chair for “A Campaign for Samford.”

“Samford has meant much to many of us, and the campaign is a way of giving back to this great university,” said Brewer. “The opportunities here are impressive and can be realized only with additional resources.”

His appreciation for the school began several decades before he joined the faculty in 1987.

“I have known Samford all my life, first as Howard College, then as Samford,” recalled Brewer, who, as a young attorney and Baptist layman in Morgan County, was a campaign leader to raise funds for the school’s move from East Lake to Homewood in the 1950s.

In the 1960s, he was a member of the Alabama legislature when the name was changed from Howard College to Samford University, and in 1968, he received an honorary degree from the school.

Brewer and his late wife, Martha, underscored their long-standing appreciation for the school by establishing scholarships for undergraduate and law students.

“We wanted to help students who might otherwise be unable to attend Samford,” said Brewer, noting that the couple delighted in following the careers of recipients and having pride in their accomplishments.

An additional scholarship has been established in his honor, and in 2008, the striking Martha F. and Albert P. Brewer Plaza at Samford was made possible by statewide contributions from a broad cross-section of people. The site in front of the law school building, Robinson Hall, is enjoyed by all Samford students and faculty.

Brewer, who has taught Samford law students as well as undergraduate history and political science students, was honored in 2001 with Samford’s George Macon Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a teacher.

One nominator hailed Brewer for his generosity of time as he patiently helped students understand the intricacies of the legal and political systems of Alabama, and also for his many admirable personal attributes.

“He exudes from the core of his being an unwavering commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession: justice, compassion and the importance of contributing to one’s community,”

said the nominator.

Brewer was lieutenant governor of Alabama during 1967–68 and governor during 1968–71. He is recognized for achieving much-needed reforms and new programs for the state. Historians have called him Alabama’s first New South governor.

His numerous honors and accolades cite, among other things, his commitment to state constitutional reform efforts. He has been a board member of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform and the Alabama Citizens Constitution Commission.

Brewer retired from full-time teaching in 2005 but continues to teach a law course in professional responsibility.

Although a graduate of the University of Alabama with bachelor’s and law degrees, Brewer is never shy about his pride in Samford, its mission and its worthiness of support. “Samford is a special place,” said Brewer. “Its ability to provide a Christian higher education is dependent upon our providing the resources to achieve our campaign objectives.

“Every contribution is an investment in the future of the outstanding young people who attend Samford, and of our state and nation, and even the world, where they will serve with character and ability.” ■







DWIGHT AND LUCILLE BEESON FOR THE HEALING





# Fulfilling a Goal Step by Step

by Mary Wimberley

**L**indsay Harter feels called to a career in medical missions, and the 2009 Samford nursing graduate is preparing—step by step—to fulfill her goal.

As a participant in the registered nurse intern program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Harter hopes to work in an emergency room after she completes rotations through five units. The ER, she reasons, will best prepare her for the challenges of medical missions.

In June, she participated in a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama. “That experience as a translator/nurse only confirmed my calling to participate in sharing the love of Jesus in needy places by providing medical care,” said Harter, who eventually wants to earn a graduate degree and become a nurse practitioner before heading to the mission field.

Her very first step, enrolling at Samford to study nursing, however, involved a giant leap of faith to overcome a financial obstacle.

Harter originally had not considered Samford for her education. Although her older brother, Zach Harter '06, had enjoyed his time at the school, she preferred to attend a large public university in her home state of Georgia.

“I wanted to discover new territory. If I wanted to continue in that mindset, however, I made a big mistake by visiting him on Step Sing weekend,” said Harter, who immediately “fell in love” with the student body and campus.

She was later impressed with Samford’s nursing program when she attended the school’s Academic Options Day, an experience that only strengthened her desire to attend.

“One significant problem was in my

way, however—money,” said Harter.

Her prayers for financial assistance were answered in a big way when she was selected to receive a highly competitive Presidential Scholarship, which her brother also had received.

She quickly became involved in campus life and community causes. During her freshman and sophomore years, she led the Invisible Children initiative of University Ministries’ Social Justice Committee. She later helped organize the citywide Global Night Commute, a simulation of the nightly Uganda make to avoid being captured by members of a rebel army.

Just before her senior year, however, a significant tuition increase made Harter fearful that, even with her Presidential Scholarship, she would need to complete her nursing education elsewhere.

Shortly before that tuition was due, she learned that she had received a Samford University Auxiliary scholarship that would help cover her senior year.

“I wept at the feet of Jesus in disbelief and another lesson learned,” Harter said.

Through the years, scores of grateful Samford students have benefited from auxiliary scholarships. The endowed fund, in excess of \$1 million dollars, is funded primarily by individuals with additional support from corporations and foundations. This year, the auxiliary provided more than \$65,000 in scholarships from the endowment.

Harter is appreciative of the generosity of those who made both her presidential and auxiliary scholarships possible. Her words of gratitude are compelling.



“If I could say anything to donors, it would be this: You are not someone who just gives money to Samford,” said Harter. “You are someone who God uses to completely redirect the course of a man or woman’s life—their career, possibly who they marry, their spiritual growth and their entire outlook on life.”

College, she says, is an “absolutely critical time” for all of these things as students make the transition from adolescence to independent adulthood.

“That is an enormous responsibility, but an even greater privilege for you,” she says to donors. “I hope to be able to do the same one day.” ■



# ‘He Revolutionized Personal Freedom in the U.S.’

by William Nunnelley

**A**braham Lincoln proclaimed early in 1865 that the Emancipation Proclamation was “the central act of my administration and the great event of the nineteenth century.” But Lincoln historian Orville Vernon Burton disagrees.

“Instead, it was Lincoln’s understanding of liberty that became the greatest legacy of the age,” Burton said at Samford University. “He revolutionized personal freedom in the U.S. He assured that the principle of personal liberty was protected by law, even incorporated into the Constitution.

“Thus Lincoln elevated the founding fathers’ (and Andrew Jackson’s) more restricted vision to a universal one. Basically, Lincoln inserted the mission statement, or Declaration of Independence, into the Constitution, or rule book, of the United States.”

Burton is author of *The Age of Lincoln*, which won the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction in 2007. He delivered Samford’s annual J. Roderick Davis Lecture Oct. 22, basing his talk on his book.

The historian’s identification of Lincoln’s greatest legacy was one of four areas he focused on in which he either offered new arguments or differed with most Civil War scholars. The other areas were the influence of religion, Lincoln’s “Southernness” and history’s conventional treatment of the Civil War and Reconstruction as separate periods.

Burton also offered several thought-provoking “what-if” interpretations to events of the period.

“History is an interpretation,” he reminded his audience of about 1,000 students and others in Wright Center.

## Lincoln and Religion

Burton stressed the importance of religion as a factor in the coming of the

Civil War. “In order to understand secession, and to understand how men thought about dying in the Civil War, and women sending their men off to die, as well as to understand the nineteenth century, one has to understand how religion was interwoven into the culture and thinking,” he said.

Even though religious reformers in the mid-19th century attacked various evils, eventually most reform efforts in the North lined up to declare slavery as the greatest evil in the country, while slave owners in the South were just as certain that their society was ordained by God.

Both North and South “were sure they understood God’s will, and all thought they were obeying it, unwilling to compromise,” said Burton.

Lincoln was not a member of a church, but scholars agree he was a man of “undoubtedly great faith,” Burton says in his book. In his talk, he added, “I argue that Lincoln was not only the greatest president, but the greatest theologian of the nineteenth century.” Lincoln did not appreciate “the emotional excess of frontier evangelicals,” but preferred a reasoned approach and developed his own theology, “more pragmatic and less doctrinaire,” Burton said in *The Age of Lincoln*.

But the president’s “reasoned tolerance deepened into a profound religious feeling during his term as president,” Burton added. He came to believe that God was working out a plan for human history, and that he was an instrument in that plan.

## Lincoln the Southerner?

“I emphasize the importance of seeing Abraham Lincoln as the Southerner he was,” Burton said at Samford. He was born in Kentucky, a Southern state, and even though he eventually settled in Springfield, Illinois, he retained such

Southern habits as speech, storytelling, literary references and others, said Burton, including a sense of honor.

“Critical to his life’s decisions and to his handling of the crisis to come was Lincoln’s understanding of and respect for Southern honor,” said Burton.

“Lincoln’s very yeoman Southernness contributed to his defense of the Union against a cabal of slave-holding oligarchs.

“For Lincoln, it was more than just the preservation of the Union. It was also a matter of honor.”

## When Did Reconstruction End?

Burton said he never accepted the separation of Reconstruction from the Civil War, or the traditional dating for the end of Reconstruction as 1877, when the last federal troops were withdrawn from the South.

“We have book-ended American History so that the Civil War closes out one era of our history and Reconstruction begins the next period or second half of American history,” he said. “And yet, Reconstruction is part and parcel of the Civil War.”

Burton contended that rather than ending in 1877, “the gains of freedom during Reconstruction were not legally undone till sanctioned by the Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson* in 1896, and the former Confederate state constitutions of the 1890s and early 20th century.” In his view, Reconstruction carried on until then.

## What If?

After America’s experience with the Vietnam War, historians now “grant contingency to the Civil War, arguing that there were moments and times that the Confederacy could have won,” said Burton. One such moment was in the summer of 1864.

What if Confederate President Jefferson Davis had not replaced



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cautious Gen. Joe Johnston with Gen. John Bell Hood that summer? Johnston had been parrying with Gen. William T. Sherman's Northern army in the Atlanta area, delaying its advance as much as possible. But Davis tired of that approach and gave Johnston's army to Hood.

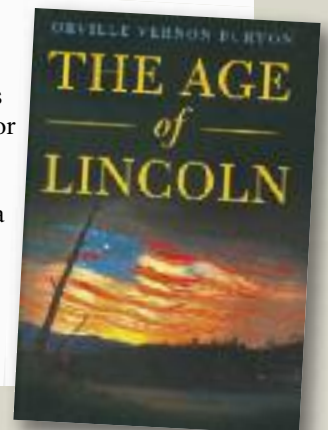
The new commander was known as a bold fighter, but even Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee described him as "too much the lion and not enough the fox," said Burton. Hood first lost 15,000 troops hammering Sherman's lines around Atlanta, then left the area and marched to Tennessee, leaving the Georgia capital unprotected. Sherman took Atlanta Sept. 2.

After more than three years of bloody civil war, Lincoln had been prepared to lose the upcoming '64 presidential election. In August, he wrote, "It seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be reelected," as quoted in Burton's book. In his Samford talk, Burton agreed with that assessment, saying he believed Lincoln would have lost except for Sherman's seizing of Atlanta and subsequent March to the Sea, "and we would have a different outcome on slavery and a different America."

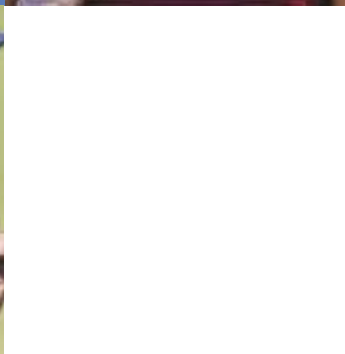
And what if Lincoln had accepted an invitation to participate in the raising of the American flag over Fort Sumter in Charleston, S.C., harbor on April 14, 1865? Burton thinks he would have survived. But the president was advised not to go to Charleston because it would be too dangerous for him. Instead, he went to Ford's Theater in Washington on that date, and was killed by John Wilkes Booth. ■



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HOMECOMING

# 'I Was Way Overdue for a Homecoming'

by Mary Wimberley

## Alumni by the Thousands Enjoy Big Fall Weekend

Laughter rang out across the quadrangle as Samford alumni renewed longtime friendships, showed off babies, and caught up over barbecue and grilled burgers on a glorious fall Saturday. By the time the final benediction was sung at Sunday morning's homecoming worship service, the estimated head count for the three-day celebration ran near 5,000.

On Friday evening, three alumni were singled out for special honors at the homecoming banquet.

**Mike '61** and **Carolyn Yeager Robinson '60**, enthusiastic supporters of Samford on many levels, received Alumni of the Year awards.

**Eric Motley '96**, managing director of the Aspen Institute's Henry Crown Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C., was named the inaugural Outstanding Young Alumnus.

"Mike and Carolyn, we appreciate your steady presence and all the ways you support Samford," said **President Andrew Westmoreland** after **Alumni Association President Greg Powell '81** made the presentations.

Addressing Motley, a former Samford student government president and White House assistant, Westmoreland quipped, "Eric, Alabama casts its nine electoral votes for a future president of the United States."

Each year, alumni honorees are nominated by other Samford graduates and selected university and alumni leadership. The new young alumnus

honor recognizes a distinguished graduate under age 40 who has received a degree within the last 15 years.

Throughout the weekend, Samford graduates of all ages found something to celebrate.

Two were this year's recipients of the Lockmiller Award given to the male and female alumni representing the earliest classes at the Golden Bulldog brunch for graduates of 50 years ago or more.

Winners **Howard Foshee '50** of Spanish Fort, Ala., and **Doris Teague Atchison '48, M.B.A. '69**, of Birmingham took home Samford clocks to remember the occasion.

Making her first trip to the brunch was Golden Anniversary class member **Betty Bigham '59** of Mobile, Ala. Now retired after a teaching career, Bigham offered a testimonial for Samford car tags, which she has proudly displayed since they were first offered.

Once, while driving with her dog along the coast, she said, she pulled off the road for a quick stop.

"A graduate of the law school spotted my Samford tag and stopped to see if we needed help," said a grateful Bigham, one of seven cousins who claim the school as alma mater. They all enjoy the family story that their great-grandfather baptized a teenage Harwell G. Davis, who later served as Samford president.

Some traveled a distance to enjoy homecoming, and others found their way "home" after many years away.



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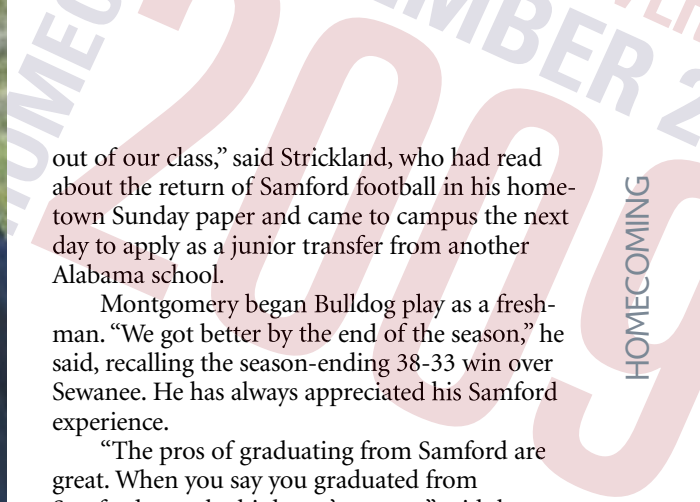




Below: Alumni of the Year Mike and Carolyn Robinson join Young Alumnus of the Year Eric Motley at the homecoming banquet. Far right: Miss Homecoming Mary Laura Rogan and Honor Escort Bee Frederick are recognized at halftime.







**Tim Beiro '04** made a special effort to attend, even though he began a new job in Newark, N.J., less than a year ago. "I couldn't miss it," he said. "Samford is my family."

**Gary Mhoon '82** of Atlanta, Ga., made his first homecoming since graduation.

"I began reconnecting with classmates on Facebook, and decided I was way overdue for a homecoming," said Mhoon as he joined other former A Cappella members for a reunion sing-along in Reid Chapel. The songfest included a memorial tribute to former choir member Andre Ashley, who died this year.

Outside the chapel, 10-year reunion class member **Carrie Tomlinson Stevenson '99** didn't mind waiting in line with her children for the popular hot-air balloon ride.

"I wanted the kids to see the campus, and I wanted to enjoy the colorful scenery," said Stevenson, who met her husband, **Eric Stevenson, J.D. '98**, while they were in school.

"I really miss Birmingham this time of year," said the Pensacola, Fla., resident, who had enjoyed a Friday evening cooking demonstration by New York chef **James Briscione '01**, also from Pensacola.

