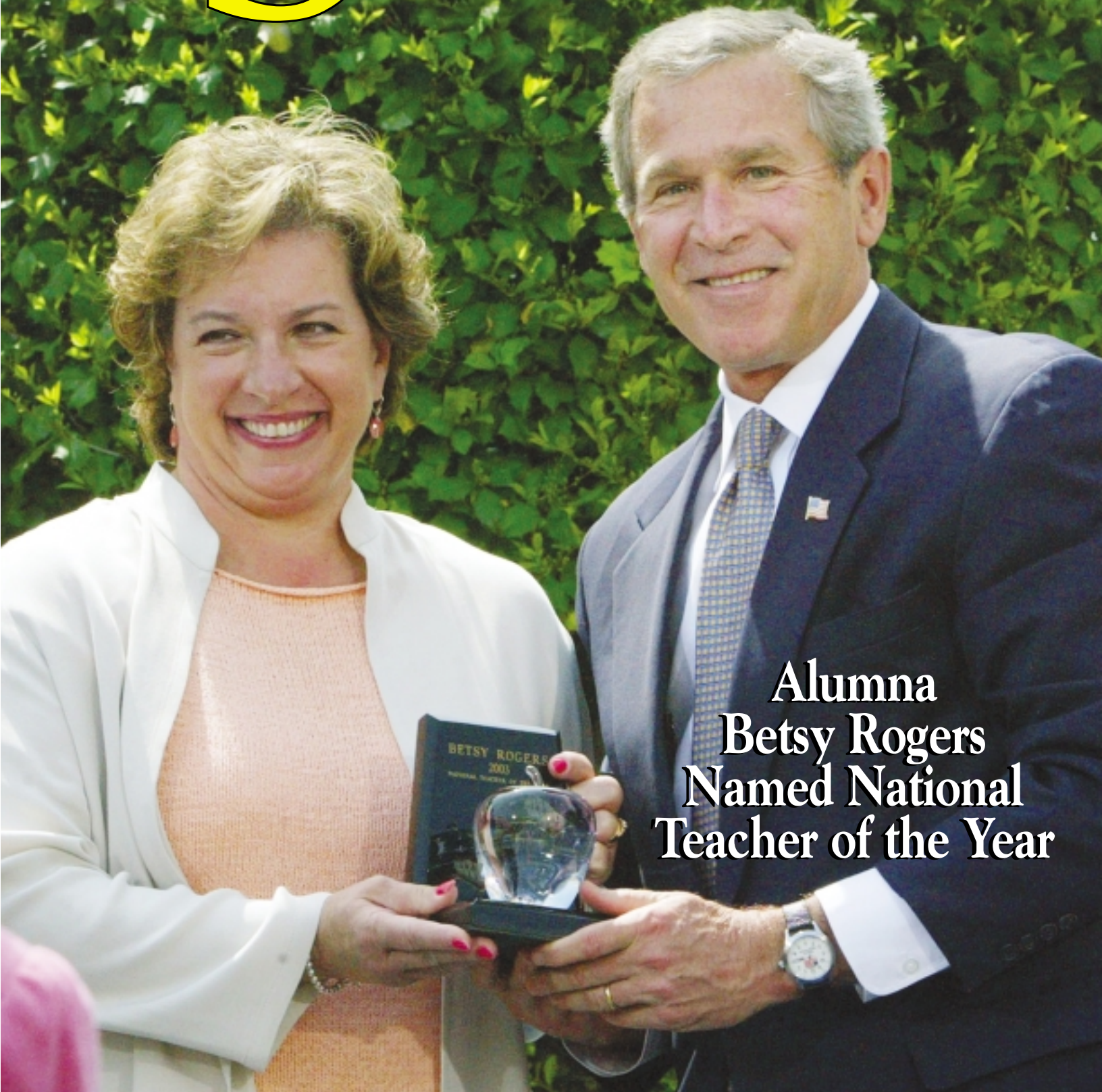


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**Alumna  
Betsy Rogers  
Named National  
Teacher of the Year**



*from the*  
*desk of the*  
*President*

## Not There Yet

**T**here is value in marking the milestones. Acknowledging progress helps us to appreciate the triumphs and to shake off the disappointments that make up the journey. We are not there yet. Unfulfilled hopes still loom on the horizon; some possibilities, never preconceived, are in the rear-view mirror— proof that our best-laid plans are subject to revision. Hope is to the future as gratitude is to the past.

When I completed five years as president of Samford, I asked the board of trustees to do a thorough evaluation of my work. With my family, we went to Nantucket and the East for four consecutive weeks. At the 10-year mark, with another assessment in progress, I was

kindly afforded a mini-sabbatical leave, and my wife and I renewed ourselves in England for four months. The summer of my 15th year as president, the board launched its regular quinquennial review. That winter, I had lost my youngest brother, my father and mother died in June and July, and I found myself coping with grief and with the disposition of all those humble things that had been part of my parents' lives.

Lord willing, on June 15 I will reach the end of two decades at Samford. Once again, I'll ask the board for an evaluation of my work, and we will set off on some vacation to recharge the batteries.

When more of the journey is behind you than before you, it is tempting to find

greater delight in the memories of what has occurred than in possibilities that might be. But anchored in history, Christianity is yet a religion of hope and prospect and future. All the best has not been used up for any one of us, or for our University.

We may not be there yet, but we are making good time; we are traveling with good companions; the journey is enjoyable; and the destination will be worthwhile. Full speed ahead.



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# Samford Alumna Betsy Rogers Named National Teacher of the Year

**B**etsy Rogers '72 has a message for teachers across the nation:

Never concede that some students just don't get it.

"If they didn't get it, who was supposed to give it to them? You were, so go back and find a way," said the newly recognized national teacher of the year. "Try other methods. Redo your work, look again at how you evaluate their work. You just never stop going back."

Rogers, who teaches at Leeds Elementary near Birmingham, was lauded by President George W. Bush at the White House April 30.

"She is an accomplished teacher with 22 years in the profession who could have her pick of any school," said Bush, "yet she chooses to teach in a school in an underprivileged area because she believes that devoted teachers and principals can make a difference in the lives

of students from every background."

Rogers holds four degrees from Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. She began teaching in 1974 after earning her B.S. in education. She added graduate degrees in 1998, 2000 and 2002.

She is a third-generation Samford student. Her grandmother and mother went to Samford when it was Howard College in East Lake.

A first- and second-grade teacher, Rogers has been at Leeds Elementary since the mid-1980s. Her selection as teacher of the year will put her on a national and international speaking tour representing her profession for a year.

"My whole issue is equity in education," she said. "I really wish we had a country where there was no need for legislation because

we would take care of all our children. It's unthinkable some children would not have the best facilities and a nurturing, safe environment. All children should have a quality education."

Rogers' ability to reach all students regardless of family or economic situation is one of her strong points.

"She is very interested in youngsters who come from impoverished backgrounds and working with children who grew up in poverty," said Dr. Maurice Persall, director of graduate programs at Samford. "She is dedicated to finding better ways to do that."

Rogers took time off from teaching to raise two sons during the late '70s and early '80s. When she returned to teaching, she said, "The poverty, neglect and abuse that many of my students experienced overwhelmed me. I wanted to change the world for them."

Rogers said she committed to making her classroom "a haven of safety as well as an environment that provided some joy to their unfortunate lives."

For the past several years, Rogers has taught first- and second-grade students in a process known as "looping." She follows the same group of students for two years, monitoring the progress of first-graders as they move to the second grade. This gives students the experience of learning with older and younger children and helps them learn to read at their own pace. "All children do not bloom at the same time," she said.

Rogers wrote Samford education Dean Ruth C. Ash that she had been uncertain she could complete her graduate degrees after a 24-year absence from any kind of university experience.

"I am here today because you encouraged me to extend my reach," she said. "You fostered and nurtured leadership abilities in me I did not know I had, and taught me the importance of being a teacher leader."

The National Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by Scholastic, Inc. Representatives of 14 national education associations choose the winner from among the state winners.

Even though she will take a year off from teaching, Rogers plans to return to her classroom as soon as possible.

"The students are my reward and joy," she said. "I never imagined I would be recognized for something I love doing every day." ■

[Betsy Rogers talks about education needs with President Bush.](#)

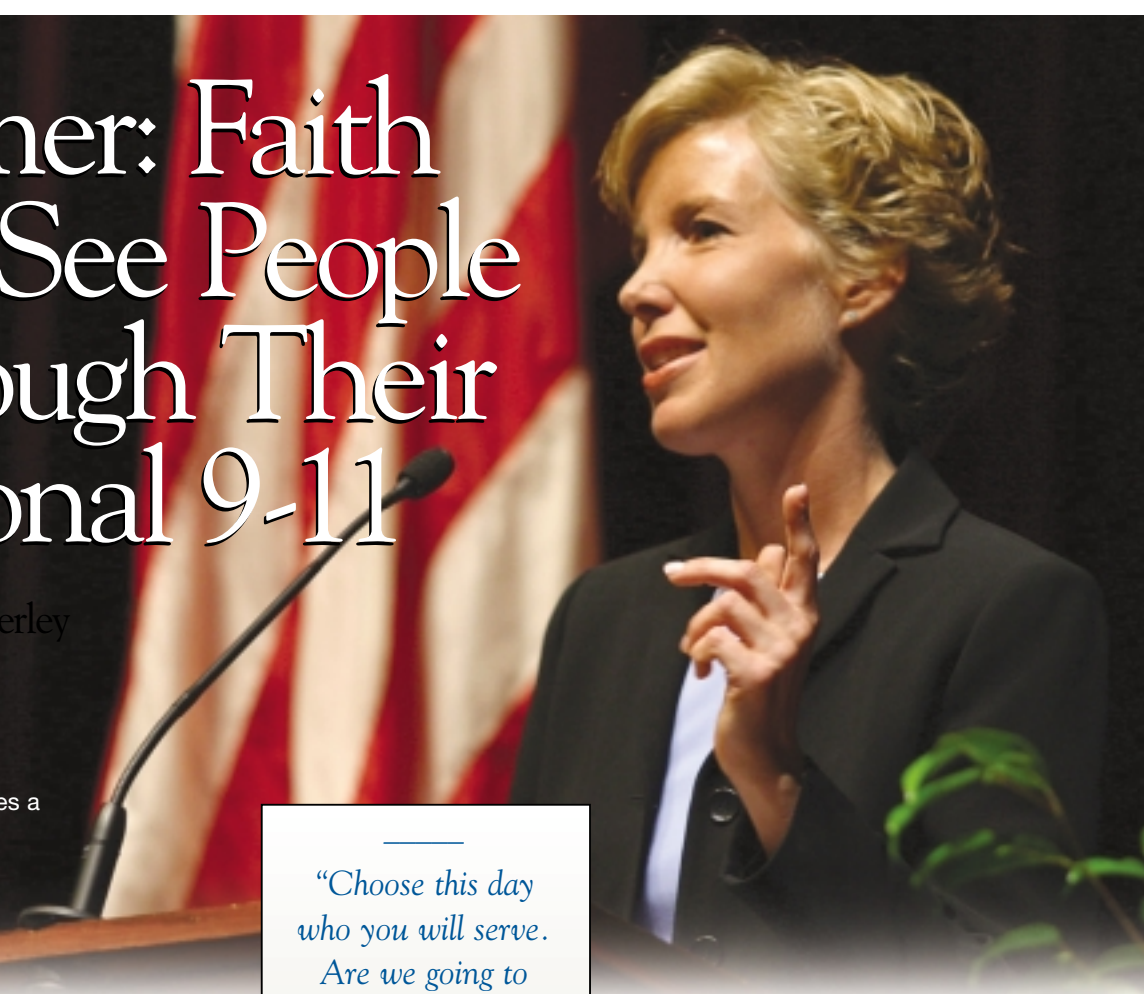


White House photo by Paul Morse

# Beamer: Faith Will See People Through Their Personal 9-11

by Mary Wimberley

Lisa Beamer addresses a Samford audience.



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 “Choose this day  
 who you will serve.  
 Are we going to  
 serve ourselves,  
 money or the God of  
 the universe?”  
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Lisa Beamer described her late husband, Todd, as a Type-A planner who had long kept a notebook of goals, such as earning a graduate degree, traveling Europe and providing for his family. As he accomplished each, he would check it off.

“All that planning didn’t matter on Sept. 11, 2001,” Beamer said at Samford May 15.

“I know what did matter to him, and it wasn’t his job, or paycheck or things written in a notebook. It was based on a decision he made at age seven to follow Jesus Christ,” said Beamer.

He spent the next 25 years developing that relationship, she said. “And that made all the difference for him that day.”

On Sept. 11, 2001, Todd Beamer became a hero on Flight 93, which was downed by terrorists. A telephone

operator later relayed to Lisa his sense of calm. His relationship with his God was what led to his sense of security in those final moments, said Beamer.

“God really is a loving God and full of grace, and Todd learned that by relating to and communicating with his God each and every day,” said Beamer. “He was focused on making sure he was in line with God’s plan.”

The Beamers, who met as students at Wheaton College in Illinois, were active members of Princeton Alliance Church in Plainsboro, N.J. Soon after the tragedy, Lisa Beamer became a national symbol of courage as she was introduced to Congress by President George Bush. She has since created the Todd M. Beamer Foundation to assist children,

other than her own, who were left parentless, and is the author of *Let’s Roll: Ordinary*

*People, Extraordinary Courage.*

What we need to take away from the experiences of 9-11, she said, is the same as what really mattered to her husband.

“Choose this day who you will serve. Are we going to serve ourselves, money or the God of the universe?” she challenged.

She uses a passage from Micah, which says to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God as her guide in raising the couple’s three preschool-age children, David, Drew and Morgan Kay, who was born Jan. 9, 2002.

When walking with her three-year-old son, she noted that he doesn’t always understand why she wants him to

go one way when he wants to go another, which might lead into a harmful situation.

“I relate that to my relationship with God. God is saying what I say to Drew, ‘Just trust me. I have your best interest at heart.’ All I have to do is take His hand and walk alongside.