The roster of affinity groups reuniting on the quadrangle and other areas included most fraternities and sororities, cheerleaders, Black Heritage Association, academic schools and many others. More than 250 members of Sigma Chi happily crowded under a tent to celebrate their 25th anniversary on campus, as did a like number of Chi Omega members.

Members of the 1984 football team, which brought the sport back to Samford after a 10-year hiatus, gathered on a knoll overlooking Seibert Stadium.

Former teammates **Michael Strickland** and **Monte Montgomery '89** reminisced about the trials of the 1-7 season that began with an 82-9 loss to Salem College.

"It was memorable, and a lot of fun. We had goals we tried to keep, but we played teams way

out of our class," said Strickland, who had read about the return of Samford football in his hometown Sunday paper and came to campus the next day to apply as a junior transfer from another Alabama school.

Montgomery began Bulldog play as a freshman. "We got better by the end of the season," he said, recalling the season-ending 38-33 win over Sewanee. He has always appreciated his Samford experience.

"The pros of graduating from Samford are great. When you say you graduated from Samford, people think you're smart," said the teacher and coach whose daughter, Megan, is a Samford freshman.

This year's football team added to the success of homecoming, defeating Georgia Southern, 31-10, before more than 7,700 fans in Seibert Stadium. At halftime, senior English major **Mary Laura Rogan** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., was crowned Homecoming Queen, and senior communication studies major **Bee Frederick** of Montgomery, Ala., was named Honor Escort. ■

For more images from homecoming, go to [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu).



## Updating Alumni at Homecoming

Samford Alumni Association president **Greg Powell '81** offered a challenge to alumni attending the first event of homecoming: join Facebook. "I encourage you to sign up, and invite others to join," he said at the annual Alumni Association meeting.

Powell hopes 5,000 of Samford's 47,300 living graduates soon will be on the popular social media network. Currently, about 1,500 friends are on the Samford Facebook Fan page, he said.

Alumni also received updates on recent accomplishments of Samford's eight schools and on their own successes related to annual giving.

Three classes were cited for outstanding participation in the fiscal year 2009 fund-raising effort. Winners of the Challenge of the Classes were: Class of 1996, highest number of donors (56); Class of 1961, most dollars given (\$5,084,509); and Class of 1942, highest percentage of givers (52.1 percent).

Alumni Association members **Kathy White Curtin '94** and **Kimber Burgess '06** were named to the executive committee of the Alumni Council.

The annual Alumni Association meeting is open to all Samford graduates. The next meeting will be held at Homecoming 2010. ■





# Clemmensen, Nunnelley, Williams Inaugurate JMC's Wall of Fame

by Mary Wimberley

Samford's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication [JMC] inducted Samford journalism professor Jon Clemmensen, newspaper journalist Carol Nunnelley '65 and book publisher Randall Williams as inaugural members of its new Wall of Fame during homecoming Nov. 7.

The Wall of Fame recognizes people who have "made exceptional contributions to the department or to the field of journalism and mass communication," according to JMC department chair Bernie Ankney. The event also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the reestablishment of the journalism curriculum as a department.

Dr. Clemmensen joined the Samford faculty in 1985 to reestablish a journalism program that had been dormant for a decade. He served as department chair for 12 years and continues as a full-time faculty member. He previously taught at the University of Florida and was

statewide director of the Florida Scholastic Press Association.

Nunnelley, as projects director for Associated Press Managing Editors [APME], led NewsTrain, a training program for editors that worked with more than 4,000 journalists across the country. The program also developed a national online journalism credibility project. She formerly led APME's National Credibility Roundtables Project, was managing editor of *The Birmingham News* and cochaired the Alabama Center for Open Government. Nunnelley, who resides in Birmingham, was editor of *The Samford Crimson* as an undergraduate.

Williams, a writer, editor, publication designer and book publisher, is editor-in-chief of New South Books, Inc. A former reporter, editor and publisher of daily and weekly newspapers, he also worked at Southern Poverty Law Center, where he produced publications



and investigated cases of racism. Williams, who lives in Montgomery, Ala., was a Samford student in the 1970s, and editor of *The Crimson*. A conflict over the definition of news cost him his scholarship his senior year.

The honorees were nominated by the JMC faculty and voted on by the department's advisory council, which includes alumni, faculty, students and area media professionals. ■



JMC Wall of Fame honorees Randall Williams, left, Carol Nunnelley and Jon Clemmensen enjoy induction at homecoming.



# Chef Briscione Shares Homecoming Culinary Secrets

Chef James Briscione entertains a homecoming audience with help from Samford's Chris Vizzina, below.

An attentive audience packed into Samford's newly refurbished nutrition and dietetics food lab at homecoming to learn some cooking secrets from New York chef James Briscione '01.

"I never expected to come back in this capacity," quipped the chef, who served as grand marshal of the 2009 homecoming parade the next morning.

A repeat champion on the Food Network's *Chopped!* program and instructor at the Institute of Culinary Education in Manhattan, Briscione teamed with Samford chef Chris Vizzina to demonstrate the preparation of Chicken Apple Sausage with Celery-Apple Slaw.

The dish was a hit with 200 guests at the homecoming banquet later in the evening, where Vizzina paired it with arugula salad with pomegranates, braised chicken, autumn vegetable puree and pumpkin tiramisu.

Briscione came to Samford from Pensacola, Fla., as a sports medicine and exercise science major before his love for cooking won out, prompting his switch to a foods and nutrition major. Following graduation, he worked with noted chef Frank Stitt at Birmingham's celebrated Highlands Bar and Grill before taking his talents to the Big Apple several years ago.

He said he often is asked how he balances his foods and nutrition background with frequent stints

in the kitchens of world-class French restaurants.

"We don't eat that way every day, and I enjoy long walks with my wife, pushing our daughter's stroller," said the trim Briscione, who is also working on a cookbook with his writer wife, Brooke Parkhurst.

He complimented the dramatic change in Samford's updated foods lab that includes gas ranges and state-of-the-art food preparation equipment.

"I can't believe how this kitchen looks," he said. "The students are lucky to be studying here." ■





# Elusive Subjects in Modern Literature: Fiddes

## SELF and GOD

by Sean Flynt

Theologian Paul Fiddes visits Samford.

Celebrated English theologian and author Paul Fiddes took the stage in Reid Chapel Sept. 17 to deliver the Department of Religion's annual Howard L. and Martha H. Holley Lecture in honor of university professor and former provost William E. Hull.

In that setting, the bewhiskered Oxford professor would have looked at home in Victorian frock coat and high collar, yet his address focused on the relatively recent phenomenon of the search for self and God in the modern novel.

In the early 20th century, Fiddes said, humans were confident in the power of the individual self to explain, solve and create. War and other catastrophes so thoroughly shattered that confidence—and the religious faith that was its counterweight—that neither has been fully restored. The result is an anxious, ongoing search for replacement understandings, as represented in the four novels Fiddes discussed.

### Missing Persons

Julian Barnes' *Flaubert's Parrot* is the story of a modern writer's obsession with the 19th century French author. Seeking to reveal the essence of Flaubert's self, the modern writer tries to determine which of dozens of stuffed parrots in museum collections is the one that actually belonged to the author.

The search for the parrot, and thus the search for Flaubert's self and the modern writer's self as well, is unresolved at the book's end, as it remains in modern society, Fiddes said. In this case, God, as stuffed parrot, is mute, missing and of uncertain influence anyway.

At whim, the chief character and narrator of Ian McEwan's *Atonement* both destroys and restores the relationship between her sister and her sister's lover. As a domineering God, "the ultimate storyteller," she allows alternate realities. Having that power, she recognizes no one with whom she can be atoned, Fiddes said.

Iris Murdoch's *The Time of Angels* deals more explicitly with the subject of religious faith. Its central character is a priest who believes that without God there can be no good, and who emerges from a crisis of faith not as a humanist but as a self-centered, flesh-and-blood

god of appetites sated at the expense of others. He is cut off from compassion, a prisoner of nonconscience.

### A Communion of Love

Finally, Fiddes described E. L. Doctorow's *City of God*. The novel presents another priestly crisis, this time focused not on the existence of God but on the inadequacy of religious doctrine and ritual. When the theft of a cross unites the troubled priest with a rabbi, they become "God detectives," seeking documents of the Holocaust, evidence of horrific crimes against humanity.

As in *Flaubert's Parrot*, the mysteries of *City of God* remain unresolved, but Fiddes said there emerges from Doctorow's novel a sense of God not as domineering and capricious, a sense of self not shut away and narcissistic. Instead, he said, characters find personal meaning and definition of self in relation to others, respecting others as they find them rather than as they manipulate them.

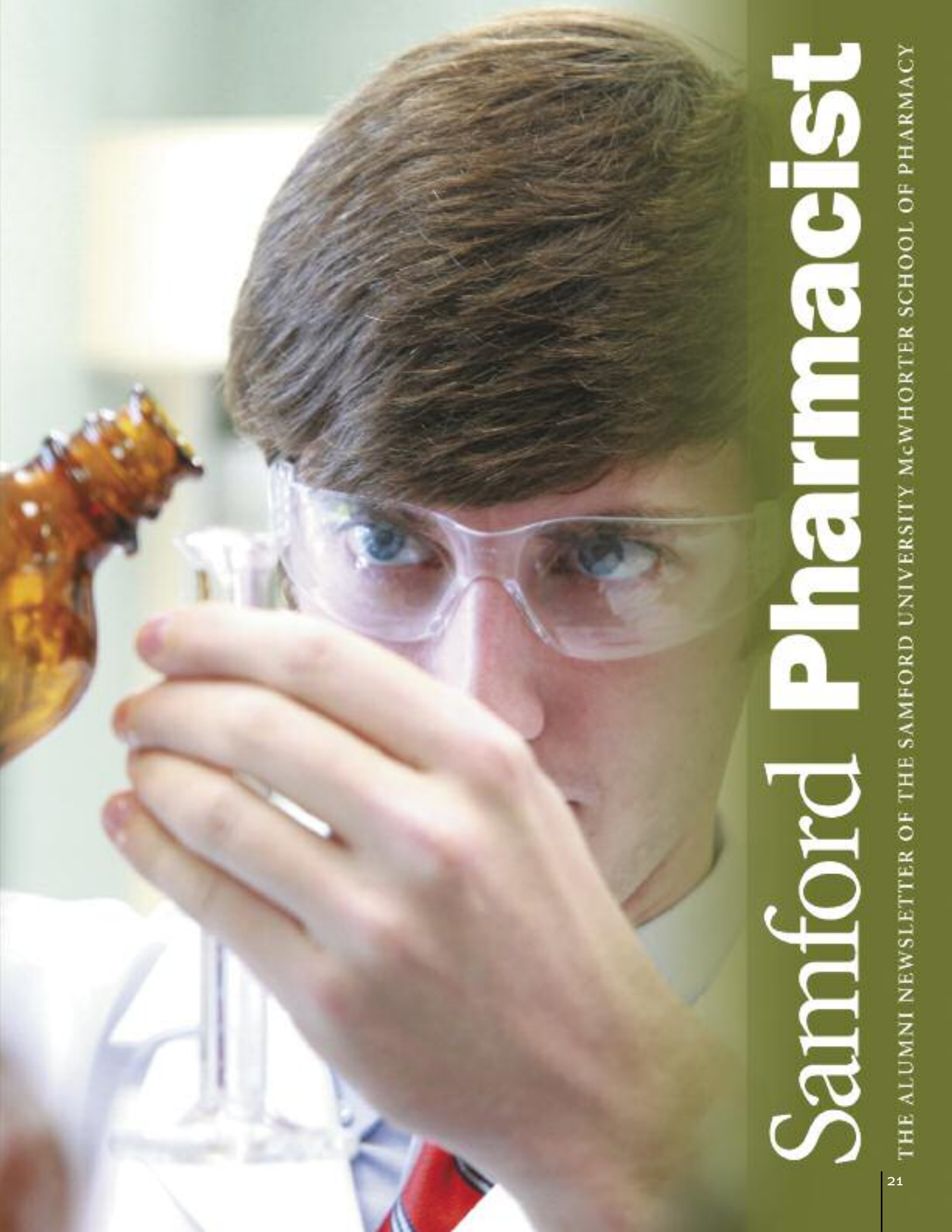
Fiddes finds in this personal engagement, sympathy and empathy not a New Age replacement for God but modern expression of the Christian Trinity. This concept of self and God, Fiddes said, emerges from engagement rather than observation. He described this process variously as "a dance," "mutual interpenetration" and "giving and receiving in humble love."

"All of these popular novels show characters in search of self and the problems of finding a proper place for the self in our world today," Fiddes said. "They ask: Must the self just disintegrate under the pressure of life? Must it just disappear into the words and stories of others? Can it give attention to others and what is good and escape being enclosed in itself?"

Fiddes concluded that the Christian response is for believers to open themselves to be held with God and others in "a communion of love."

"The hope is that as we experience a different form of knowing with regard to God, we may be able to open up new dimensions of empathy and indwelling in our knowledge of our world as well," he said. ■





# Samford Pharmacist

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF THE SAMFORD UNIVERSITY McWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY





Exciting things are happening at Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. You will read about many of these in this insert: NAPLEX pass rates, student involvement, research, public health and international programs.

In September 2009, the Asian Conference on Clinical Pharmacy was held in Seoul, Korea, and McWhorter School of Pharmacy had four faculty and two fourth-year students among the 750 participants from 15 different countries. This emphasis on global health is one of the school's distinctions.

As a result of the pharmacy school's extensive activity in the area of global health, I have been asked to serve on the 2009–10 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's [AACP] Research and Graduate Affairs Committee. This committee has been charged with examining the roles that AACCP and its member institutions currently perform and should play in the future development of pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacy practice educators and researchers in developing and developed countries.

The pharmacy school's strategic plan serves as a blueprint to lead us into the future, and we are making great progress in achieving our goals and objectives. In this academic year, we are focusing especially on five of our 10 goals. The first relates to the new curriculum that we implemented for the first-year students in the fall of 2009. From day one in pharmacy school, emphasis will be on the patient and the patient's drug-related problems. An additional emphasis is on integration of subject matter, vertically and horizontally, across the curriculum. Another goal is related to improving communication within the school among faculty, staff and students, and outside with alumni.

I have been most impressed with the vital importance that alumni play in the

life of the school. In addition to advice and financial support, a very important role that alumni play is to refer excellent students to us. In my recent meetings groups, about 80 percent of them tell me they were first introduced to Samford University by one of our alumni. We rely heavily on recommendations by alumni. In recognition of alumni, let me personally thank Clayton McWhorter and Bill Propst for their very significant contributions to Samford University this year.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy has been operating since 1927 and has been accredited since the first site visit by the accrediting body in 1940. Continuing in this robust tradition through the past eight decades, the school has become nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in teaching, scholarship and service. It is a privilege and honor to be the dean in this institution, and to be associated with such a great faculty, outstanding students and supportive alumni.

Charles D. Sands III, Pharm.D.  
Dean and Professor  
McWhorter School of Pharmacy

## A Note from the Office of Pharmacy Advancement

Thanks to all of you who already are participating at McWhorter School of Pharmacy by networking for students, teaching in the experiential program, providing career opportunities and certainly by giving financially. As you can readily see through the articles by Dean Charlie Sands and others, the pharmacy school is on the move. The successes are numerous, and the achievements of our alumni, friends, employees and students are legend.

There are many faces to philanthropy; however, Penelope Burke, author of Donor Centered Fundraising, says "philanthropy is simply a way of sharing one's good fortune." As we move forward in the Samford University Capital Campaign, we trust this concept of philanthropy will be contagious. We hope your experiences with the pharmacy school have been both positive and rewarding enough to motivate you to give back.

We ask for and covet your support and participation. Whether you choose

to participate with an annual gift, a major capital gift or a legacy/planned gift, we pledge to be good stewards of your support. Areas of financial assistance for the pharmacy school are limitless; however, a few specifics are scholarships, lab equipment to sustain renovations, student organizations and enhanced travel opportunities for both students and faculty.

The aforementioned areas of networking, teaching and employing are equally critical to the future successes at McWhorter School of Pharmacy. We hope each of you will continue to participate, return as a participant or become a new participant at whatever level is comfortable for you.