“You will face a September 11, or something you have no idea is coming,” Beamer told the students, adding that if they put their faith in a loving God, the bumps will be smoother. “They have been for me, and they will be for you.”

Following her talk to students, Beamer addressed a luncheon crowd of 1,400 Samford Auxiliary members and guests. ■

# Where Samford Ranks High: Engaging Students in Effective Learning Activities

Samford students once again rolled up their sleeves to build a Habitat for Humanity house this spring. Fridays and Saturdays in March and April, groups headed west from campus to work at the construction site in Fairfield. They did so in an atmosphere of “fellowship and willingness to help,” said student Aaron Little, a sophomore from Birmingham who coordinates Habitat activities for students. “The unity and genuine charity [of the students] are encouraging, and one cannot help but be persuaded by the good spirits on the site.” Little was proud the project would be completed on time, “thanks to the dedication of many volunteers.”

They volunteer because “they have a good time and feel good about their work,” he said. They also learn some building skills, he added. Working in community service projects is a Samford tradition. It also represents one of the reasons the University ranked in the 90th percentile of a recent study measuring the amount of time Samford students spend in activities conducive to learning. The National Survey of Student Engagement [NSSE] polls freshmen and senior students at several hundred schools each year about the time they spend in a variety of practices that facilitate learning. This year, NSSE analyzed the results in a

benchmark study comparing student responses at peer institutions. Samford students spend more time in activities associated with high levels of learning than students at many similar schools, according to the study comparing results at 258 master’s level institutions. Working in a community-based project, either as part of a class or as a volunteer, is one of a number of practices NSSE views as a good learning experience. The practices are grouped into five areas, according to Sarah C. Latham, Samford director of Institutional Research:

■ **Level of Academic Challenge**, which includes time spent preparing for courses, number of assigned books, number and length of written papers, etc.

■ **Active and Collaborative Learning**, such as making a class presentation, working with classmates outside class, participating in a community-based project as part of a regular course.

■ **Student Faculty Interactions**, including talking about career plans with instructors, discussing ideas from readings or classes with faculty outside class, receiving prompt feedback from faculty on a student’s academic performance.

■ **Enriching Education Experiences**, including co-curricular activities, practicum, internships, study abroad, etc.

■ **Supportive Campus Environment**, which relates to supporting students academically and in nonacademic areas, as well as the quality of relationships with other students, faculty and administrative personnel, and offices.

“The areas are viewed by educators as benchmarks of

effective educational practices,” said Latham. Samford senior responses ranked the school in the 90th percentile in four of the five areas, placing the Level of Academic Challenge in the 70th percentile. Samford freshmen, however, ranked the school in the 90th percentile in Level of Academic Challenge as well as Active and Collaborative Learning, 80th in Enriching Educational Experiences and Supportive Campus Environment, and 60th in Student Faculty Interactions.

“I think our core curriculum has greatly contributed to the high marks we have received on the NSSE,” said Dr. David W. Chapman, dean of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, the school in which all undergraduates complete part of their requirements.

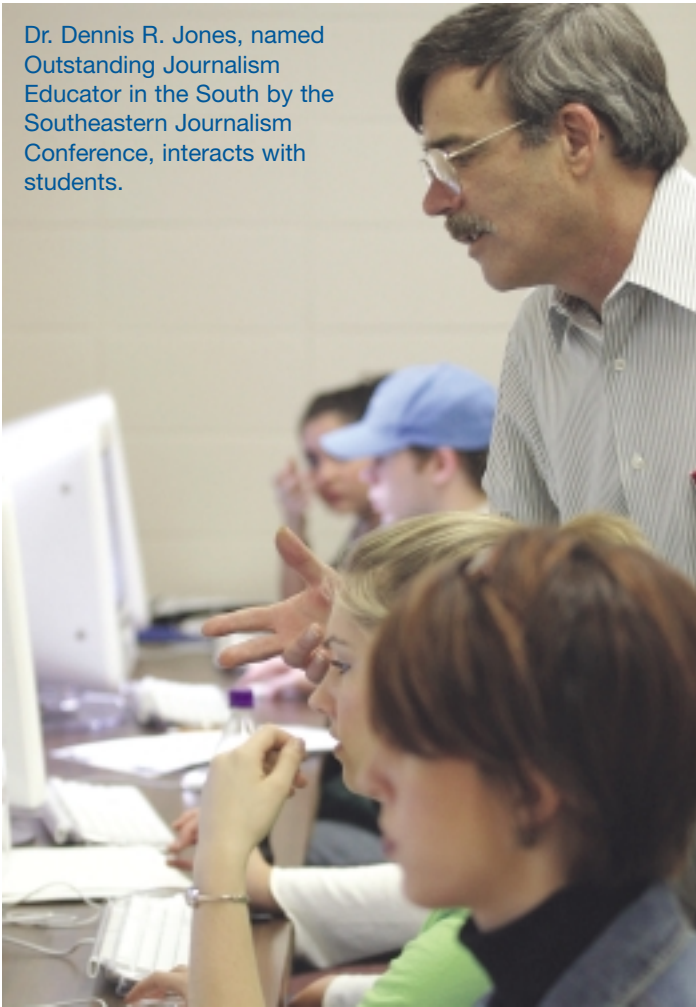
“Our Cultural Perspectives courses emphasize small-group discussion and other active learning experiences. Our Communication Arts 101 courses use service learning to integrate academic with real-world experiences,” said Chapman. “Last year, we had several hundred students engaged in projects ranging from working in after-school tutoring programs and homeless shelters to environmental clean-up projects.”

Faculty members often incorporate a work day at Habitat for Humanity sites into their classes, according to April Robinson, director of Student Ministries. Many times, students volunteer either as individuals or as part of campus organization groups. Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society sponsored a recent community clean-up and fun fest in the town of Marion, where Samford



Students Sarah Holt, left, and Megan Liff work on siding at the Samford Habitat for Humanity house in April.

Dr. Dennis R. Jones, named Outstanding Journalism Educator in the South by the Southeastern Journalism Conference, interacts with students.



opened its doors as Howard College in 1842.

Samford's emphasis on problem-based learning [PBL] continues to weave a practical teaching strain conducive to learning into the University's academic experience.

"We continue to use PBL approaches in many of our courses," said Chapman. "One of the results of our intensive focus on PBL was greater faculty attention to student learning. I think we [faculty] are less likely to assume, 'I know that I taught that because I heard myself say it.'"

Active learning is a key element in Samford's approach, said Dean Chapman.

"We try to begin our emphasis with student orientation," Chapman said. "For the past two years, we have encouraged students to read a short selection from an important writer. We then have had a general session, followed by breakout groups

to discuss the key ideas in the reading."

This fall, for example, students will read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in recognition of the 40th anniversary of its appearance. Samford history professor Jonathan Bass, author of a well-received study of the letter and its uses entitled *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, will speak at orientation.

The idea of engaging students in effective learning practices starts early at Samford and continues throughout, culminating in such fourth-year experiences as Senior Capstone, an arts and sciences program in which students present their own research at a national conference or student showcase.

The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing implemented PBL

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## Samford to Host 2004 Lilly Conference

Samford University has been selected to host the fourth annual Lilly Fellows National Research Conference in the fall of 2004. The theme of the November conference will be "Christianity and Human Rights."