Thanks, and please call on me if I can ever be of assistance. ■

*Monty Hogewood  
Development Officer  
McWhorter School of Pharmacy*

## Students Excel on NAPLEX

by Michael Kendrach

McWhorter School of Pharmacy 2009 graduates once again exceeded national and state averages on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination [NAPLEX] administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy [NABP].

All 120 graduates who took the NAPLEX for the first time passed the exam. The national passing rate was 97.5 percent. The state average was 98.15 percent.

The average score for Samford's pharmacy graduates was 117.21, which exceeded national and state averages of 114.65 and 114.40, respectively.

The passing rate for pharmacy school graduates who took the NAPLEX for the first time has been greater than 93% for the past six years, exceeding the national passing rate.

These NAPLEX results continue the long-standing achievement of the school's graduating pharmacists who consistently exceed national averages on licensure exams. ■

*Dr. Michael Kendrach is professor and associate dean in McWhorter School of Pharmacy.*



## Implementation of New Curriculum Begins with Entering Class of 2009

by Mary Monk-Tutor

In 2007, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education [ACPE] published new standards for pharmacy schools that included some markedly different requirements from the past. Examples are for programs:

- To provide at least 300 hours of offsite Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences [IPPEs] during the first three years of the professional curriculum

- To integrate content material across the curriculum

- To provide opportunities for interdisciplinary learning

- To evaluate student learning longitudinally using a professional portfolio

McWhorter School of Pharmacy faculty and staff, with input from student representatives on the Curriculum Committee, have been working diligently over the last few years to design a new curriculum that meets or exceeds the new ACPE standards.

This curriculum was implemented with the entering class of students in the fall of 2009.

While many components of the previous curriculum have been retained because of their proven effectiveness for student learning, new components also have been added. First-year students now spend the initial five weeks of their first semester (termed "The Foundation") in a miniterm that assures their readiness to apply pharmacy calculations and basic drug information skills throughout the rest of the curriculum.

A new course, Integrated Pharmacy Applications [IPA], was designed to allow students to better integrate what they are learning across all of the didactic courses during each semester, as well as with the IPPEs they are having off campus. The IPA course will occur every semester of the first three years, as will the IPPEs.

The pharmacy school will continue to teach both the old and new curriculums through May of 2013, when the transition to an entirely new curriculum will be complete. During this time, funds generously donated by alumnus Clayton McWhorter are being used to add adjunct or supplemental faculty to help meet the need for increased personnel resources. ■

*Dr. Mary Monk-Tutor is professor of pharmacy and director of assessment in McWhorter School of Pharmacy.*

## Pharmacy Students Active on Many Fronts

by Susan Alverson

Samford pharmacy students continue to be involved in school activities, service projects and professional events, and McWhorter School of Pharmacy continues to be proud of their accomplishments. Student NAPLEX pass rates were 99% last year and 100% this year. Samford's pharmacy students have always had pass rates above state and national averages, but the one extra point, pushing to 100%, does look good.

Even more remarkable is the extent of charitable and service work conducted by pharmacy students. Last year, and again this year, members of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy provided a health screening and immunization function at homecoming. Working with CVS, students immunized anyone participating in homecoming and interested in receiving a flu shot. For a number of years, immunization certification has been part of the pharmacy school curriculum, and many graduates have developed immunization programs at their practice sites.

Students also have participated in the Southern Women's Show held each fall at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

A smaller group of students donates Saturdays to participate in diabetes patient groups in Perry County.

Students have raised money for other students who are facing financial challenges due to illness or personal crisis, have participated in runs for diabetes, held bake sales, collected toys and food, and volunteered to build playgrounds and build homes.

If there is a call for workers, pharmacy students answer that call.

*Student John McKay mixes ingredients to compound an oral suspension in lab.*

This year, students have selected one or two month-long, fourth-year experiences in foreign countries. They are anxious to trek around the world to learn about comparative health-care systems, but also to aid underserved populations and to represent the mission of Samford University. Rotational experiences have been in Africa, China, Korea, Indonesia and Macau.

Involvement in professional organizations also flourishes. A record number of students attended the Alabama Pharmacists Association summer meeting. The school continues to be well represented at national meetings, including the National Community Pharmacists Association [NCPA], American Pharmacists Association [APhA], American Society of Health-System Pharmacists [ASHP] and Student National Pharmaceutical Association [SNPhA]. Students held office or received awards in ASHP, NCPA and the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists [APhA-ASP].

After a full year of continuous work last year, four Samford chapter members placed second in the NCPA national business plan competition.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy continues to be impressed with the giving spirit of its students, their interest in furthering the profession, and their compassion for fellow students and patients wherever they are found. ■

*Dr. Susan Alverson is associate dean and the Anthony and Marianne Bruno Professor of Pharmacy in McWhorter School of Pharmacy.*







Pharmacy student Chris Coogler checks Dee Dee Billingsley's blood pressure as clinical instructor Ashlee Best looks on at the Perry County Health Clinic in Marion, Ala.

## Pharmacy Students Serve Community Needs in Perry, Woodlawn

by Mary Wimberley

Rural Perry County and the urban Woodlawn area of Birmingham would seem to have little in common, other than the challenges that are attendant to extreme poverty.

What the two population groups can both claim, however, is a commitment by McWhorter School of Pharmacy to improve the health care of the underserved.

The school's mission statement squares nicely with the goal to provide each pharmacy student with at least one advanced pharmacy practice experience in a medically underserved area.

Each semester, Samford pharmacy students are on-site and hands-on as they serve a rotation in a locale that may open their hearts as well as their eyes to the needs of the underserved.

### Perry County

In Perry County, the pharmacy school works in conjunction with Sowing Seeds of Hope ministry, county and state health departments, and the local medical community to provide patient care to area residents. Located about 70 miles

from Samford's campus, the county in Alabama's Black Belt counts some of the state's highest rates of hypertension, diabetes and related health issues.

Each semester, two or three pharmacy students live in the Holley-Hull House, a Samford-owned home in downtown Marion, during a pharmacy practice rotation. Supervised by clinical instructor Ashlee M. Best, Pharm.D., they engage in a variety of activities, including free weekly hypertension and diabetes clinics.

At these clinics, the Samford team monitors the blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol of patients, reviews lab results and medications, and collaborates with health-care providers to ensure that they are receiving optimal care.

They also assist in local physicians' offices and the county's two pharmacies, and conduct a weekly program on radio station WJUS 1310 to discuss diabetes, hypertension and timely topics such as the H1N1 virus. Twice a month, the students hold a diabetes clinic in the small Perry County town of Uniontown.

Because many residents are without

transportation, Best and the students make frequent home visits to offer medication therapy management.

"The students get a greater understanding of the needs of the Black Belt after they participate in a home visit. A home visit brings the student face to face with poverty," said Best, who was introduced to Perry County when she did a rotation there as a fourth-year student.

With few distractions or entertainment in the rural setting, she was able to fully absorb life in the community.

"I really connected with the people at the clinics," said Best, who felt led to move to Perry County for a one-year residency program after graduation in 2008. She joined the faculty this year.

Charlie Greene, a fourth-year pharmacy student from Corbin, Ky., recalls the first home visit he made during his rotation this fall.

At one stop, a wheelchair-bound man lived in house where ground could be seen through the floor. "When questioned about his diabetes, he showed us a calendar with four or five glucose readings throughout the month," wrote Greene in a weekly report, adding that there was no notation whether the readings were taken after fasting or after meals.

The man, with his extremely high glucose readings, is typical of many diabetic patients in the area, says pharmacy professor Gary Bumgarner, Pharm.D., who has led monthly diabetes education support groups in Marion since 2003.

Patients are frequently unaware of the importance of daily readings and recording when the readings were taken, he says.

"Every diabetic has to learn that," said Bumgarner, adding that the meetings help patients understand the need for record keeping as well as adopting good nutrition and exercise habits.

"We seek to develop relationships, so that they develop better glucose control through accountability," said Bumgarner. "We're taking on the big problem of changing behavior."

He is assisted each year by a group of fourth-year pharmacy students who participate as part of their senior research project. He and the students also hold monthly support sessions in York, Ala.

The school's public health efforts in Perry County earned national recognition in 2008 when it received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Crystal Apple Award.



*Professor Gary Bumgarner discusses diabetes education with students.*

### **Christ Health Center**

Christ Health Center [CHC] in Woodlawn is the pharmacy school's newest initiative. The center, on property purchased by Birmingham's Church of the Highlands, opened to the public in March with a goal to provide excellent and compassionate care to the residents of Woodlawn, one of the poorest and most medically underserved communities in Birmingham.

The center is staffed by a physician, a dentist and other medical professionals, volunteers and a pharmacy school resident.

The pharmacy school is establishing a community pharmacy within the center to provide seamless patient care. The vision is to assist with patient care through the provision of low-cost medications, medication therapy counseling, drug therapy monitoring, patient education classes and other services.



*Dr. Robert Record examines a patient at Christ Health Center in Woodlawn as pharmacy resident Anna Meador observes.*

The CHC pharmacy will serve as a model pharmacy so that students can learn how to provide integrated patient care in a community setting, say school administrators.

The intent is to place 2–4 students at this site monthly.

As the first pharmacy resident at CHC, Anna Meador, Pharm.D., called her work a “baptism by fire” as she laid the groundwork for the dispensing pharmacy’s fall launch date, counseled patients on a variety of health issues, and assisted the nursing staff in giving flu shots when needed.

In the few months she has been on-site, Meador’s patient roster has run the gamut from newborns through people in their nineties.

“Many are disabled. They may work two jobs and still can’t afford proper insurance,” said Meador, who says that 39 percent of the patients seen at the center are uninsured. “Most of the rest are on Medicare or Medicaid.”

Meador does celebrate the occasional success story.

She recalls a woman in her 40s who visited the clinic for her first checkup in 10 years. “She was diagnosed with several diseases, including high blood pressure and diabetes,” said Meador. “She knew that her kids were on their way to a lifetime of poor health, also.”

Since the woman’s first visit, she has brought in all of her children for preventative care and made positive lifestyle changes.

“She is on a walking program, and has changed her cooking and eating habits,” said Meador. “It’s exciting to see that potential.” ■

## **Pharmacy Has Presence at Health Department**

McWhorter School of Pharmacy faculty and students are familiar faces at the Jefferson County Department of Health, where they engage in services ranging from smoking cessation treatment and counseling to assisting with immunizations against the H1N1 virus.

Working with professors and post-graduate pharmacy residents, about one-third of all fourth-year students complete a one-month ambulatory care pharmacy rotation at the public health facility.

Currently, three professors and two residents engage in a variety of pharmacy services that allow students to participate and learn varied skills.

Services include a diabetes education clinic that includes drug monitoring and adjustment, dietary and exercise counseling, and counseling to improved quality of life and reduce disease complications; and osteoporosis screening and counseling.

The international travel medicine clinic sees patients who want advice and any necessary vaccinations prior to trips, many of which are being made for missions or business purposes.

Students also work with adult health physicians at the department to provide additional health services, typical of a primary care medical practice.

Pharmacy school personnel have been on the forefront of several recent public health emergencies, including response after disastrous hurricanes and current preparedness to deal with the H1N1 virus.

Faculty and students have been instrumental in assisting the Jefferson County Health Department in emergency response, says a grateful Heather Hogue, Pharm.D. '96, director of emergency preparedness and response for the health department.

“During hurricanes Katrina in 2005 and Ike in 2008, McWhorter faculty and residents were engaged in performing triage assessment and prescribing maintenance medications under a special emergency protocol with the county health officer for evacuees from the Gulf Coast,” said Dr. Hogue.

To help the county avoid a potential H1N1 crisis this flu season, the Samford contingent is included in plans for mass immunization efforts. ■



# Pharmacy Broadens International Focus

by Mary Wimberley

PHARMACY PRACTICE



*Pharmacy student Emily Hawes, right, visits with Yulia Trisna, pharmacy director at Cipto Hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia, during an experiential course.*

Like never before, Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy is reaching around the globe to offer its students an in-depth look at international health care.

In the process, these international relationships allow Samford students and faculty to demonstrate what international rotations program director Michael Hogue calls "the heart of our profession

in Christlike love across the globe."

In 2009, a record 23 student experiential courses were conducted with partner institutions in China, Korea, Japan, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, and, for the first time, in Zambia and Indonesia.

Dr. Hogue believes these courses contribute to the complete pharmacy education.

"The students are able to compare and contrast health care globally, and

more specifically, the role of the pharmacist in the health-care system, to practices in the U.S.," said Hogue.

"This perspective on health care enriches the education experience for our students. In addition, the students working in the developing world learn ways to care for patients with very limited resources."

Since the early 1980s, hundreds of Samford pharmacy students have spent part of January in Great Britain. This year, a record 24 students will join professors Mike Kendrach and Mary Monk-Tutor in the two-week elective course.

While based in London, students will learn about United Kingdom pharmacy research projects, and differences in U.S. and U.K. pharmacy education and licensure. They also will attend patient rounds at London hospitals. During visits to various medical and science museums, they will view items such as early medical devices used in the first women's hospital in London, and one of the world's largest collections of medical specimens.

It's not just students who represent Samford on foreign soil. This year, eight pharmacy faculty members lectured or provided clinical teaching services outside the United States.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy also puts out the welcome mat to international visitors. For the past 20 years, the pharmacy school has hosted student groups from Meijo University in Nagoya, Japan. In addition, partners in Korea, China and Malaysia have sent pharmacists to Samford for longer training periods. ■

## Student Becomes Indonesia Trail Blazer

Emily Morris Hawes blazed a trail for Samford and American pharmacy education when she spent five weeks last summer as the first McWhorter School of Pharmacy student at one of the school's newest partners, Cipto Hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia.

No American university ever has had an affiliation with the facility, the largest government-run hospital in Indonesia. The nation is home to the largest Muslim population in the world.

"It was amazing to see the doors that health care, and pharmacy in particular, open in a country like Indonesia," said Hawes, who grew up as a missionary kid in another Muslim country.

Her background played a part in her wanting to experience pharmacy in a

developing Muslim country, and also in her receiving permission from Samford to embark on the opportunity alone.

"It was exciting to be a part of the beginning of something," said Hawes, who said she often was asked, in a confused manner, by the Indonesian physicians, pharmacists, medical directors and others why she would want to come to Indonesia to learn.

"This question gave me great opportunity to share my heart with them," said Hawes, for whom the conversations with her new friends became a highlight of each day.

The former Samford soccer player spent weekdays at the hospital, where a priority was to introduce the medical and pharmacy staff to clinical pharmacy. She also was expected to evaluate the hospital and make a presentation on her suggestions for improvement.

Each weekend, Hawes and the

hospital's pharmacy director traveled the country to teach seminars at hospitals and schools of pharmacy.

In Bali, she gave her first-ever pharmacy lecture as part of a workshop at Sanglah Hospital in Denpasar.

"It was four hours, through a translator, and the 40 participants were practicing pharmacists and pharmacy professors, not students," said Hawes, who earned a degree in sports medicine from Samford in 2006.

One Saturday in Yogya, she lectured two hours on pharmacy practice and education in the United States to 30 pharmacy students and professors, visited a hospital intensive care unit to discuss patient medications, led a workshop on interpreting and treating acid base disorders for clinical pharmacists, and then lectured an hour on patient counseling.

In her first two weeks in Indonesia, she made nine presentations. ■

## Zambia Experience Revealing to Davis

In Zambia, pharmacy student Margaret Davis was able to experience pharmacy practice abroad as well as focus on her intended specialty while in the clinically based rotation program at University Teaching Hospital [UTH] in Lusaka.

"The experience taught me that while we in the U.S. rely on and incorporate a lot of technology in primary practice, other areas of the world, such as Zambia, do not have that option," Davis said after spending September in the African nation. She hopes to pursue a career in clinical pharmacy.

"I learned ways of practicing pharmacy and medicine in situations where advanced technology is not available," said Davis, who said her biggest surprise was the hospital's lack of sterile practice facilities for reconstituting and drawing medicines.

Most differences between pharmacy in the U.S. and Zambia, she said, boil down to the differences in resources and technology. ■

## Pharmacy Application Numbers High While Admission Rates Remain Competitive

by Marshall Cates

McWhorter School of Pharmacy continues to enjoy strong application numbers, and competition for admission is high. During the past three admission cycles (2006–09), an average of 1086 completed applications per year were received, representing 8.7 applications per available seat. Of those, on-site interviews were offered to approximately 300 applicants per year.

The pharmacy school normally admits about 120 students per year. Demographic characteristics of students admitted into the program during the past three years include the following:

Female	61%
Male	39%
Average age	22 1/2
Minorities	3.1%

Twenty-nine percent of students admitted into the program completed their prepharmacy studies at Samford

University, while 71% attended other academic institutions.

Although typically more than half of pharmacy students are Alabama residents, geographical diversity continues to be the norm. Students of the most recently admitted class hail from 13 states and three foreign countries.

Academic qualifications of students admitted into the program during the past three years reveal the strongly competitive nature of the pharmacy school's admission process:

Prior bachelor's degree	42.7%
Average math/science GPA	3.44
Average overall GPA	3.47
Average PCAT composite	61%
Average ACT	26

*Dr. Marshall Cates is professor and assistant dean in McWhorter School of Pharmacy.*

## PSAS: A Department on the Move

by Amy Broesecker

The Department of Pharmaceutical, Social and Administrative Sciences [PSAS] at McWhorter School of Pharmacy consists of a highly trained staff of 13 full-time faculty, three adjunct faculty, a laboratory manager and two administrative staff. The department focuses on three areas: teaching, research and service.

### Teaching

While practice faculty are involved mostly in therapeutics classes and experiential courses, PSAS faculty deal primarily with only didactic courses of the curriculum. Teaching areas of concentration for PSAS faculty include physiology/pathophysiology, cellular and molecular biochemistry, drug delivery and patient-care systems, sterile compounding, pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, medicinal chemistry, infectious diseases, financial and human resource management, pharmacy law, and ethics.

Using a revised curriculum that began this fall, faculty have worked hard to coordinate topics and integrate concepts to help connect the dots for students

and enhance their learning. Phasing out the old curriculum while implementing the new one over the next few years will require much planning, and faculty across both PSAS and practice departments are diligently making this happen.

The entire pharmacy school faculty looks forward to working together to make the curriculum the best that it can be.

### Research

Research interests in PSAS are intriguing and varied, including areas such as apoptosis, mitochondrial injury, pharmacogenomics, drug metabolism and drug-drug interactions, structure-activity relationships and determinations, pharmacokinetic studies, ophthalmologic considerations in drug delivery, educational research, home health care, end-of-life care, and moral development. The department aims to create a research institute that will foster the growth of research and scholarship in these areas, primarily in pharmaceutical sciences. Alumnus Clayton McWhorter has provided funds to help faculty develop an

active research program that will better utilize their vast expertise and training.

### Service

PSAS faculty are very involved in service to the profession through national, regional, local and university opportunities. These include efforts in Perry County with the underserved, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Pharmacists Association, the American Diabetes Association, the National Home Infusion Association, the National Science Foundation, Samford's language interpreter program, and other areas. Several PSAS faculty also are involved in serving as class and organizational advisers at the pharmacy school, and are members of various committees across many venues. ■

*Dr. Amy Broesecker is associate professor and interim chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical, Social and Administrative Sciences in McWhorter School of Pharmacy.*



# Fascinated by the Weather

## Pharmacy Grad's Recordings Help Monitor Climate Change

by Jack Brymer

UPDATE

Long before he earned a degree in pharmacy in 1960, James B. Price of Pinson, Ala., was fascinated with weather.

His love of weather, and especially of snow, began at an early age. He nearly died of pneumonia as a child, and the doctor told his parents not to let his feet touch the ground the next winter because “he surely wouldn’t survive if he got pneumonia again.”

When snow fell that winter of 1926–27, Price was transfixed, looking out his window, watching the other children play. Finally, his father carried him outside, leaned over and let him touch the snow.

Price earned his living as the proprietor of Price’s Drugs in Pinson. But weather has been his avocation. Over the past 59 years, he has made 64,650 weather observations and reported them to the National Weather Service [NWS], recording the temperature and rainfall from a rain gauge and thermometers housed in his own instrument shelter.

Not only has he recorded the weather, he has kept a diary of weather notations since January 1, 1944. “Facts are one way we hold onto life,” he explained. “Sometimes, just one word will bring back the whole event.”

Price had no formal training in the study of weather but established his own weather station by using NWS-approved instruments in a shelter he acquired on his own. “All these years, I’ve collected weather data from the same instruments in the same location and under the same conditions,” he noted.

“My friends at the NWS say that no one lives in the same place for 50 years any more, much less keeps weather records all that time.”

That’s one reason Price’s meticulous observations are important.

“Anytime we can have a record for such a length of time in our national database, it helps us get an idea of how our climate is changing,” said NWS official Kristina Sumrall. “Also, having an observation from a particular spot is the best source of information we have for historic climate data.”

Sumrall is Cooperative Program manager at Birmingham’s NWS office, which is located in Calera and covers 22

counties in central and north Alabama.

As a high school student in the early 1940s, Price applied to the Meteorology School at Vanderbilt University. But the school closed before he was 18. He then joined the Army Air Corps for flight training as a pilot during World War II.

After the war, Price returned to Pinson and the family general merchandise store his grandfather established in 1898. The store became a pharmacy, Price’s Drugs, in 1947, occupying a new building Price built on the corner of Main Street and Bradford Road in the community his family helped found.

After operating the store with a hired pharmacist for almost a decade, Price decided to attend pharmacy school himself. He entered Samford in 1956 and graduated with honors in 1960, the oldest member of his class. He continued to operate this family-owned business for the next quarter century, retiring in 1985.

Throughout this time, Price served as a volunteer Cooperative Observer for the NWS, one of 128 people across the state and 11,000 nationwide who supply the NWS with weather data. He calls the NWS office in Calera at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, and files a written report each month. One goes to Calera and the other to Asheville, N.C., where it is archived into the nation’s weather history.

Over the years, conversation in the Price household has revolved around rain, snow and the falling barometer. “Why not?” he said. “Weather is the most

talked about subject in the world.”

Price’s eye for exact detail and consistent readings gained him a reputation as one of the foremost observers in the country, according to hydrologist Roger McNeil of the NWS. “Mr. Price has stayed up all night when weather events required it,” said McNeil. “He makes 21 numerical entries in his weather record daily.”

Sumrall described Price as “an amazing person and one of the most dedicated, conscientious observers we have, always available to us, day or night.”

The walls of Price’s den are laden with certificates and plaques of appreciation. Some relate to pharmacy, but the majority are for his weather work, including the Cooperative Observer’s most prestigious citations—the Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin awards.

A special honor, National Observer of the Month, was awarded to Price on national television by the Weather Channel in Atlanta, Ga., in May 2002.

Pharmacy, however, continues to play a vital role in his life. Although retired, he is still a registered pharmacist and continues to support Samford’s scholarship programs, which he has done since 1964.

A member of Samford’s Montague Society, he funded the remodeling of a room in the pharmacy school, which is now the James B. Price Lecture Hall. ■

*James Price ’60 uses professional gauges for weather measurements.*





# Gifting the Samford Experience

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# ‘This is My Father’s World’

Bobby Horton Preserves Music  
for Future Generations

by Jean M. McLean

Giant sequoyahs tower over  
Yosemite National Park.



The simple tunes only gradually trickled into the viewer's consciousness. "Land of Rest" and "This is My Father's World" so naturally accompanied the stunning visual images during the premiere of Ken Burns' *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* last fall that they seemed intrinsic to these magnificent destinations. Yosemite, the Grand Canyon and Appalachia's Smoky Mountains are lands of rest, part of our Father's world.

Maybe that's the whole point. Although Burns starts with the music and then fits the pictures around it, Bobby Horton's film scores are meant to enhance others' stories, not overwhelm them. *The National Parks* marks Horton's 10th collaboration with Burns' Florentine Films on such subjects as the Civil War, baseball, Mark Twain and World War II. Burns used two and a half hours of Horton's recordings, but those were only a portion of the long list of projects for which he has written and performed music, scoring 16 films for National Park Service welcome centers alone.

Horton does more than make movie music. As the man whom *The Birmingham News* calls a "self-made music scholar," Horton uses songs to tell stories. He knows which tunes were sung

at specific Civil War campsites, who wrote them and why. His recordings, sold from Gettysburg to Berlin, pull past into present in a way printed words and sepia photographs could never master.

The songs educe folks' feelings when the mine shut down, the lover returned or the boys went away. Each is recorded on Horton's vintage instruments in his Vestavia Hills, Ala., home. He also performs in places as varied as barns, symphonic halls and statehouses. "I've been blessed to have opportunities come my way," Horton said.

Back in 1972, when Horton graduated from Samford in accounting, he couldn't imagine how God might interweave his love of music, history and people.

"After all, everybody knows you can't make a living as a musician," Horton joked. "I didn't major in music, because I figured I'd have to be a band director, and I hate to march."

So he got a "real" job at Liberty National Insurance, married Lynda, and began programming mainframes. He spent evenings and weekends performing with Three on a String, the now-renown folk music group he started with then-Samford basketball coach Jerry Ryan. But by 1978, when his first child was born, Horton knew something had to give. Three on a String was shoehorning 350 annual shows around the members' full-time jobs.

"I went to talk with my grandfather, the smartest man I've ever known, and the man who taught me how to play the banjo," said Horton. "I said, 'Papa, here's the problem. I'm making more money with music, but I've also got this job with the security of a big company.'"

"Wait a minute," Papa said. "The only security you have is how many things you know how to do, how hard you can work and knowing the Lord."

Thus the accountant-computer programmer-musician/historian spun his hobbies into a vocation.

It was only natural that Horton's focus was researching and recording historic tunes. Nine years old at the Civil War's centennial, he grew up hearing matter-of-fact stories of sacrifice. His role models were veterans of the Depression and World War II. Their patriotism and the dedication of today's troops continue to inspire Horton's faith-filled music, some of which he writes himself.

"We're all guilty of thinking, 'Hey, look at me, ain't I something?'" said Horton of the success he's received. "But

I know where my skills come from. I'm not smart enough to have done all this. When I'm coming up with an idea and it's working better than I dreamed it would, I thank God for everything—not just for the idea, but for the machine not breaking down."

Although he's performed for the President of the United States and could pick up the phone and call a number of celebrities he knows, Horton laughs that he's never been accused of being a singer. "I sing so I can pick or play the horn, or whatever," he said. "For every instrument I play, I have a hero that plays that instrument, and I'm not worthy to even carry that hero's case."

One of his heroes is Stephen Foster, whom he calls the first American Idol. Horton admires Foster for his prolific writing and efforts toward minstrel stage reformation. Horton's latest recording, a compilation of Foster's tunes, is another attempt to preserve historic music.

Since Horton never really planned all this out, he's not sure what comes next. He enjoys playing every musical genre, from classical to jazz. He remains grateful to Samford for his education and supportive friends, and for every opportunity to play, sing, perform and research the music that saw so many through so much.

"People ask me if I'm going to retire, and I ask, from what? I'm just doing my hobbies for a living." ■

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

### Horton's Favorite Songs from National Park Series (Notes from Bobby Horton)

#### "Land of Rest"

This melody is from *The Sacred Harp* (1844). I wrote a B Section to make the piece a little longer.

#### "This Is My Father's World"

One of my favorite old hymns

#### "Pretty Polly"

Traditional mountain tune

#### "The Shores of Ogygia"

Written by Will Duncan

#### "The Teddy Bears' Picnic"

This cut did not appear in the body of the film, but is an extra on the DVD. I recreated a 1930s recording after listening to it about 50 times. It took a day and a half to play all the instruments and do the vocals. A lot of fun!





# Samford Pointed Smiths Toward Life of Music

by Jack Brymer

Choral music has been a way of life for Tom Smith '64 and his wife, Gayle Brown Smith '67. Both enjoyed long and successful careers directing choirs and teaching music in Auburn, Ala. In fact, their careers might be likened to a living musical score.

Although both sang in church choirs as youngsters, their formal musical training began at Samford. They majored in music, sang in the A Cappella Choir, and experienced the skillful tutelage of such talented teachers as Eleanor Ousley and others.

The Smiths retired in 2006. Tom was a member of the music faculty at Auburn University for 34 years, directing the Auburn University Concert Choir and Auburn Singers and teaching choral music courses. Gayle taught music in junior high and high schools in Auburn and nearby Opelika, Ala.

Even so, they continue to be active in church and denominational choir programs.

Tom, from Decatur, Ala., came to Samford in 1961 to satisfy a calling into the church music ministry. "One of the most valuable lessons I learned at Samford was that excellence and spirituality can coexist," he said.

"The quality of the musical experiences was second to none, and the spiritual dynamic that was present on campus strengthened my relationship to God as well as the relationship with the students and faculty with whom I worked."

Gayle came from a family of seven children in Birmingham. All were active in Woodlawn Baptist Church, especially in the choirs, and eventually, all graduated from Samford. Her four sisters were or had been members of the A Cappella Choir directed by the late Dr. George Koski.

"My goal in life was to be a member of that choir," she said. "It was just a part of my heritage, and for that, I am extremely grateful."

She enrolled at Samford in 1963, and realized her life's goal almost immediately as she was accepted into the A Cappella Choir her freshman year. She also met her husband-to-be the same year. Tom was the choir's student director.

Following graduation, Tom earned a master of arts in music theory and composition at the University of Iowa, and began his teaching career in the Fairfield City Schools. After Gayle's graduation, they married in 1968 and moved to Boulder, Colo., where Tom earned the doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting and literature at the University of Colorado.

In the fall of 1972, they returned to Alabama when Tom was named director of choral activities at Auburn. "My high school choral director and Auburn graduate, Mr. Roy L. Wood, recommended me to Dr. Bodie Hinton, chair of the music department," he said. "I will always be grateful to both men for giving a 28-year-old choral musician the opportunity to teach at Auburn."

In the meantime, Gayle taught in public schools. She earned a master's degree in vocal performance from Auburn in 1976, and went on

to teach nine years at Opelika Junior High and Opelika High School, and 15 years at Auburn Junior High School before retiring from public school teaching in 2006.

That same year, Tom retired from Auburn University and was named Professor Emeritus.

Retirement was not the end of the Smiths' living musical score. Earlier this year, Tom was honored by Providence Baptist Church for 35 years as minister of music there, where he continues to serve. Gayle served as children's choir coordinator and director of the church's Junior Choir, and continues to do so.

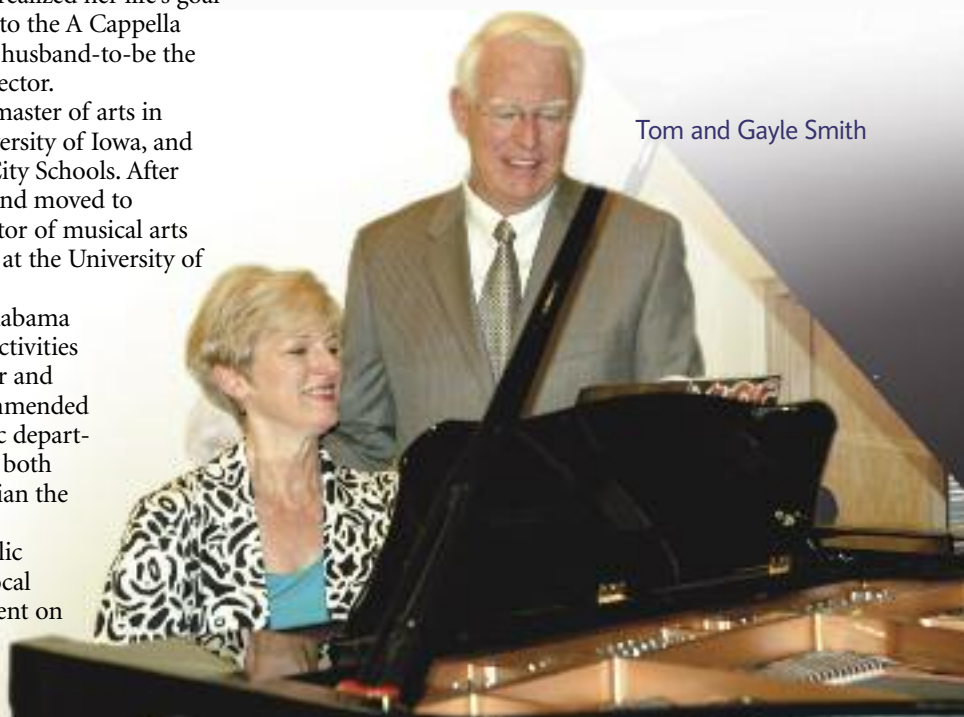
The Smiths have an active retirement. Gayle teaches part-time at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, where she also conducts the choir, teaches a voice class and piano laboratory, and is in her sixth year as director of the 85-voice Alabama Singing Women, the Alabama Baptist Convention's choir for women. In 2007, she began East Alabama Children's Choir for children in grades four through nine.