Scholars across the nation will be invited to present papers. The conference will also include several prominent plenary speakers and numerous scholarly panels. Lilly awarded Samford an \$83,500 grant to host the conference.

The University of Notre Dame hosted the first Lilly National Research Conference in 2001, followed by Baylor University in 2002 and Seattle Pacific University this year.

Lilly National Research Conferences foster and

promote research that addresses issues of faith and learning, Christian practices of teaching, the relationship of religion and the academic disciplines, the relationship of the sacred and the secular, and other aspects of church-related higher education.

Dr. Fred Shepherd, chair of political science, and Dr. Chris Metress, associate professor of English, cowrote Samford's proposal to host the conference. They will serve as codirectors.

"The conference will bring scores of academics and activists across the country to focus on an important set of religious and political issues," said Shepherd. "Samford is delighted to have been selected as host in a highly competitive process." ■

## Riley Praises Student Perry County Work

Alabama Governor Bob Riley urged law students to "buy into the process of changing the Alabama constitution" during an appearance at Cumberland School of Law April 14.

Later, speaking in Reid Chapel, he praised Samford undergraduates for their work in the Sowing Seeds of Hope program for Perry County. Riley spoke at the Omicron Delta Kappa initiation program, during which he was inducted into Samford's chapter of the society.

"Thank you for your trip to the Black Belt," Riley said during the OΔK program, praising the students for staging a spring fun fest for Perry County residents and assisting in community service projects there April 12.

Riley said Alabama is joining Mississippi and federal officials to form a joint Alabama-Mississippi economic center to help solve economic problems in the Black Belt.

He said past attempts to change Alabama's antiquated constitution had failed partly because they were attempts to change the whole document.

"That's a difficult approach," the governor told several hundred law students. He plans to work for revision by changing three or four things initially.

His priorities, he said, are to change Alabama's excessive earmarking of state funds (92 cents of every dollar), increase county "home rule" and to implement a line-item veto. ■

# Nationalism and the Tangled Mideast: Tracing Its Evolution

by Dr. James S. Brown

One reason the West came to dominate the world in the 19th Century is easy to see: the powerful new technology of the industrial revolution—battleships, machine guns, factories, railroads.

It takes a second and longer look to see the equally powerful new psychological inventions for mobilizing Western populations: the ideologies or “-isms” of the age. The strongest of these was *nationalism* (as we usually call it when our opponents show signs of it) or *patriotism* (when we and ours have it). With the new intensity of patriotism in America these days, maybe it is easier for us to sense the power that this social mobilizer had when it crashed into an unsuspecting Third World.

Deep feelings of group loyalty undoubtedly go back to the tribal days of humankind, but modern patriotism is at least a new phase of it, maybe even a new creature altogether. Its first stage was the political nationalism that grew from the Enlightenment, and the American and French Revolutions. It was a loyalty

to a union of free and equal citizens, and “careers open to talent,” as Napoleon summed it up, whatever your ethnic background or religious persuasion. This produced the first draft army: every citizen a patriot, every patriot a highly motivated soldier. With that first draft army, Napoleon conquered Europe from the Atlantic to Moscow. Nations near France learned that you either had to have your own draft army or be forever subjected to the French one.

The second developmental stage of modern patriotism was the cultural nationalism of European ethnic groups without states of their own. This kind of nationalism celebrated ethnic group identifiers such as language, folk customs and religion. In terms of sheer power to harness people’s energy to the state, this folkish nationalism was an even more effective group mobilizer, and

so by 1870, German power eclipsed French power, and multilingual empires such as Austria-Hungary teetered on the brink of dismemberment.

In its heyday in the 1500s, the Turkish Ottoman Empire could simultaneously conquer the Arab world and defeat any four Western countries that chose to combine against it. By the 1800s, having missed the lessons of industrialization and nationalism, it was “the sick man of Europe,” its disintegration just a matter of time.

Napoleon himself began the awakening of Arab national aspirations when he invaded Ottoman Egypt in 1798. Growing Arab nationalism in

the 19th Century (developing first in the Christian Arab population, interestingly enough) was anti-Turkish and pro-Western. Competing sorts of nationalisms grew up in the Arab world—a pan-Islamic nationalism that reached from Africa to Indonesia, a pan-Arab nationalism wherever Arabic was the spoken language and, finally, particular Arab nationalisms (Egyptian, celebrating a unique history beginning with the pharaohs; Syrian, celebrating the Phoenicians and the ancient





Damascenes, and so on).

With the defeat of the Turks in World War I, however, and with Arab disappointment at how the Arab heartlands were mandated out to Britain and France, Arab nationalism turned anti-Western (that and, of course, the related problem of European Jews coming to Palestine to set up a Jewish state smack in the middle of the Arabic-speaking world). There were very few Jews in the Palestinian area of the Ottoman Empire in 1880 and there had not been since Jews fled the persecutions of the early Roman Empire. Estimates for 1880 run from a high of 80,000 to a low of 4,000. Most of these were Sephardic Jews, that cultural part of the Jewish Diaspora that evolved in the majority Arab and Muslim cultural world. They lived mainly in four cities in Palestine and owned almost none of the agricultural land.

Meanwhile, the same nationalism that was at work in the Arab world was also transforming the Ashkenazi Jewish population of Europe. As a persecuted ethnic group differentiated by language and religion, they came to believe that they not only deserved their own state, but would not find protection until they had one. In 1881, the Russian Empire, where the majority of European Jews lived, declared war on its Jewish minority in its infamous “assimilate one-third, exile one-third, kill one-third” policy.

If you were Jewish in these *Fiddler on the Roof* days in Russia, your position was unpleasant at best and dangerous at worst. Many immigrated—most to Central and Western Europe and the United States, but there was a growing trickle to *Eretz Israel*, the Land of Israel, then a quiet backwater of the Ottoman Empire.

There were five distinct waves of settlement of Ashkenazim to Palestine, each wave called in Hebrew an *aliyah*, a going up. The first

was from 1882 to 1903 and the last was the escape from Hitler after 1933. The key wave in establishing the character of the modern state of Israel was the second wave from 1904 to 1914: It was a surprising fusion of socialism, even Marxism, and Jewish nationalism. This ideological current would eventually produce the modern Labor Party in Israel, the party of David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir.

The transfer of a significant amount of Arab agricultural land to third-*aliyah* Jews sparked the first mass Palestinian Arab riots against Jews and Westerners in 1921–22. The British were the first European government to sympathize with the plight of Jews. In 1917, the Balfour Declaration went on record as favoring a “Jewish homeland” in Palestine. Suddenly, the Arabs also became visible to British policy-makers, like writing in lemon juice when you pass a flame close to it. In this crisis, Winston Churchill as colonial secretary set up a purely Arab state east of the Jordan River (today’s Jordan, the notch in its eastern border jokingly called “Winston’s hiccup”) and restricted Jewish immigration into Palestine west of the Jordan to those who had a job waiting.