Likewise, Tom continues as conductor of the Alabama Singing Men, which he has done for the past 10 years. This fall, he started the East Alabama Youth Chorale, a group of 24 singers, grades 9–12, in the east Alabama area who are mostly home-schooled or come from schools with no choral music.

The Smiths have two children and two grandchildren.

They always have credited Samford with pointing them on the road to their successful musical careers. Tom said the value of their Samford experience was brought home this past summer when a group of former Samford music majors who had studied voice with Eleanor Ousley joined her on campus for lunch.

"Each of us had the opportunity to share how our Samford experience had made such a lasting impression and continues to be part of our life's work," he said. "How blessed we are to be called graduates of Samford University." ■



Tom and Gayle Smith

# CLASSnotes

This issue includes Class Notes received through Oct. 19, 2009.

- '56 **Thomas King** of Tallahassee, Fla., is retired. He was a professor at Florida State University.
- Sherry Joann McCain Prichard** completed 40 years as a teacher of kindergarten and after-care at Briarwood Christian School. She and her husband, Ray, live in Hoover, Ala.
- '59 **Beecher B. Creasman**, a pharmacist at Gibson Pharmacy in Birmingham, recently was elected president of the board of directors of Baptist Medical Center Princeton Towers and was recognized by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy for his 50 years in the profession. He and his wife, Ann, live in Hoover, Ala.
- Jeri Barber Jackson**, a retired teacher, lives in Huntsville, Ala., with her husband, Benny. An avid hiker, she has hiked the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, Ga., to Vermont over the course of 20 years. She plans to continue hiking the trail through Maine.
- Donald Johnson** of Auburn, Ala., is pastor of Tuskegee First Baptist Church.
- '60 **Tom Cox** was honored for 50 years of service to the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He lives in Mountainburg, Ark.
- '64 **George and Judy McMichael Frey '66** of Sanford, Fla., are retired. They will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in December.
- '65 **Warren Farrell Waggoner, J.D. '68**, is a freelance writer/editor in Washington, D.C.
- '66 **Elmer Leonard "Len" Holland** of Birmingham works with Association of Edison Illuminating Companies as manager, AEIC Services. He retired from Southern Company after 32 years in public relations, training and media production. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children.
- Ray C. Williams** is dean of Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine in New York. An internationally known educator and researcher in dental medicine and an expert in periodontal disease, he is the author of 140 papers on his research and sits on the editorial boards of seven journals. He was a Samford Alumnus of the Year in 1991. He and his wife, Joan Lash, live on Long Island. They have a son, Lee.
- Anne Glaze Stone** and her husband, William, live in Huntsville, Ala. She is a retired teacher.
- '71 **Sandra Lynn Matthews Embry, M.S. '72**, is a licensed professional counselor in Muscle Shoals, Ala.
- '73 **Jim and Cheryl Payne Landreth '75** live in Birmingham. He is proprietor of Mount Laurel General Store, Mount Laurel Grocery and Deli, and Jimbo's Soda Fountain. She is officer manager of Intermark Group.
- '75 **Judy Hames** of Fayetteville, Ga., earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership at Mercer University in August. She is a teacher at Woodland Middle School.
- '76 **Glen McGriff** of Little Rock, Ark., is founder and director of Christian Endeavors Foundation, a hospitality ministry.
- '77 **Connie Williams Coulianos** is head of the Speyer Legacy School in New York, N.Y.
- Harry Bruce Sherrer** is pastor of Eastern Heights Baptist Church in Statesboro, Ga. He and his wife, **Rhonda Burk Sherrer '77**, have two children.
- '79 **Michael C. Dowling** is pastor of Highland View Baptist Church in Trussville, Ala. He and his wife, Sandra, have seven children and three grandchildren.
- '80 **Thomas DeWitt Ariail, M.M.Ed. '82**, is minister of music at First Baptist Church in LaFayette, Ga. He and his wife, Jada, have three children, Jonathan, Michael and Kayla.
- '81 **Lori Lynn Horton Ashbaugh, M.A. '86**, and **Michael Ashbaugh '85** live in Cullman, Ala. She is an English as a second language teacher at Brookhaven Middle School in Decatur, Ala. He is a sales manager for Filters for Industry. They have two children, Loren and Cally.
- '82 **Steve Cole** and his wife, Stacy, live in Birmingham, where he is worship/executive pastor of Inverness Vineyard Church. They have two daughters, Halle Kate, 2, and Anna Claire, who they adopted from China in April.
- '83 **Jerry Tapley** is director of program innovation and performance management for the Federation of Neighborhood Centers in Philadelphia, Penn.
- '85 **Katherine N. Barr, M.B.A./J.D.**, was selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of trusts and estates. She is an attorney with the Birmingham law firm of Sirote & Permutt.
- Vaughn Pruett Bell** of Louisville, Ky., is account service director for Humana, Inc. She and her husband, John, have three children, Taylor, who is a Samford freshman, Meredith, 14, and Jackson, 7.
- R. Scott Pearson** is M.B.A. program director and assistant professor of business at Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C. He recently earned a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in agricultural, environmental and development economics with a focus in micro finance. He publishes an investment blog: [investorsvalueview.com](http://investorsvalueview.com).
- '86 **Darrell Owen Baker** of Brooks, Ga., is vice president of Thomas Enterprises, Inc., in Newnan, Ga. He and his wife, Cheryl, have three children, Joshua, Jonathan and Jared.
- Tim Thompson** is an associate professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Katey, have two sons, Nicholas and Benjamin.
- '87 **Samantha Lynn Jennings Clark** of Alabaster, Ala., is a registered nurse at Brookwood Medical Center. She and her husband, Chuck, have two daughters, Bevin Elise and Caroline Michelle.
- Kathryn Parrish Cushman** is the author of her third Christian novel, *Leaving Yesterday* (Bethany House). She lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., with her husband, Lee, and their two daughters.
- Heidi McKinley Moody** travels the United States with her daughter, Ivy, who is cast as the orphan Pepper in the Broadway national tour of *Annie*. The family lives in Mason, Ohio.
- '88 **Jena Forehand** is a minister, counselor and event speaker with Stained Glass Ministries. She and her husband, Dale, live in Birmingham.
- Michael Carl Ivey** is a certified senior paralegal with Burr & Forman, LLP, in Birmingham.
- '91 **J. Timothy Downard, M.B.A.**, earned the Certified Forensic Accountant designation



from the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. He is a partner in Birmingham's Haynes Downard, LLP, accounting firm.

'92 **John Brewer, a physician**, is a regional medical officer with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. He, his wife and two daughters, Molly and Sadie, live in Arlington, Va.

**Stephen Louis A. Dillard** recently was appointed by Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission. An attorney in Macon, Ga., he was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers of Georgia.

**Amy Fowler Murphy of Leeds, Ala.**, is Alabama Science in Motion chemistry specialist at the University of Montevallo.

**Lori Ann Connell Seymour** is a third-grade teacher at Faith Academy in Mobile, Ala. She and her husband, Matt, have three children, Maddie, Jay and Gracie.

**Jana Allison Reeves Wiggins and Ben Wiggins '93** live in Moultrie, Ga. She is director of marketing and public relations

at Moultrie Technical College and is 2009 chairman of the board of directors for the Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce. Ben is principal of Pelham High School in Pelham, Ga. They have two children, Blake, 16, and Leah Grace, 10.

'93 **Adrienne Gantt Baker** was listed in "40 under 40" for 2009 by Georgia Trend magazine. As principal agent of the State Medical Board in Atlanta, Ga., she travels the state to discuss safe and legal medical practices regarding prescription drugs. She is also a state firearms instructor and president of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators.

**Catherine M. Griffin** is a dental hygienist. She and her husband, Terry, live in Maylene, Ala.

**Carol Guthrie** is assistant U.S. Trade Representative for public and media affairs with the Executive Office of the President in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for keeping the nation and the nation's businesses informed of all policies, decisions, actions, negotiations and other activities of the U.S. Trade

Representative. She was a 2007 Samford Alumna of the Year.

**Timothy Sowell** is a clinical pharmacist with Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Denise, have a son, Aiden Erol, born in April.

**Autumn Baggott Toussaint** of Excelsior, Minn., is assistant director of music—contemporary, at Wayzata Community Church in Wayzata, Minn. She and her husband, Chris, have a son, Kevin Thomas, 5.

'94 **Jennifer Abreu** is a volunteer missionary with Porch de Salomon in Panajachel, Guatemala.

**Kathryn Clayton** is a social worker at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

**Vivian Vanessa Smith** of Plantation, Fla., is an independent representative with Primerica.

'95 **Chad Cronon**, an attorney in Orlando, Fla., is in his third term as president of Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival.

## Nursing Class Holds 50th Anniversary Reunion



Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing's Class of 1959 held its 50th anniversary reunion Oct. 4-7 in Pine Mountain, Ga., with 29 of 43 members attending. BBH School of Nursing was the forerunner of Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. The Samford nursing school sponsored the closing dinner at the reunion, and nursing dean Nena Sanders was one of the speakers. Returning for the reunion were, from left, Linda Newton Betz, Mildred Dykes Greene, Anita Gullatt Gray, Martha Mitchell White, Patsy Hays Schmith, Martha Bumpers Slate,

Betty Gould Shahine, Sylvia Wright Rayfield, Linda Martin Stewart, Roma Lee Taunton, Jo Snider, Judy Taunton, Peggy Weed Willingham, Martha Ann Phillips Eisenberg, Sylvia Barber Weis, Eula Mae Abbott Connell, Barbara Wilkerson Frix, Barbara Burks Griffis, Joann Hayes Dunn, Shirley Smith Hendrix, Dorothea Harriman Claunch, Sharon Bush Kleeschulte, Joan Taylor Youngblood, Bobbie O'Kelly Clark, Delarris Atkinson Reeves, Barbara Harper Whitman and Sue Ann Vickers Morrison. ■

- '96 **Angela Waddill** is pursuing a master's degree in international security at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. She is focusing on transnational security and East Africa.
- Aimee Denise Maudlin Williams** and her family live in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She and her husband, Lonnie, have four children, Tyler, Joshua, Nicholas and Andrew.
- '98 **Jay William Gilbreath, Pharm.D.**, of Cottondale, Ala., is assistant chief of pharmacy at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center.
- Carolyn Jean Nelson**, a commissioned provisional elder in the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, is associate pastor at St. Luke UMC in Pensacola, Fla.
- Robert Edward West of Roswell, Ga.**, is training and communications director for Kingdom Advisors. He and his wife, **Julie Smith West '98** have four children, Colby, Mason, and twins, Abby and Emma, born in March.
- Todd Veleber, M.Div. '03**, and **Brooke Belcher Veleber '04** live in Tallahassee, Fla., where he is Next Generation pastor at Wildwood Church. They have three children, Brock Jackson, Jake Taylor and Cole Hunter.
- '99 **Megan Rutledge Bunting** is an anesthesia nurse at Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas in Cary, N.C.
- Carrie Lee, J.D. '01**, is director of the Juvenile Justice Center at Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Fla. A longtime child advocate, she works to create change in the quality of representation of children in delinquency court.
- Jeff Windham** is general counsel and a certified fraud examiner with Forensic/Strategic Solutions, P.C., accounting and consulting firm in Birmingham. He and his wife, Kimberly, have a child, Connor Lee, 1.
- '00 **Robert David Alley** is director of technical services at Miles, LLC, in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Catherine Golden, live in Franklin, Tenn.
- Janet Lynn Mosley Matlock** is a senior auditor with the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General in Birmingham. She and her husband, Jimmy, have a son Noah James, born in May. They live in Warrior, Ala.
- Nick and Sarah Roberts Hilscher '02** live in Smyrna, Ga., with their two children, Annie and Will.
- Teresa Eve Mishler** works with Pre-Paid Legal Services. She and her husband, Guy Ale, live in Valley Village, Calif.
- Daria Grandy Mayotte** of Birmingham and her husband, Steve, are missionaries with Global Outreach International. In January, they will move to Cape Town, South Africa, to work at Pollsmoor Juvenile Prison. They have a son, Ethan Alexander, born in August.
- Emily Shupert** is pursuing a doctorate in counseling. She is a member of GROW counseling group in Atlanta, Ga., and a speaker on women's issues.
- '01 **Mark Flores, M.Div.**, is a chaplain at Bedford Hospice Care in Bedford, Va. He and his wife, Julie, have two children, Andrew and Alexandra.
- Benjamin Michael Mingle** and his wife, Jillian, live in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is director of accounting at CBL & Associates Properties.
- Susan Clemmons Smith** and her husband, Lee, live in Atlanta, Ga., where she works at Georgia State University. They have a son, Landis Mack, born in August.
- Mark Adam Smith, M.Div. '05**, and **Beth Ann Rice '08** married in May. They live in Bloomington, Ind., where she is pursuing a master's in music education with an emphasis in string pedagogy at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. He is a chaplain and captain in the Tennessee Air National Guard, with recent assignments to Guam and the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. He deploys to Antarctica this fall.
- Brian Smothers of Somerville, Mass.**, is a psychologist at Boston University.
- '02 **Alexis Keene Aday** and her husband, Justin, live in Montgomery, Ala. She is a registered dietitian at Rehab First and Capitol Hill.
- Jed Miller** was technical director for the movie, *Molecules to the MAX*, which will show at Birmingham's McWane Science Center next spring. The movie was produced by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Nanotechnology Center. Miller holds a diploma in 3D animation and visual effects from Vancouver Film School in British Columbia, Canada.
- Lindsay Weidinger Murray** works in client relations with Wicker Park Group in Birmingham. She and her husband, Lee, have two children, Margaret Loran, 2, and William Harvard, born in March.
- Kristin Marie Davis Simpson, Pharm.D.**, of Birmingham is a pharmacist with CVS Caremark.
- '03 **Shelley Elizabeth Sager Blocker** and her husband, Allan, live in Birmingham. She is a teacher in Vestavia Hills, Ala.
- Alexander Raymond Goodman and Courtney Fenwick Goodman, Pharm.D. '07**, live in Columbia, Tenn. He is a self-employed dentist and she is a pharmacist at Kroger.
- Mary Anne Garner Sahawneh** received a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences in New York City, and is a postdoctoral associate at Weill Cornell Medical College. She and her husband, John, live in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Ehren Wassermann** was on the gold medal-winning team that represented the United States in the recent international Baseball Federation World Cup in Europe. The U.S. team won the gold medal with a 10-5 win over Cuba in the final game. The team finished with 14 straight wins to take the title. Wassermann had a 1-0 record during the World Cup and did not allow an earned run in nine innings. The former Samford Bulldogs pitcher plays for the Charlotte (N.C.) Knights, the Chicago White Sox's Triple-A affiliate.
- '04 **Karen Hieb Duvall** earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at the Georgia campus of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May. She and her husband, Jonathan, live in Orlando, Fla., where she is completing a family medicine residency at Florida Hospital East Orlando.
- Ashley Floyd** earned a master's in higher education administration from the University of Alabama in August. She is assistant director of the University Fellows program at Samford.
- Dana Garcia Jackson** is a proposal specialist with NaphCare, Inc. She and her husband, Kent, live in Hoover, Ala.
- Daniel, Pharm.D.**, and **Jamie Bullington Jones '05** live in Murray, Ky., with their daughter, Annie, 2. He is a pharmacist at Gibson's Pharmacy in Mayfield, Ky.
- Rachel Victoria Lally** of Lafayette, La., is a kindergarten teacher at St. Charles Elementary School.
- Matthew Shay O'Hern** of Merritt Island, Fla., is e-commerce marketing coordinator with Space Coast Credit Union in Melbourne, Fla.
- '05 **Havilah Gale Helms** is a registered nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.
- Christopher Randall Smith and Rachel Summer Holland, M.M.Ed. '09**, married



in July. He is a musician and guitar instructor in Birmingham. She is choral director at North Jefferson Middle School in Kimberly, Ala.

**'06 Hilary Gary Bryan** is a registered nurse at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. She and her husband, Alan, live in Franklin, Tenn.

**Lauren Colwell** received a master of divinity degree from Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology in May. She received the Scholar Achievement Award at graduation and was elected permanent president of her class. She is associate minister for spiritual formation and families at First Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga.

**Katherine Lantz Feldman** is a Spanish teacher with Howard County public schools in Maryland. She and her husband, Scott, live in Ellicott City, Md.

**Jennifer Kay Hitt of Lexington, S.C.**, is a graduate assistant at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

**Kristen Howard** married Austin Booth in May. They live in Columbia, S.C. She recently earned a master's in architecture from University of North Carolina—Charlotte.

**Chris and Abby Archer Ireland '07** live in Niceville, Fla., where he works for Premier Rehabilitation. He received a doctorate in physical therapy from the Medical College of Georgia in May.

**'07 Ben and Cara Pruitt Dennis**, both lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force, live in Las Vegas, Nev. He is a recent graduate of the U.S. Air Force pilot training program in Del Rio, Texas, and is a predator pilot assigned to Creech Air Force Base in Las Vegas. She has been a research psychologist at Brooks AFB in San Antonio, Texas,

and is being reassigned to Nellis AFB in Las Vegas.

**Lindsay Greer and Jonathan Frazier '08** married in August. They live in Knoxville, Tenn., where she is a family nurse practitioner for the Skin Wellness Center, and he works for PME Communications.

**Mary-Wallace Keown** married Blake Atchley in April. She is a production manager for FitzMartin marketing firm in Birmingham. They live in Pelham, Ala.

**Dustin Robert McNew and Danelle Harris McNew** live in Mobile, Ala. He is a student and physician assistant with the Alabama Army National Guard.

**Taylor West Mullins** works at Robinson-Adams Insurance in Homewood. She and her husband, Josh, have a son, Samuel Lucas, born in June.

## Smith, Thomas Travel Successful Music Paths

by Jack Brymer



Michael Smith

**M**ichael Smith '00 and Wade Thomas '98 studied music at Samford and roomed together for several years. Smith concentrated on organ and directing, while Thomas focused on voice. The two headed to graduate school in different directions, but their music recently brought them together for a reunion.

Smith attended Yale University, where he was Divinity School chapel organist, a teaching assistant in the School of Music and assistant conductor of the famed Yale Glee Club, among other positions.

After earning two master of music degrees (in organ and conducting), he accepted a post as organist and music director at the prestigious Groton School in Massachusetts, prep alma mater of Franklin Roosevelt, Dean Acheson and other leaders.

Thomas went to Ohio State, where he earned a master's degree in vocal performance.

When Smith was planning this year's annual spring concert at Groton, he chose as the final work composer Ralph Vaughn Williams' Five Mystical Songs for baritone, choir and orchestra. His soloist of choice: Wade Thomas.

"I knew this was one of his signature pieces because of our Samford connection," said Smith. "We did concerts and performances together while at Samford."

Smith and Thomas followed similar paths to Samford, beginning their musical journeys in church and school programs. Smith hailed from Auburn, Ala., where he became a church organist at age 13. When he auditioned, he brought music from Bach and other classical composers as his tryout pieces.

"It was not hard to recognize Michael's extraordinary gift in music," said Gayle Smith '67, wife of Providence Baptist Church choir director Tom Smith '64. "We knew great things were ahead for him."

At Samford, he was a student conductor of the A Cappella Choir, organist/choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and assistant conductor of the Birmingham Boys Choir.

"I feel very strongly that my Samford education prepared me for Yale and my current job by allowing me to network with other alumni such as Ken Berg, director of the Birmingham Boys Choir, whose assistant conductor I was while at Samford."

He also stressed how much organ professor Ted Tibbs and music dean Milburn Price influenced him.

Thomas came to Samford from Calhoun, Ga., where he sang in choirs at Belmont Baptist Church and Calhoun High School. He planned to be a music education major, "but decided singing was a lot more fun," even though he never had taken a voice lesson. He cites as mentors Dr. Sharon Lawhon, head of the voice faculty; Dr. Bill Bugg, director of Samford Opera; and Dr. Gene Black, retired director of the A Cappella Choir.

Thomas received his first professional experience singing at Opera Columbus while attending graduate school at Ohio State. He did a number of Young Artist Programs there, including Lyric Opera Cleveland, Central City Opera, Natchez Opera, Santa Fe Opera and Carnegie Hall. Later, he moved to Binghamton, N.Y., and performed as a resident Artist at Tri-cities Opera.

Music recently brought Thomas back to his alma mater for a reunion of his own. He appeared this fall in the Samford Opera production, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, by Otto Nicolai, performing the role of Sir John Falstaff. Currently, he serves as soloist at several churches throughout the country and is on the music staff at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Ga. ■



Wade Thomas

**Margaret Elizabeth Rogers** is a registered nurse at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham.

'08 **Callie Aldridge** is creative arts director at Church of the Highlands in Birmingham.

**Melissa Gale Caudill** of Brentwood, Tenn., is a financial analyst with Healthways in Franklin, Tenn.

**Emily Rebecca Burns King, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacist with Walgreens in Starkville, Miss.

**Robert Pendergraft, M.M.Ed. '09**, and his wife, Rachel, live in Dalhart, Texas, where he is minister of music at First Baptist Church.

**Isaiah Joel Same** and his wife, Brittany, live in Birmingham, where he is art director of Think Positive creative services firm.

'09 **Audrea McKay Dooley, M.S.N.**, of Guin, Ala., is a certified registered nurse practitioner at Winfield Children's Center in Winfield, Ala. She and her husband, Wade, have one child, McKenzie, 9.

**Gaines Johnson** is a fifth-grade U.S. history teacher with Teach for America at KIPP Academy in Houston, Texas.

**Andrew Westover** is an eighth-grade English teacher with Teach for America in Phoenix, Ariz. He is pursuing a master's degree at Arizona State University.

**Amanda Jean Worshum Williams, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacy resident with University of Virginia Health Systems. She and her husband, Matthew Ryan, live in Charlottesville, Va. ■

# births

'92 Lynn and **Mark Davidson** of Mobile, Ala., a daughter, Marianna Claire, born Sept. 2, 2009.

'93 Denise and **Timothy Sowell** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Aiden Erol, born April 26, 2009.

'94 Leslie and **Chris Corts** of Birmingham, twin sons, Conwill Hewitt and Thomas Edward, born Sept. 25, 2009.

'95 **James, J.D. '02**, and **Brooke Dill Stewart** of Birmingham, a son, Baker Alton, born April 5, 2008.

'96 Frank and **Audrey Hudson Atkins** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Alaina Grace, born Jan. 23, 2009.

Corinne and **Sean Fennelly** of Alpharetta, Ga., a son, Ethan Sean, born Sept. 2, 2009.

'97 **Aimee Shackelton Nobs** and **Derek Nobs '98** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Audrey Marie, born Sept. 15, 2009.

**Ben and Bethany Ates Percy, Pharm.D. '00**, of Manchester, Conn., a daughter, Lily Grace, born April 22, 2008.

Lesley and **Greg Sheek** of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Madelyn Ruth, born June 22, 2009.

'98 Kara and **Todd Tittle** of Lynn, Ala., a daughter, Madelyn Kohl, born April 21, 2009.

**Todd, M.Div. '03**, and **Brooke Belcher Veleber '04** of Tallahassee, Fla., a son, Cole Hunter, born Feb. 6, 2009.

**Robert and Julie Smith West** of Roswell, Ga., twin daughters, Abby and Emma, born March 14, 2009.

'99 **Chris and Christa Choate Callaway** of Monroe, N.C., a daughter, Adaline, born March 16, 2009.

Scott and **Julie Mims Hunter** of Cumming, Ga., a son, Rhett Davis, born June 29, 2009.

Jennifer and **Hadden Smith IV** of Trussville, Ala., twins, Hadden Bass V and Katelyn Cooper, born Aug. 19, 2009.

Kimberly and **Jeff Windham** of Birmingham, a son, Connor Lee, born Aug. 14, 2008.

'00 Jimmy and **Janet Lynn Mosley Matlock** of Warrior, Ala., a son, Noah James, born May 8, 2009.

Steve and **Daria Grandy Mayotte** of Birmingham, a son, Ethan Alexander, born Aug. 8, 2009.

**Seth, M.M.Ed. '02**, and **Katie Partain Patterson '01** of Homestead, Fla., a son, Matthew Wayne, born Dec. 29, 2008.

'01 **Andrew and Terra Langston Morrow** of Birmingham, twin sons, Logan Andrew and William Tyler, born Jan. 27, 2009.

Gavin and **Amber Whisonant Rathbone** of Warrior, Ala., a daughter, Jenna Caroline, born March 26, 2009.

Lee and **Susan Clemmons Smith** of Atlanta, Ga., a son, Landis Mack, born Aug. 13, 2009.

'02 Lee and **Lindsay Weidinger Murray** of Birmingham, a son, William Harvard, born March 12, 2009.

'03 Kevin and **Deanna Resmondo Conner** of Odenville, Ala., a daughter, Cheyenne Alexis, born July 15, 2008.

**Reed and Lora Densford Jarvis** of Murray, Ky., a son, Jack Thomas, born March 5, 2009.

Michael and **Heather Hackett Leger** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a daughter, Eliyah Hope, born Feb. 25, 2009.

'04 Charlie and **Melissa Ward Buchanan, Pharm.D.**, of Springfield, Mo., a son, Samuel Charles, born May 31, 2009.

Scotty and **Sylvia Austin Hollins** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a daughter, Olivia, born Aug. 2, 2009.

Simmons and **Amy Travis Pankey** of Birmingham, a son, Collin Samuel, born Aug. 17, 2009.

**Camille Smith Platt** and **Daniel James Platt, Pharm.D. '06**, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son, Aaron James, born July 1, 2009.

'05 Rachel and **Micah Adkins, J.D.**, of Trussville, Ala., a son, Rhett Morgan, born Sept. 9, 2009.

**Chris and Aimee Seanor Banta** of Birmingham, a daughter, Rylee Brooke, born July 30, 2009.

'06 Russell and **Maree Atchison Jones** of Birmingham, a son, Dalton Russell, born July 24, 2008.

**James Andrew** and **Lindsey Denton Murphy '08** of Birmingham, a son, Isaiah Andrew, born Aug. 3, 2009.

'07 Josh and **Taylor West Mullins** of Birmingham, a son, Samuel Lucas, born June 9, 2009. ■



# in memoriam

- '27 **Jessie Ansley Pollard**, age 102, of Martinsville, Va., died July 2, 2009. She taught in Birmingham and Martinsville, and was active in church and civic groups such as the American Cancer Society, the Virginia Museum of Art and Daughters of the American Revolution.
- '34 **Robert Wharton III, J.D.**, age 94, of St. Simons Island, Ga., died Oct. 10, 2009. He joined Delta Air Lines in 1936 when the company had three airplanes. During World War II, he was named director of personnel and later helped develop the personnel policies that became a hallmark of the company. After retiring from Delta with 25 years of service, he worked 25 years at Sea Island Golf Course in St. Simons Island. He was active in Kiwanis.
- '36 **Arthur A. Weeks**, age 94, of Birmingham, died Aug. 22, 2009. He was dean of Cumberland School of Law in the 1960s when the school was relocated from Lebanon, Tenn., to become a part of Samford. He also was dean of Delaware School of Law at Widener University, and helped both law schools achieve American Bar Association accreditation. He was most recently visiting distinguished professor of law at Cumberland School of Law. He was a member of Phi Alpha Selta and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternities.
- '37 **Agnes Mate Sharpton**, age 92, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Aug. 21, 2009. She was a second-grade teacher during World War II.
- '41 **Rose L. Horton**, age 90, of Tallahassee, Fla., died July 14, 2009. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and a former president of the Tallahassee alumni chapter.
- '42 **George William Riddle**, age 89, of Gadsden, Ala., died Sept. 23, 2009. A long-time Alabama Baptist pastor and denominational leader, he was an associate editor of *The Alabama Baptist* and moderator of Etowah Baptist Association. Most recently, he was pastor emeritus at East Gadsden Baptist Church. He was a Mason and World War II veteran.
- '43 **Sidney Grady Fullerton, Jr.**, age 87, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died March 2, 2009. He was director of finance for the city of Birmingham, county auditor for Harris County, Texas, and president of the Government Finance Officers Association. He taught governmental accounting at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a Mason. Memorials may be made to the general scholarship fund at Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.
- '45 **Shirley Anderson** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Aug. 30, 2009, of cancer. She worked for Samford deans Percy Pratt Burns and John Fincher, and assisted with secretarial work for Cumberland School of Law during its first year on campus.
- '46 **Homer Jackson**, age 84, of Birmingham, died Sept. 27, 2009. He received an academic scholarship to Samford at age 16. An accountant, he was active in church and community causes. He was baptized on an Easter Sunday aboard ship while serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.
- '47 **Leven S. Hazlegrove**, age 84, of Birmingham, died Aug. 18, 2009. He was a chemistry professor at Samford for 33 years and a longtime department chair. Widely published in scientific journals, he directed international chemistry institutes for the U.S. State Department and gave many scientific presentations. He was executive director of the Alabama Academy of Science. His studies at Samford were interrupted by service in the Navy during World War II. Memorials may be made to the Chemistry Department Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.
- John Hatton Leath, Jr., J.D.**, age 88, of Lake City, Tenn., died Aug. 8, 2009. He was retired from the federal government. He was a World War II and Korean War era veteran, and a Mason.
- Thea Gray Parker, Sr.**, age 87, of Leeds, Ala., died Aug. 23, 2009. He owned and operated Parker Rexall Drugs for 50 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. A president of the Jefferson County Pharmaceutical Association and Jefferson County Board of Education, he also was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and Tile and Mortar honor society.
- '48 **Evelyn Reed Jones**, age 84, of Birmingham, died Oct. 11, 2009. A psychometrist/counselor with Birmingham City Schools, she was active in the Business and Professional Women's Club.
- '49 **Robert Russell Donaldson**, age 89, of Birmingham, died Sept. 21, 2009. A long-time Samford administrator, he served as director of alumni affairs, purchasing agent and vice president of business affairs. He was a veteran of World War II, seeing action in the European Theater. He joined Samford in 1958 and retired in 1986.
- '50 **John F. Miller** of Selma, Ala., died Feb. 7, 2009. He was a pharmacist.
- Earle J. Osburne, Jr.**, of Hoover, Ala., died Sept. 10, 2009. He served 35 years with State Farm Insurance Companies. An original proponent to incorporate the city of Hoover, he served in many civic leadership roles. As a U.S. Marine, he participated in the invasion and capture of Iwo Jima during World War II. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.
- Homer L. Smiles M.S.E.** '66, age 84, of Leeds, Ala., died Aug. 27, 2009. He was an educator for 31 years, including 15 years as head football coach, teacher and assistant principal at Leeds High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II before finishing his senior year at Samford. He was inducted into the Alabama High School Association's Hall of Fame in 1995. The Leeds High School football field was named in his honor in 2008.
- '51 **John D. Stewart**, age 83, of Birmingham, died Oct. 12, 2009. He worked 40 years for U.S. Steel. He served on Guam with the U.S. Marines during World War II, and was in the postwar occupation of China. He finished high school after the war, and later played football for two years at Samford.
- '53 **Roy Rufus Duncan, Jr.**, age 79, of Cropwell, Ala., died Sept. 18, 2009. A pharmacist and store owner in Knoxville, Tenn., and Birmingham, he also owned Livingston Nursing Home in Bessemer, Ala. He served with a Alabama National Guard Medical unit at Fort Jackson, S.C., before returning to Samford for his senior year.
- Joyce Hope Revels**, age 87, of Hendersonville, N.C., died Aug. 23, 2009. She worked in public and child welfare, and psychiatric social work. She was a founder and executive director of Christ Life Ministries in Hendersonville.
- '56 **Roy James Chandler**, age 75, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Aug. 10, 2009. He was a retired high school teacher and coach, and furniture sales representative. Memorials may be made to the Earl Gartman Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.
- '61 **William D. Brown of Rossville, Ga.**, died April 20, 2009, of heart disease and complications from multiple sclerosis. He was a pharmacist.
- '62 **William T. Davis**, age 72, of Acworth, Ga., died July 28, 2009. He was a million dollar agent for Mass Mutual Insurance, and owned Star Cleaners and Star Valet in Atlanta, Ga.