Meanwhile, the British cobbled together the state of Iraq, three city-states with little common history (Mosul, Baghdad and Basra) but kept coastal Kuwait separate for easier control. France, with its mandate in the Syrian north and a heavy-handed military presence, gerrymandered a majority Christian state on the coast (Lebanon) away from a majority Muslim state mostly inland (Syria), effectively cutting Damascus off from its natural port city, Beirut. In these decades, nationalism reached fever pitch in both Jewish and Arab populations.

After 1948 and the first Arab-Israeli war that set up the modern state of Israel,

Sephardic Jews from the Muslim cultural world came flooding into Israel. They tended to be strictly Orthodox in terms of Jewish religion and were untouched by the Enlightenment heritage of Europe. They joined and strengthened a minority right-wing Jewish nationalism called Revisionism. It was strongly antisocialist and was at least tinged with the racism of its founder, Vladimir Jabotinsky. This is the ancestor of today’s Likud Party, as far right by American political standards as the Labor Party is far left.

Arab nationalism developed its own right and left wings in too much diversity to be more than hinted at in a short essay. On the left, for example, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was originated by Georges Habash, a French-educated Marxist. Although Marxism is generally anathema to Muslim populations, a specifically Arab brand of socialism called Ba’athism developed in Syria and Iraq. Especially in the 1930s, right-wing Arab nationalism was strongly influenced by Nazi Germany’s anti-Semitism, which still leaves a racist tinge in today’s Arab politics.

It’s almost as if nationalism—only an intangible in the minds of individuals, after all—is a physical force like water or wind at work in shaping the modern world. Its remarkably parallel development in Jewish and Arab populations is striking, though neither wants to see the parallels. If they and their supporters outside the region ever learn to think about how universal this logic of modern patriotism is, it would be a good first step toward mutual understanding and toward peace. ■

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## War Changes Her Plans

Mary Smothers was three weeks into the spring semester of her senior year when the threat of war in Iraq rearranged her life. Smothers is a history major from Talladega and a member of the 214th Military Police, Alabama National Guard.

On Feb. 14, she was told that her company was on active alert. Two weeks later, the call to service came.

“We were given two weeks notice,” Smothers said. “They told us to pack our bags, get our bills paid, sign our wills, quit school and take care of any unfinished business.”

So instead of marching in commencement and receiving her degree May 24, she was on her way to Iraq as part of the peacekeeping force.

In the field, Smothers works in radio communication and acts as a gunner on a Humvee. Her unit sets up checkpoints, escorts convoys and serves as a police force against looting.

Smothers is 12 credits shy of graduation. Samford refunded her tuition for the spring semester. She plans to make good use of her experience when she returns by doing an independent study and paper on the historical aspect of the Middle Eastern conflict combined with her personal experience. ■

# Before You Travel On: Understanding the Legacy of Birmingham

by Dr. Jonathan Bass

As the civil rights demonstrations officially ended in Birmingham in May 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., proclaimed that Birmingham stood on the “threshold of becoming a great enlightened symbol, shedding the radiance of its example throughout the nation.” A few weeks later, King predicted that the negative images of Birmingham’s past (those “sins of a dark yesterday,” he called them) would soon fade away, replaced by the positive and utopian images of the future (the “achievements of a bright tomorrow”). The city, he believed, would one day become a model for race relations in the United States.

In the national consciousness, however, Birmingham is frozen in time. As one author has argued, the city ceased to exist after the use of police dogs and fire hoses and the death of four little girls in 1963. “The instant the pictures were snapped . . . Birmingham was branded in the heat of the flash”—captured in black and white—as the symbol of racial intolerance in the United States. Forty years later, when most Americans think of Birmingham, they can only picture the city in black-and-white images; black and white emotions; and black versus white conflicts; a tragedy that never ends; the page never turns and the same story of Birmingham is written over and over again.

But reality exists in living color. Much has changed for the good in Birmingham since 1963. Remembering and memorializing the historical events of that volatile year and the city’s racial past are important. This semester, Samford, in partnership with the Birmingham Public Library, sponsored a series of events entitled “Before You Travel On: Reflections on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement.” The title for the series came from an old traditional folk song, “Look down the Lonesome”—“Look down; look down that lonesome road, before you travel on . . .” The lyrics seemed appropriate for a learned reflection on Birmingham’s forlorn journey out of the wilderness of segregation into the promised land of integration.

For four decades, historians, journal-

Macon (Ga.) State College historian Andrew Manis ’76 discusses the impact of civil rights leader Fred Shuttlesworth, below left, with Ralph Abernathy and Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1963. Manis wrote a critically acclaimed biography of Shuttlesworth.

ists, artists, writers, poets, musicians and ordinary citizens have struggled to understand Birmingham’s place in history, but the national media and popular culture use Birmingham’s past for something quite different. So often during the last 40 years, Birmingham has served simply as an empty visual or rhetorical backdrop for an agenda-oriented media with little or no understanding of the complexities of racial issues.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary, and to promote new ways of studying and understanding the legacy of Birmingham, “Before You Travel On” showcased 13 weeks of scholarly lectures, documentary films and reminiscences by movement participants. Nearly 4,000 people attended the 20 events from February to May.

The series began with a panel of scholars examining how historians, writers and the media have viewed Birmingham since the movement. For many, Birmingham serves as shorthand for racism and intolerance in America—a scapegoat, at times, for the nation’s racial ills. By focusing so long on stereotypes and the past, historians and writers seem to lose sight of the fact that racism is not exclusive to Birmingham. The nation continues to struggle with race, not just this city, and it’s not just a Birmingham problem or a Southern difficulty but a national dilemma.

As civil rights activists Fred Shuttlesworth and Abraham Woods both proclaimed during the series, “Birmingham ain’t the ham it used to be.” One prominent theme of “Before You



Travel On” was the future and the idea of becoming a community activist. Pastor Gerald Austin of the New City Church and the Center for

Urban Missions in the concluding session of the series encouraged students to actively support racial reconciliation in Birmingham. “Admit there is a problem,” Austin said. “Submit to God and commit to making a difference.”

Shortly before his death, Martin Luther King, Jr., asked, “Where do we go from here? Chaos or community?” The answer seems to be unclear, mixed at best. The Birmingham civil rights campaign lasted a little over a month, and America has spent four decades trying to figure out how to deal with those images and apply the lessons learned in April and May 1963. Until America fully applies the lessons of that spring, Birmingham will probably never move very far beyond the images of its disquieted history. The reality of Birmingham is out there, somewhere between the idealistic and out-of-touch, full-color pages of *Southern Living* and the violent black-and-white images of the past. ■

Dr. Jonathan Bass is assistant professor of history at Samford.

# McWhorter School of Pharmacy Establishes Internet Journal

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy has a new presence on the Internet: *The International Journal of Pharmacy Education*, an Internet-only publication that appeared in April.

The journal, edited by pharmacy professor Robert H. Schrimsher, is a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication with a multidimensional focus: international pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical education, pharmaceutical sciences, drug information, editorials and pharmacy student papers.

"Internet journals have become common during recent years," said Dr. Schrimsher. "Many print journals also have an Internet equivalent, but Internet-only journals have the advantage of being considerably less expensive because they have little or no printing and distribution costs."