**Jack S. Kirkley**, age 78, of Birmingham, died Aug. 21, 2009. He was a teacher, Baptist minister, and master craftsman and artist. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

'65 **Peggy Suzanne White Toifel**, age 65, of Milton, Fla., died Sept. 16, 2009. She was a librarian and business instructor at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla., and president of the Piece Makers Quilting Guild of Milton.

'67 **John P. Jackson** of Panama City, Fla., died Sept. 10, 2009. He owned Jackson Drugs in Springfield, Fla. He served four years with the Air Force during the Korean War.

**Linda Clark Keen**, age 63, of Kingsport, Tenn., died July 18, 2009, of complications from diabetes. She was active in church and civic work.

'68 **Cecil Himes, M.B.A.**, age 94, of Birmingham, died Sept. 19, 2009. An Army colonel and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he received his Samford degree after retiring from a 30-year military career.

'71 **Connie Keith Vera**, age 62, of Leeds, Ala., died Sept. 11, 2009. She was a veterinarian's assistant at Eastwood Animal Clinic in Irondale, Ala.

'73 **Rebecca Ruth Burdette, M.A.**, age 69, of Birmingham, died Oct. 14, 2009. She earned master's degrees in history and in English at Samford.

'74 **Jake Gary Hagy**, of Birmingham, died Sept. 29, 2009. He was a pharmacist at St. Vincent's Hospital for 30 years.

**Thomas Lee Jones, M.B.A.** '77, age 62, of Hoover, Ala., died Aug. 29, 2009. He worked with the Transportation Security Administration. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

'78 **Robert Wyeth Lee, J.D.**, age 55, of Birmingham, died Aug. 16, 2009. His law practice centered on workers' compensation, civil litigation and mediation at trial and appellate levels. He was coauthor of Alabama Workers' Compensation Law and Handbook.

**Drew S. Pinkerton, J.D.**, age 56, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died Sept. 8, 2009, of cancer. He was a criminal defense attorney and partner in the firm of Anchors, Smith Grimsley. He was a former chief assistant state attorney and chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the First Judicial Circuit.

'92 **Andre D. Ashley, M.M.Ed.**, age 45, of Birmingham died Aug. 10, 2009. He was choral director at Jess Lanier High School in Bessemer, Ala., where he started a popular show choir, and taught mixed chorus

and music appreciation. At Samford, he was a graduate assistant and sang with the A Cappella Choir and the Samford Singers. He was a member of the A Cappella Alumni Choir.

### Other Samford Family Deaths

**James Downs Griffin**, age 23, a Samford senior sociology major from Chicago, Ill., died suddenly Sept. 8, 2009. He was a forward and three-year letterman on the men's basketball team.

**Jane Laroque Slaughter Hardenbergh**, age 79, of Birmingham, died Sept. 14, 2009. She taught organ at Samford during 1956-59, and designed the Aeolian-Skinner organ in Reid Chapel and the Holtkamp organ in Buchanan Hall.

**Ben F. Harrison**, age 85, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Sept. 26, 2009. He was a Birmingham business leader who served 37 years on Samford's board of trustees, beginning in 1971. He was instrumental in identifying the property that became Samford's London Study Center, known as Daniel House, in 1984.

Samford's Ben F. Harrison Theatre was named in his honor in 1987.

During his career, he was chief executive officer of U.S. Pipe and of U.S. Home, and chairman of the board and president of Harrison Industries, Inc. He was a tank driver with the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Philippines.

**Witold W. Turkiewicz**, who died Nov. 4 at age 79, taught piano as a member of the Samford University faculty for 42 years. He joined the faculty in 1955 and retired in 1997. He was associate professor of music and distinguished artist-in-residence. As director of the Clift Learning Center, he was a pioneer at Samford in the application of music technology to the learning process.

Turkiewicz was perhaps best known for his numerous recitals over the years. He performed with the Birmingham Symphony, Huntsville Symphony, Alabama Pops Orchestra and others. His annual faculty recital in Wright Center Concert Hall was a much-anticipated event, drawing large crowds.

A faculty resolution on the occasion of his retirement described him as a "congenial colleague to fellow faculty members, and a demanding yet caring teacher."

Turkiewicz was born in New Castle, Pa. He held music degrees from the University of Miami (cum laude) and Columbia University, and a diploma from Curtis Institute of Music.

Several of his eight children were Samford students, as well as his granddaughter, former Miss Alabama Amanda Tapley, a current music major.

"When he retired, Forbes Pianos gave him a space to use in their store, and he taught all 27 grandchildren how to play the piano," said his music faculty colleague, Bill Bugg. "As a dedicated and committed teacher, there simply was no better role model."

**H. Evan Zeiger, Sr.**, age 88, of Pell City, Ala., died Aug. 30, 2009. The former Samford vice president for financial affairs joined Samford as business manager in 1956. Soon afterward, he was involved in the task of moving equipment and university property from the school's East Lake location to its new site in Homewood. He also was athletics director from 1969 until his retirement in 1984.

He was then general manager of Jetco, Inc., a charter and fixed-base operation at Birmingham Airport. A licensed pilot, he taught ground school courses in the Samford After Sundown program for many years. ■



# CAMPUS news

## New Shepherd Book Examines Christianity's Role in Human Rights



Dr. Frederick M. Shepherd

What is Christianity's role in the human rights movement? Samford

University invited scholars from a variety of perspectives to examine this issue at its "Christianity and Human Rights" Lilly Research

Conference in the fall of 2004. Now, Lexington Books has published a volume of essays, *Christianity and Human Rights: Christians and the Struggle for Global Justice*, that draws on that event.

Edited by Dr. Frederick M. Shepherd, chair of Samford's political science department and conference codirector, the 294-page volume presents 14 essays, most of which were selected from among the 50 papers presented at the conference, plus introductory and concluding chapters by Shepherd. The contributors provide diverse perspectives on the theology behind the idea of human rights, the debate over its meaning and the evolution of the struggle for human rights.

The book is "a clarion call for the vigorous application of faith to the pressing injustices of our times," said reviewer Andrew Christian van Gorder, a Baylor University religion professor. "Readers are offered a foundational rationale as well as a deeply personal challenge to their own moral responsibilities."

The book presents perspectives from a variety of disciplines, including economics, political science, law, history, philosophy and theology. The essays offer a broad political spectrum, including specific accounts from activists participating in the human rights struggle. Separate chapters focus on cases from Africa, Latin America and Asia.

"I hope that the call for collaboration among faiths and between the growing

religious and secular human rights movements will be heard," said Shepherd. "The movement for human rights has brought out the best in all religions, and stands as a potent rejoinder to those forces which would emphasize our differences rather than our common humanity. I hope that this book will contribute to these efforts."

Essays are included by Thomas Bamat, Maryknoll Catholic mission movement; Patrick Byrne, Boston College; Dana Dillon, Providence College; the late Robert Drinan, Georgetown University; Jean Bethke Elhstain, University of Chicago; Nico Horn, University of Namibia; James Lewis, Bethel University; Joseph Loconte, the King's College, New York City; Joyce J. Michael, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic; John Sniegocki, Xavier University; Johannes van der Ven, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands; James Waller, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation; Jonathan Warner, Quest University Canada; and John Witte, Emory University.

"It's been a genuine pleasure to have the chance to work with colleagues from a wide variety of fields and backgrounds as I put the volume together," Shepherd added. "I was honored to be part of a project that included scholars such as the late Robert Drinan, John Witte, Jim Waller, and many others."

Shepherd has published widely on genocide, human rights and Latin American politics. He has been affiliated with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Holocaust Education Foundation. His current research interest is the human rights movement and genocide in Guatemala. ■

—William Nunnolley

For information on the book or to order copies, go to [www.lexingtonbooks.com](http://www.lexingtonbooks.com).

## International Gruber Prize Awarded at Cumberland

Attorney Bryan Stevenson of Montgomery, Ala., and the European Roma Rights Centre [ERRC] of Budapest, Hungary, shared the 2009 Gruber Prize for Justice for "their tireless advocacy of human rights" for individuals belonging to oppressed groups with little or no access to the justice system.

The prestigious international prize of \$500,000 was awarded by the Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation in a ceremony Sept. 24 at Samford's Cumberland School of Law. Foundation president Patricia Gruber presented the awards.

Stevenson's organization, the Equal Justice Initiative [EJI], represents indigent defendants, death-row inmates, and juveniles who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. With his staff, he has been largely responsible for reversals or reduced sentences in more than 75 death penalty cases.

The ERRC combats anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma peoples in Europe. It has set in motion more than 500 court cases in 15 countries to fight injustice against Romani individuals, securing more than two million euros in compensation for them.

"Why do I do what I do?" said Stevenson during a panel discussion at the awards program. "Because problems still exist." He cited the increase in America's jail population as a significant reason. "There were 200,000 people in jail in 1972, and now there are 2.3 million. We have many people who can't get access to the legal system." He added, "You judge a society by how it treats the poor."

In a separate program, Stevenson spoke to Samford freshmen in core curriculum classes. "It is always important to have convictions," he said. "Ideas are not enough; you must have conviction in your heart. You have to be willing to say things when it is not convenient."

He noted that the United States was a wealthy nation that tolerated poverty. Citing Alabama's Black Belt region, he said, "Poverty creates despair, and you give up quickly. If we don't challenge poverty, we condemn a lot of people."

Stevenson reminded the freshmen, "You have the capacity to say something about issues that matter." He urged them to have hope that problems could be solved. "You must have hope." ■

# Nursing Honors Jernigan, Courage to Care Recipients



The inaugural recipients of the Courage to Care Awards presented by Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing are, from left, Kim Hurst, Joan E. Walker, Dana Benton, Connie Hogewood, Christy A. Nation, Lindsey M. Harris, Vanessa McNeil, Gloria Deitz, Carol Donaldson, Kathy Livingston, Lorene Hansford, Dr. Carol Ratcliffe and Cecile Cherry. The late Dr. Margaret Millsap also was honored.

A man who was cited as an “angel of mercy in the fullest sense” to Samford University’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing was honored as the first recipient of the school’s Angel Award this fall.

The late **Thomas Edgar “Tom” Jernigan** was responsible for scholarships that will ensure that students for generations to come are able to receive the education and training needed as nursing professionals, said nursing dean Nena Sanders.

“Thomas Jernigan had the courage to care for others, and the world is better for it,” said Dr. Sanders.

The Angel Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the nursing school.

Jernigan’s widow, Donna Jernigan, accepted the award at the nursing school’s first Courage to Care Awards Gala, held Sept. 18 in Samford’s Hanna Center. Her late husband, though a humble man, would have appreciated the award, she said after the ceremony.

“He loved the nursing profession. He was very giving, and nurses are very giving people,” she said, noting that her husband’s appreciation for nurses intensified in 2003 during a serious illness that included two heart operations and lung surgery.

Jernigan was president of Marathon Corporation, a real estate company, and a noted Birmingham business leader at the

time of his death in 2008.

The award is a replica of the Angel of Mercy statue that stands outside the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts, which houses the nursing school.

The gala also honored alumni of Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and its forerunner, Birmingham Baptist Hospital, who exemplify the “courage to care” through their past or current nursing practice.

The term is associated with the school’s namesake and faculty member, the late Ida V. Moffett, who noted, “It takes courage to care, to open the heart and act with sympathy and compassion.”

The inaugural recipients of the Courage to Care awards were nominated by their peers and coworkers as having the courage to care, said Sanders. The 14 honorees are:

**Dana Benton ’95**, clinical coordinator, labor and delivery, at Brookwood Medical Center.

**Cecile Cherry ’01, ’03**, a nurse educator in the Cardiovascular Operating Room at UAB Hospital.

**Gloria Deitz ’67**, nurse manager of the 6 West Surgical Unit at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

**Carol Donaldson ’76**, nursing information systems coordinator at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

**Lorene Hansford ’67**, nursing director of Surgical Services at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

**Lindsey M. Harris ’06**, Clinical Level II nurse and day shift charge nurse on the benign gynecology/gynecology oncology unit at UAB Hospital.

**Connie Hogewood ’06**, clinical coordinator, perinatal services, at Brookwood Medical Center.

**Knox “Kim” M. Hurst III ’73, ’76**, an anesthesia department clinical manager of the orthopedic and sports medicine center at St. Vincent’s Hospital.

**Kathy Livingston ’74**, education and bariatric coordinator at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

**Vanessa McNeil ’82**, nurse manager of the medical/surgical oncology unit at Trinity Medical Center.

**Christy A. Nation ’95**, director of Women’s Services at Brookwood Medical Center.

**Dr. Carol Ratcliffe ’09**, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing executive at St. Vincent’s East.

**Joan E. Walker ’66**, clinical nurse specialist in the Medical Nursing Division at UAB Hospital.

The late **Dr. Margaret Millsap ’45**, a longtime nurse and nursing educator who served on the faculties of schools of nursing at Birmingham-Southern College, Samford and UAB.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland shared his admiration for nursing students and professionals whose chosen career puts them “confronted immediately with life and death.” ■

—Mary Wimberley



# Arts and Sciences Deans Share Memories Spanning Five Decades



Retired arts and sciences deans, from left, Ruric Wheeler, Lee Allen and Rod Davis join current Dean David Chapman for Samford program.

During the five decades since it became an academic unit in 1968, Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences has been led by five deans. Recently, four of the five who have guided the largest of Samford's eight schools shared memories at a program moderated by Provost Brad Creed.

Participating were Dr. Ruric E. Wheeler (1968–70), Dr. Lee N. Allen (1976–90), Dr. J. Roderick Davis (1990–2001) and the current dean, Dr. David W. Chapman. Dr. Hugh C. Bailey, dean during 1970–75, was unable to attend.

Wheeler recalled Samford's difficult financial times of the 1950s, when the school moved to Homewood from East Lake. Competition for students with area junior colleges and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, all of which offered lower tuition, provided a challenge, and faculty salaries were lower at Samford.

Wheeler praised Samford's dedicated faculty. "Any one of them could have left for a state institution and higher pay, but they were dedicated to Christian higher education," he said. He added that they met his challenge to create new academic programs, which resulted in increased enrollment in the school's various departments.

Wheeler later served as vice president for academic affairs.

Bailey, who served as dean between Wheeler and Allen, graduated from Samford at age 20. He served 22 years as history professor and dean at Samford before joining the administration at Francis Marion College in South Carolina. Bailey later served as president of Valdosta State University in Georgia from 1978 until he retired in 2001.

Allen shared bits of history about Samford as well as Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

In 1965, Howard College became Samford University. Allen noted that President Leslie S. Wright had a hard time convincing the Alabama Baptist State Convention to change the name.

"His argument was that it would cost no more to be a university, but that it would be more prestigious," said Allen. Dr. Wright wanted the change to take affect during the school's 125th anniversary in 1966, but the two local newspapers began using the new name in print immediately after the convention approved it in November of 1965. "So he was pressed to adopt the new name," said Allen.