The process for submitting and approving manuscripts is relatively the same for both print and Internet journals, he said. Once a manuscript is approved, the major difference is manuscript

preparation. For the Internet journal, instead of galley proof "hard copies," the text and other associated materials (figures, tables, etc.) are converted to Internet-viewable formats.

The editorial board includes members representing most pharmacy disciplines from the United States, Korea, Japan, Wales and the Netherlands. Members are listed on the Web site.

Schrimsher believes the journal will have a broad appeal within pharmacy because it welcomes articles from international sources and students.

"We anticipate that the international appeal will result in articles accenting international curricula, models and developments," he said. "And students will have an avenue for publishing quality, peer-reviewed research papers throughout all schools of pharmacy."

The journal Web address is <http://www.samford.edu/schools/pharmacy/ijpe/index.htm>. The journal is free and no password is required for access. ■

# Journalists Cite Jones

Journalism professor Dennis R. Jones was named Outstanding Journalism Educator in the South by the Southeast Journalism Conference [SEJC] at its annual spring convention.

Jones was selected from nominees representing universities and colleges in a seven-state area on the basis of his teaching ability, according to SEJC Vice President Joe Mirando of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Many universities tend to emphasize research over teaching ability, said Mirando, "but what matters most to students is teaching ability."

Jones, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, has taught at Samford since 1991. He taught previously at the University of Southern Mississippi, Radford and South Carolina. He calls Samford "the best teaching environment." ■

# Oxford Selects Woolley

Statistics professor Thomas W. Woolley has been selected to participate in the John Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity at Oxford University in England, beginning this summer.

The seminars at Wycliffe Hall will span three consecutive summers, enabling faculty members to engage in scholarly research in science and religion. Thirty-five scholars throughout the world,

representing various disciplines, were chosen.

Woolley holds the doctoral degree in statistics and is working on a master of theological studies degree at Beeson Divinity School.

At Oxford, he will work on a writing project entitled "Chance and the Evangelical Mind" under the guidance of Dr. Alister McGrath, a biochemist and Reformation historian who is principal of Wycliffe Hall. ■

# Learning cont. from page 5

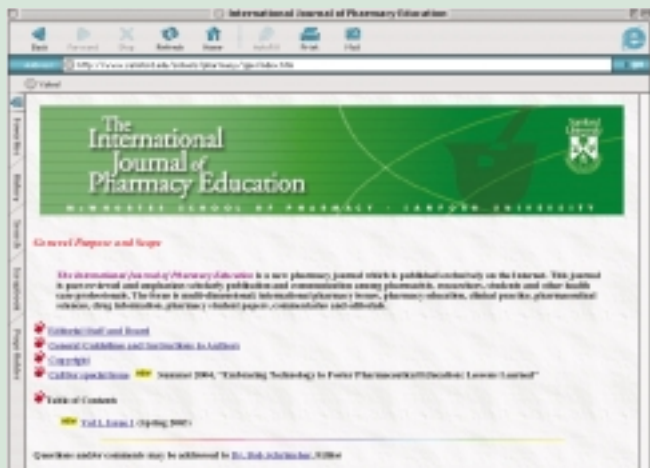
into its Community Health Nursing course in 1998, providing seniors with valuable real-life learning experiences in their final semester. Working in teams of three to five members, the students spend 12 weeks studying problems identified by area hospitals and health agencies, and working on solutions.

"The results have been tremendous," said Dr. Janet G. Alexander, who coordinates the program with colleague Barbara J. Money. The students helped hospitals determine reasons for low patient satisfaction, causes of increased infection rates, factors influencing high turnover rates, reasons for low blood donations and a range of other problems.

In addition to learning some valuable lessons, the students had their work published in professional journals, and one group won first place in a national student competition in Washington.

"We receive calls every semester from managers and directors of nursing asking us to help them with a problem," said Alexander. Nursing faculty also have been invited to numerous national and international workshops to describe the program.

Internships offer practical lessons across the curriculum, especially in the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies and the School of Business. ■



# Horatio Alger Group Taps One-Time Student Scott

Ray Scott waited on tables to make ends meet during his freshman year at Samford, then Howard College. He found his way to the East Lake campus from Montgomery, where he grew up in a working-class neighborhood in a small frame house that always seemed filled with family members.

"There was seldom much in the way of leftovers," Scott recalled.

He was always angling for the odd job as a boy and spent part of his days selling peanuts at football games in Cramton Bowl. "I moved fast and kept my peanuts hot," he said, explaining his vending success.

Today, Scott is a legend in the world of outdoor sports. He founded Bass Anglers Sportsman Society [B.A.S.S.], an international fishing and conservation organization that transformed bass fishing into a tournament sport along the lines of professional golf.



Bass man Ray Scott presents President Bush one of his newly designed fishing rods.

It helped gain the former poor boy from Montgomery lifetime membership in the Horatio Alger Association. Scott was inducted into the organization April 4 in Washington, D.C.

Scott's early years gave no hint of his future success. He came to Samford in 1952 to play football and run track. He thought he might become

a preacher. He was a good athlete and an average student; his personality helped him win election as vice president of the freshman class. He earned spending money working at Andrews Barbecue, a college hangout.

During the summer after his freshman year, he worked a construction job in Montgomery. A few weeks into the summer, he fell from scaffolding, and a flying piece of equipment hit him in the head. The accident ended his athletic career, and he dropped out of college to recuperate.

Scott never returned to Samford. He was drafted into

the Army the next year and served two years. When he got out, he was an unemployed veteran with only a year of college. His prospects were slim. He enrolled in Auburn and eventually earned a business degree.

Scott worked successfully in insurance sales until one day when the idea for a fishing organization hit him like a bolt of lightning. B.A.S.S. was not an instant hit, but Scott worked hard to make it a success. He sold B.A.S.S. in 1996. By that time, the organization had 600,000 members, its *Bassmaster* magazine was highly respected, and its television exposure was heavy.

"The Horatio Alger Award is one of the highlights of my life," Scott said recently. "I am living, breathing proof that anyone can make of themselves whatever they wish in this wonderful country of ours." ■

## ACCOLADES

**Business Recognizes Fancher**  
Birmingham executive and community leader Della Fancher '84, M.B.A. '88, was named 2003 School of Business Alumnus of the Year at the business awards program May 9.

Fancher is president and chief executive officer of Founders Trust Company. She is founder and president, Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation, and president, Cahaba Heights Citizens Association.

Fancher serves on the Samford School of Business Advisory Board.

**Education Presents Apples**  
Kathy Chandler '93 and Ann White Tillman Ed.S. '02 were presented Golden Apple awards by the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education

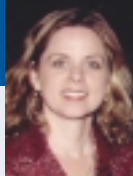


Fancher

and Professional Studies May 22.

Chandler, a teacher in the K-2 multi-age program at Trace Crossings Elementary, received the Outstanding Teacher Award. She also was named 2003 Teacher of the Year at Trace Crossings and won the *Birmingham Post-Herald* Distinguished Teacher Award. Chandler won Alabama's 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Elementary School (see page 13).

Tillman, principal at Leeds Elementary, was named Outstanding Administrator. She was recognized for her firm yet fair discipline and for



Chandler

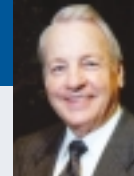


Tillman

incorporating the teamwork concept in her administration.

**Law School Honors Three**  
Attorneys Alva C. Caine L'69 and Carol H. Stewart L'82, and Distinguished Professor of Law and Government Albert Brewer of Birmingham were honored by Cumberland School of Law during Alumni Weekend in April.

Caine, a partner in the firm of Hare, Wynn, Newell and Newton, was named Distinguished Alumnus. He is former president of the Alabama Bar Association and a member of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors.



Brewer



Caine



Stewart

Stewart, attorney with the firm of Burr and Forman, was named Volunteer of the Year. She serves on the Alabama Board of Bar Commissioners. Stewart is former president of the Birmingham Cumberland Club and a member of the Law School Advisory Board.

Brewer, a Cumberland faculty member since 1987, was named Friend of the Law School. He is chairman of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama and the State Constitutional Law Project. He was Alabama governor during 1968-71. ■



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### '31

NORMAN and AUDRA O'NEAL '33 of Clinton, Miss., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September. He retired in 1974 after 28 years as a religious education professor at Mississippi College. They live in the house they built in 1956.

### '42

SARA JORDAN COE of Birmingham and her husband, Edwin R., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February. Seven Samford graduates were part of the 1943 wedding. She is a retired teacher.

EVAN L. LEWIS is a retired physician in Denver, Colo. He spent 30 years in the U.S. Army, seven years in private practice and five years in civil service.

### '45

MARGARET HARRELSON of Tucson, Ariz., volunteers in a nursing home. She retired from the Arizona State School for Deaf and Blind 10 years ago.

### '47

THEA and EMALINE RYAN PARKER recently retired from Parker Drug Store, Leeds.

POLLY MORRISON PERRY and her husband, William, live in Birmingham. She is retired.

### '48

JOHN BIRL HOLLAND lives in River Ridge, La. A physician, he retired from Ochsner Clinic in 1989.

VIRGINIA LOWRY COBB ROBERTSON recently married

## Homecoming Set for Oct. 23-26

Samford will celebrate Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 23-26 this fall. Mark your calendars now.

Highlights will include reunions, barbecue, concert, football and the worship service. Samford will play

## Hazlegrove Receives Top Academy of Science Award

Retired Samford chemistry professor Leven S. Hazlegrove '47 received the highest honor given by the Alabama Academy of Science at its annual meeting March 21, the Wright A. Gardner Award for noteworthy achievement in science.

Dr. Hazlegrove retired in 1990 after 33 years on



Hazlegrove '47

the faculty. He began service as executive director of the AAS the same year. He has been a member of the AAS board of trustees and chairman of judges for the Gorgas Scholarship Foundation, Inc., since 1976.

The former chemistry department chair holds the master of science in analytical chemistry from Emory University and the

Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Alabama.

He directed three international chemistry institutes for college professors in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) for the U.S. State Department. He has presented papers at the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry in Prague and at national meetings of the American Chemical Society. ■

John Golightly. They live in Birmingham.

### '51

JACK BIDDLE III of Gardendale is in his 29th year in the Alabama legislature. He is the only member to be elected as a Democrat, an Independent and a Republican.

FRANCIS NELSON CALVERT lives in Boaz. He is a retired physician.

GEORGE HENRY COGGINS, at age 80, is a security guard with Burns security company, Columbus, Ga. He was named the company's top guard in the city in 2002.

RUBY JEAN LANKFORD DUFFEY of Wilsonville and her husband, Grady Gene, recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

### '53

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WANDA COPLIN BLAKELEY of Aurora, Colo., is a retired teacher.

JESSE G. III and RUTH BLOOM BLANKENSHIP live in Lewisburg, Pa. They were married June 3, 1953, at Ruhama Baptist Church.

JERRY HOLLOWAY of Richmond, Va., is retired as regional manager, Department of Corrections, Commonwealth of Virginia.

JAMES A. PICKLE is a retired dentist in Miami, Fla.

### '54

VIRGINIA WESLEY DEVANE is a retired teacher in Elba.

### '56

CHARLES REUBEN GAMBLE is homebound director, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

### '57

ROBERT C. CURLEE, Jr., is pastor emeritus of Centercrest Baptist Church, Birmingham. He retired as pastor in January.

WALTER GILBERT DAVIS of Rowlett, Texas, is in his 30th

year of ministry at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, Mesquite, Texas.

WILLIAM RAYFORD DAVIS is in his 50th year as a pastor and his 40th year as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Gardendale.

JAMES EDWARD JONES recently earned a doctor of divinity degree and was elected magistrate of Taylor County, Kentucky. He is an adjunct professor at Campbellsville University.

C. JIM MARSH retired after 31 years as religion professor at Manatee Community College. He and his wife, CLAIRE GILMER MARSH '56, live in Bradenton, Fla.

### '58

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HORACE W. BRANNON of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., is retired director of pupil accounting and zoning, Volusia County Schools.

### '59

JAMES L. CALDWELL of Columbia, S.C., retired in 2000 as chairman of the music department at Columbia College. He is in his 34th year as minister of music at Riverland Hills Baptist Church.

DONALD MASON is retired and living in Marietta, Ga.

AUSTIN MOORE, Jr., of Southaven, Miss., recently retired as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

**'63**

KATHERINE S. TWILLEY is a United Methodist Church missionary in Bolivia, South America.

**'64**

JUDY RICE is serving her 35th year with the Alaska Baptist Convention in Anchorage, where she is director of Woman's Missionary Union/Mission Ministries. The Convention has 100 churches in the largest state, which takes Rice to some far-flung outposts, sometimes by boat or floatplane.



Judy Rice '64

**'66**

ALAN J. HOSIER of Huntsville received Marion Military Institute's 2003 Alumnus of the Year award for outstanding service to the school. He retired in 1989 after 20 years as an investigator with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DAVID McGOWIN, Jr., of Hanceville retired from the Alabama Army National Guard after 32 years of military service. Chief chaplain in the guard's state headquarters in Montgomery, he was presented the Legion of Merit and the Alabama Distinguished Service Medal. He holds a doctorate in pastoral ministries from Luther Rice Seminary.

**'67**

MARSHA COOK DOLLAR is supervisor of hematology with Lab Corporation of America, Birmingham.

**'68**

MELVIN DAN LEWTER of Alpharetta, Ga., recently retired from Nabisco Brands, Inc.

DAVID MULLINS is athletics director, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.

RICHARD MASON TUBB is owner of Richard Tubb Interiors, Birmingham, which was named by *Southern Accents* magazine as one of the most beautiful showrooms in the Southeast. His home was recently featured on Home and Garden Television [HGTV].

JOHN WYATT is pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He holds a doctorate in ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Linda, have three children.

**'69**

BETTY LOU JACKSON LAND was named 2003 Distinguished Professor at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C., where she is a professor of reading. The award is Winthrop's highest faculty honor.

RICHARD V. SWINDLE is senior vice president, Mercer University, Atlanta, Ga. He is responsible for coordinating all campus activities for the school's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus. A former admission officer at Samford, he holds a Ph.D. from Emory University. He and his wife, DOROTHY GRANADE SWINDLE '76 have two daughters, Susan, 14, and Anna, 17.