Allen, who also served during President Thomas Corts' tenure, considers the faculty he employed as the best thing he did while dean. He also noted the quality of arts and sciences students, who have gone on to success in

academics, business and Baptist leadership—a sentiment echoed by the other deans.

"We have a record of which we can be proud," said Allen, who joined the faculty as a history professor in 1961 and served the university 40 years before retiring in 2001.

Davis became dean after 19 years on the English faculty at the City University of New York's John Jay College, where he had become frustrated with ongoing hostilities between the administration and riot-prone students.

During a particularly trying time at the New York school, Davis noticed an ad in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for the dean's position. "I was startled because I had never seen an ad in the *Chronicle* for a Samford position. I thought then that Samford must be making strides," said Davis, a 1957 graduate of the school.

After a series of interviews indicated that he and Samford were still a good fit, Davis joined the faculty of his alma mater. One factor that appealed to him was Samford's interest in curriculum change. He had just worked on that at John Jay.

"I found that I loved the place more than I thought," Davis said.

He cited receiving several grants and hiring new faculty members as being among his noteworthy accomplishments. About a third of the faculty that currently serve in arts and sciences were hired during his tenure.

Chapman said he had never considered academic administration would be in his future. "When Dean Davis asked me to be associate dean in 1996, I was surprised," he said.

Chapman joined the Samford faculty in 1990 as associate professor of English and director of the writing across the curriculum program. Now, he heads a college that includes 17 departments and offers more than 30 majors.

Glenda Martin is a common denominator for four of the five deans. She has been secretary for Allen, Davis and Chapman, and also served as Wheeler's secretary when he was vice president for academic affairs. ■

—Mary Wimberley

## Global Economist Quinlan Believes Recession Is Over

Financial and global markets expert Joseph Quinlan believes the recession is over. Speaking at a seminar hosted by Samford's Brock School of Business and Merrill Lynch Oct. 20, he offered a perspective on the U.S. economy that differs with many forecasters.

Quinlan, managing director and chief market strategist with Investment Strategies Group and Bank of America, believes the U.S. economy is dynamic and, although it has gone through a rough period, is in much better shape than most others around the world.

Quinlan believes unemployment will bottom out next spring, although he said it might reach 10 percent (it did so in October's national report). On the brighter side, he expects capital expenditures and factory production to go up next year. Exports will continue to grow, and those worried about a weaker U.S. dollar should not do so, because a weaker dollar helps that growth, he said. Compared to China, he added, the U.S. economy is not bad.

The economist said he was concerned with Congress and the \$1.4 trillion budget deficit because of the bailout of Wall Street. He believes banks were responsible for the economic crisis and that the government had to bail them out to avoid a repeat of the 1930's Depression Era, but he worries about the budget deficit, spending and the government becoming involved in the firing of CEOs. However, he believes Federal Reserve System chairman Ben Bernanke has the right plan for economic recovery.

Quinlan differs with Congressional representatives who favor protectionism. Exports drive the U.S. economy today, he said, and he thinks protectionism will be detrimental to economic growth.

"As a nation, we should not fear economic growth in Brazil, Russia, India and China [BRIC]; we should embrace their growth and hope that they make it," he said.

Foreign investments are coming in, and that is good for the U.S. economy, he added. The South is one of the most dynamic areas of the country for foreign investments and economic growth. Quinlan said he was impressed with the diversification of the economy in the Southeast. ■

—Kara Kennedy

## Like a Good Cup of Coffee? Try O'Henry's Samford Bulldog Blend



If you love a good cup of coffee, you might want to try the latest blend available in the Samford Food Court or online. It's called Samford Bulldog Blend.

The new coffee is a unique blend of three premium beans from Central

America, South America and Indonesia, custom roasted by O'Henry's Coffees of Homewood.

O'Henry's has been selling premium coffee in the Birmingham area since 1993. It opened a coffee shop in the Samford Food Court in 2006. Its newest offering is Samford Bulldog Blend, on sale in the Food Court or online at [www.ohenryscoffees.com](http://www.ohenryscoffees.com).

Regular or decaf beans or ground coffee are available. A one-pound bag costs \$11.99, and a portion of the cost benefits Samford.

Why Bulldog Blend?

It's the brainchild of Stan Davis, Samford's director of gift and estate planning, with help from Food Court manager David Montgomery.

Davis loves a good cup of coffee. As he was enjoying his favorite drink recently, he was struck by an idea. Why not develop a special blend of coffee that would carry the Samford name?

"Samford is a unique place, and what could be more appropriate than developing a special blend with the Samford name?" Davis said. He talked to Montgomery about the idea, and they approached O'Henry's. Thus was born Samford Bulldog Blend.

The coffee is also available at Samford athletics events and at any event at which the Food Court handles concessions.

"We invite the Samford family, and everyone else, to stop by the Food Court for a cup of Bulldog Blend," said Davis. "It's good stuff." ■

Food Court manager David Montgomery, left, and gift and estate planning director Stan Davis enjoy some Bulldog Blend coffee in Dale Washington Courtyard.





# Samford Soccer Posts Its Best Record



Southern Conference Co-Player of the Year Amber Cress

The Samford soccer team posted its best record in school history this fall. Coach Todd Yelton's squad finished with a 12-1-5 overall record and 7-1-3 Southern Conference mark, good for second place.

The Bulldogs ended the regular season with a nine-match undefeated string. In the opening round of the four-team conference tournament, they fought the College of Charleston to a monumental 0-0 tie in regulation and two overtime periods (110 minutes), only to suffer a heartbreaking 6-5 loss on penalty kicks.

The match produced Samford's 12th shutout of the year.

"I am very proud of our team this year," Yelton said. "To lose only one game all year is amazing. I am not certain people really understand what an accomplishment that is. We play in a very demanding conference and faced off against in-state rivals Auburn and Alabama.

"In the end, we will be one of the last teams not to receive an at-large bid this year," he added. "If we could have turned a few of those ties into wins, we would be making our third trip to the NCAA tournament in the last five years. Although we graduate some great players this year, I believe the future is very bright for the Samford soccer program."

Samford's Amber Cress, a forward, was named one of the SoCon's two Co-Players of the Year with UNC-Greensboro's Tabitha Padgett. Cress was one of four Samford players on the All-SoCon first team with midfielder Natalie Fleming, defender Theresa Henry and goalkeeper Alyssa Whitehead.

Freshman defender Sabbath McKiernan-Allen of Samford was named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team.

Samford outscored opponents, 29-6, during the season. Whitehead allowed only six goals in 174 shots by opponents, one of the top marks in the nation. Cress led the Bulldogs in scoring with 23 points on seven goals and nine assists.

In its first two seasons in the SoCon, Samford posted a 15-3-7 record. ■



Samford runner Hillary Neal receives her All-Southern Conference cross-country award from Brandon Neff, SoCon assistant commissioner for championships.

## Cross-Country Women’s Team Wins First Samford SoCon Title

The Samford women’s cross-country team ran away with the championship trophy at the Southern Conference Cross Country Championships in Elon, N.C., Oct. 31. The performance won Samford its first Southern Conference championship in any sport.

“I can’t really express what we are feeling right now,” said Samford Head Coach Rod Tiffin. “Our girls . . . gave everything they had. I could not be more proud.”

Tiffin was named SoCon Coach of the Year.

The women were the conference’s preseason pick to upset defending champion Chattanooga. The Bulldogs scored 74 points in the championship, edging host Elon by a scant point. Appalachian State took third with 83 points, while Furman (93) and Davidson (110) rounded out the top five. Chattanooga (134) finished sixth.

“It is always hard to be the favorite,” Tiffin said, “especially when it would be the first win, but we really worked hard.”

Samford earned the right to compete in the NCAA South Regional Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 14.

Junior Hillary Neal paced the Bulldogs in the SoCon meet, taking fourth place and garnering first-team All-Conference honors for the second year in a row. She ran the 5,000-meter course in 18:32.22.

“It’s just really exciting,” Neal said. “We didn’t really know how we did when we finished. Then we got down to the ceremony, and they told us we won. It’s been our goal all year.”

The Samford women came in first in three of four meets despite running in rain in three races (Memphis Twilight, Ole Miss Invitational and Southeast Showdown) and having another meet canceled by rain.

Ina Ables was Samford’s other All-Conference honoree. The junior finished fifth in her first appearance at the Southern Conference Championships. Ables has been plagued with injuries for the past four years and has finally been healthy enough to run this year. She finished fifth and ran the course in 18:44.39.

Andrea Seccafien and Jessica Van Ausdall finished 18th and 19th, respectively, while Lauren D’Alessio just made it in the top 30 at 28th place. Cori Christensen (64th), Holly Benson (70th), Jillian Klassen (83rd) and Alli Keithan (86th) rounded out the field for the Samford women.

The Samford men finished 10th in the conference meet. Senior Patrick Ollinger led the Bulldogs, running the 8,000-meter race in 27:05.40 to finish 44th among the men. Appalachian State won the men’s SoCon championship for the second consecutive year. ■



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# EVENT highlights

- Dec. 21–25** **Christmas holidays**, university closed
- Dec. 28–30** **Continuing education seminar**, hosted by Cumberland School of Law, 205-726-2865
- Dec. 29–30** **T-Mobile Invitational national high school basketball tournament**, Hanna Center, [www.samford.edu/ops/hanna](http://www.samford.edu/ops/hanna)
- Dec. 31–Jan. 1** **New Year's holiday**, university closed
- Jan. 4** **Jan Term classes begin**
- Jan 7–9** **Samford Honor Band for middle and high school band students**, hosted by the School of the Arts, 205-726-2485
- Jan. 9** **Samford Honor Band concert, 2:30 p.m.**, Wright Center Concert Hall
- School Violence Prevention demonstration workshop**, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-2433
- Jan. 14–18** **Music Teachers National Association Southern Division competition**, hosted by the School of the Arts, 205-726-2489
- Jan. 15** **Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence Workshop**, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-4064
- Jan. 16** **American All-Star Dance and Drill Team competition**, Wright Center Concert Hall, 1-866-766-STAR or [www.americanallstar.com](http://www.americanallstar.com)
- Jan. 18** **Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**, university closed
- MLK Day High School Girls Basketball Classic**, hosted by Hanna Center, [www.samford.edu/ops/hanna](http://www.samford.edu/ops/hanna)
- Jan. 21–22** **Jan Term final exams**
- Jan. 23** **Metropolitan Opera auditions for North Alabama District**, hosted by School of the Arts, Harrison Theatre, 205-726-2504
- Jan. 25** **Spring semester classes begin**
- Jan. 25–Feb. 26** **Visiting Visual Artist Series: Sculpture of Randy Gachet**, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, 205-726-2840
- Jan. 29, 31** **Opera Birmingham presents Giuseppe Verdi's Aida**, Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-322-6737, [www.operabirmingham.org](http://www.operabirmingham.org)
- Jan. 29–30** **Preministerial Scholars interviews**, 205-726-4203
- Jan. 30** **University Fellows interviews**, 205-726-4203
- Feb. 4–7** **Blame It on the Movies**, presented by Music Theatre Ensemble, Bolding Studio, [www.samford.edu/arts/tickets](http://www.samford.edu/arts/tickets)
- Feb. 5–6** **School of the Arts auditions**, 205-726-4524
- Feb. 6** **LSAT exam**, 8 a.m.–12 p.m., 205-726-2561
- ACT exam**, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., 205-726-2561
- Feb. 6** **School Violence Prevention demonstration workshop**, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-2433
- Feb. 9** **Faculty recital: Cameron "Chip" Crotts**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Feb. 11–12** **Fletcher-Morris Piano Competition**, Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2499
- Feb. 12** **Davis Architects Guest Artist Series** presents Roberto Plano, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, [www.samford.edu/arts/tickets](http://www.samford.edu/arts/tickets)
- Feb. 12–13** **School of the Arts auditions**, 205-726-4524
- Feb. 15** **Admission Scholars Day**, hosted by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid, 205-726-2217
- Feb. 16** **Voces 8**, sponsored jointly by the School of the Arts and Birmingham Boys Choir, 7:30 p.m., Reid Chapel, [www.samford.edu/arts/tickets](http://www.samford.edu/arts/tickets)
- Feb. 18–20** **Step Sing, 7 p.m.**, Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-726-2345
- Feb. 21** **SuperJazz Concert**, 3 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, tickets sold at the door, 205-254-2731, ext. 21
- Feb. 22** **Samford Writers Series** presents Jack Pendarvis, 7 p.m., 302N Divinity Hall, 205-726-4036
- Feb. 23** **Faculty recital: Joseph Hopkins**, baritone, and Michael Patilla, guitar, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

- Feb. 24** **Health-care panel** presented by the Black Law Students Association, 6 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall
- Feb. 26–28** **Alabama Ballet** presents Don Quixote, Wright Center Concert Hall, [www.alabamaballet.org](http://www.alabamaballet.org)
- Model United Nations High School Conference**, 205-726-2630
- March 1–12** **Visual Arts Achievement Program**, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, 205-726-2840
- March 2** **Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, [www.alabamasymphony.org](http://www.alabamasymphony.org)
- March 6** **Crimson Classic cheerleading competition**, 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Hanna Center, [www.acdaspirit.com/crimsonclassic/home](http://www.acdaspirit.com/crimsonclassic/home)
- Alabama Day of Percussion**, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Brock Hall, 205-726-2488
- March 9** **Concerto-Aria concert**, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, [www.samford.edu/arts](http://www.samford.edu/arts)
- March 11** **Samford Auxiliary meeting**, 10 a.m., Brock Hall, 205-726-4373
- Samford Wind Ensemble Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, [www.samford.edu/arts](http://www.samford.edu/arts)
- March 13–14** **Bravo! National Dance and Talent Competition**, 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 1-877-272-8641, [www.bravocompetition.com](http://www.bravocompetition.com)
- March 15–19** **Spring break**, no classes, university offices open
- March 19, 21** **Opera Birmingham present Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro***, Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-322-6737, [www.operabirmingham.org](http://www.operabirmingham.org)
- March 23** **Faculty recital: An Evening of Opera Arias**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2505
- March 25–28** **Samford Theatre Dance presents "Impulse: A Dance Concert,"** Harrison Theatre, [www.samford.edu/arts/tickets](http://www.samford.edu/arts/tickets)
- March 26** **A Cappella Choir Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel, [www.samford.edu/arts](http://www.samford.edu/arts)
- March 27–28** **Thunderstruck Dance Competition**, 8 a.m.–11 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 1-702-838-2893, [www.thunderstruckdance.com](http://www.thunderstruckdance.com)
- March 30** **University Chorale Vespers Service**, 7:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel, [www.samford.edu/arts](http://www.samford.edu/arts)

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## Model U.N. Students Headed to Belgrade

Samford's Model United Nations [MUN] team will travel to Belgrade, Serbia, in March 2010 to participate in the week-long Belgrade International Model United Nations [BiMUN] conference and a foreign-service educational program sponsored in part by the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade. As in other MUN conferences, the 12 team members will participate in a simulation where they represent specific countries in discussions of various key international topics.

"BiMUN participants hail from locales that would rarely be represented on the U.S. MUN circuit, thus providing Samford's students an opportunity to interact with individuals from a broader range of cultural backgrounds," said political science professor Andrew Konitzer, team sponsor.

"The BiMUN staff supplements the conference with a very intensive program of historical-cultural tours, a National Night at which students share aspects of their culture with other

participants, and a home-stay program allowing students to spend time with English-speaking Serbian families."

In addition to the BiMUN program, the U.S. Embassy has agreed to host a series of meetings, roundtables and other activities for Samford students, Dr. Konitzer noted. These include discussions with the U.S. ambassador and various foreign-service officers where students will have the opportunity to learn about life in foreign service.

Embassy officials also will arrange meetings with local politicians, nongovernmental organization leaders, journalists and representatives from other international organizations working in the region.

Finally, Samford students will participate in a roundtable discussion with students from the University of Belgrade on various key topics related to American politics, culture and society. ■





Samford running back Chris Evans (24) gained a career-high 257 yards in the Bulldogs' 27-24 win at Wofford Nov. 14, establishing a new school career rushing record (3,379 yards). Here, Evans eludes tacklers in Samford's 31-10 homecoming win over Georgia Southern.