Richard V. Swindle '69

**'70**

STEVE TAYLOR is minister to middle adults at Lakeside Baptist Church, Birmingham.

**'72**

BUDDY ANDERSON was among 10 coaches selected for the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2003. Football coach at Vestavia Hills High School since 1971, he recorded more than 200 wins, and his team won state football championships in 1980 and 1998. He is the second coaching son to follow his father into the Hall of Fame. D. F. "Dovey" ANDERSON '28 was inducted in 1991.

JOSEPH M. "Buddy" BROWN L'77 was named 2003 Lawyer in Residence at Cumberland School of Law. He spent two days lecturing in classes on damages and medical liability, and meeting with students. He is a trial attorney in the Mobile firm of Cunningham, Bounds, Yance, Crowder and Brown.

DAVID L. SIKES recently celebrated 30 years as a registered pharmacist at Little Drug Co., New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Linda, live in Edgewater, Fla.

**'73**

KATHRYN V. COLLINS, M.A., of Wilton Manors, Fla., was selected by Broward County Public Schools to be principal of the new Monarch High School, which opens in August.

JEAN WINNINGHAM DAUGHERTY is director of pharmacy services, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Gadsden.

BRADLEY Y. DENNIS is a physician and chief medical officer at Brookwood Medical Center, Birmingham. He and his wife, Krista, have two sons, Jake, six, and Nate, five.

**'74**

BARRY S. COCHRAN of Fort Payne is president of Cherokee/DeKalb Baptist medical centers. He is a fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives, and former chairman, Alabama Hospital Association.

PHILL MARTIN is moderator and chief elected officer, National Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is director of education, National Association of Church Business Administration, Richardson, Texas.

JOSEPH W. NORMAN is a team manager with the Internal Revenue Service, Covington, Ky. He and his wife, Becky, have two grown daughters and are hosting a high school exchange student from Thailand.

**'76**

EARL ANN LENERT BUMPUS of Mineral Wells, Texas, is recording secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas. She and her husband, Mark, have two children, Katy, 15, and Marshall, 12.

**'77**

DAVID HAGAN is owner of Freestyle Pools, Inc., St. Cloud, Fla.

**L'77**

RICHARD W. MOORE, an assistant U.S. attorney in Mobile, was recently nominated by President George W. Bush for the job of inspector general of the Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA]. TVA and the inspector general's offices are based in Knoxville, Tenn., and supervise power and other facilities in Tennessee and parts of six adjoining states.

PETER WUBBENHORST is associate professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Saint Leo University, located near Tampa, Fla., and is the school's prelaw adviser. He retired in August after 22 years as an FBI Agent. He is a retired commander, JAG Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve. He and his wife, Karen, have four grown children.

**'78**

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JAMES MICHAEL RAMAGE is in his 13th year as pastor of Black Oak Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He holds a doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**'79**

MARGARET GEER ROLAND recently received teacher's certification. She is employed by Floyd County Schools, Rome, Ga.

MELANIE LEMAY, M.S.E., is the public relations specialist for Civil Air Patrol national headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

**'80**

DAVID BLANTON of Maryville, Tenn., is fulltime chaplain/paramedic for Rural Metro EMS, Blount County, Tenn.

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## Chandler Gets Presidential Award for Math and Science Teaching

Kathy D. Chandler '93, a kindergarten teacher at Trace Crossings School in Birmingham, received the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Elementary School for Alabama.

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the award resulted in a special citation from President George W. Bush, a \$7,500

cash award to improve science and mathematics instruction, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with policy advisers of the Office of Science and Technology and Mathematics.

She and other state winners got an overview of legislation and current issues in their field. They also visited the White House, where they were greeted by First Lady Laura Bush. ■

### L'80

ALFRED O. MASTERS, Jr., was elected General District Court Judge, 7th Judicial District of Virginia, by the Virginia General Assembly. He and his wife, Paige, live in Newport News, Va.

### '81

SANDRA LEE WYLIE HETZEL and her husband, Jeffrey Paul, live in Meridian, Idaho. They have a daughter, Kailey Rene, four.

MELINDA HAYNES JAMES, Ed.S. '92, of Cullman is a kindergarten teacher at Good Hope Primary School. She holds an education specialist degree and is working on education leadership requirements.

CYNTHIA LINDLEY WHITMIRE, Pharm.D. '01, of Kingwood, Texas, is a pharmacist at Eckerd Drug, Kingwood, Texas, and assistant professor of pharmacology at University of Texas Houston-Dental Branch. She and her husband, CLARK WHITMIRE L'94, have two children, Zoe and Tucker.

### '83

KATE CAMPBELL "Kitty Henry" of Nashville, Tenn., has a new recording, *Monuments*, on the Larger River Music label. In February, she and her band performed live with the Memphis Ballet in a "gospel ballet" program built around her music. She will be artist in residence at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in June.

SALAM SHORROSH completed a master of theology

degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Christian education. He is associate pastor of business administration/adult education at First Baptist Church, Borger, Texas, and is included in the 2003 *National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*. He and his wife, Sherry, have a son, Michael.

DAVID WAGNER of Atlanta, Ga., was elected to the board of directors, Buckhead Business Association. He is a sales associate with Neiman Marcus. He and his wife have a baby daughter, Ella Nora.

### '84

PEGGY BRADFORD EVENS is owner of The Clutter Queen, Birmingham.

JACQUELINE GARNER is assistant professor of finance, LeBow College of Business, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Penn.

### '85

TIM MORRISON is associate pastor/minister of music at Bethel Baptist Church, Monticello, Miss. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children: Susie Beth, Mary Catherine and Preston.

A. GREGORY POOLE was recently sworn in as judge of the juvenile court of Cobb County, Georgia. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Julie, and their two children, Alan, 15, and Robert, 11.

### '86

MORRIS and DAWN SELLERS DRIGGERS '87 live in Clinton, S.C., where he is minister

of music and worship leader at First Baptist Church, and she teaches private music lessons. They have two sons, Taylor, 12, and Benjamin, nine.

### '87

FRANK M. BARKER III of Birmingham married Pam Goff in August.

ROBERT FOWLER L'96 is a partner with the Birmingham law firm of Balch and Bingham, LLP. He works in the firm's environmental and natural resources section. He and his wife, Anna, have a son, Zivan, two, adopted from Khabarovsk, Russia, in 2001.

MAXINE CRAWFORD

MOSES is an attorney with Southern Law Group, Hoover.

### L'87

HELEN SHORES LEE was appointed a civil circuit judge in Jefferson County. She is a Birmingham lawyer and former chairwoman of the Alabama Ethics Commission.

### '88

JANET McMILLER is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

BILLY and ASHLEY BROOKS PAYNE '90 live in Marietta, Ga. He is pastor of music and worship at Eastside Baptist Church. They have three children: Brooks, seven, Bryce, five, and Alyssa, three.

### '89

JULIE INGOUF is doing humanitarian aid work in Central Asia.

LESLIE EANES MARSHALL recently earned national board certification as an elementary school teacher. She teaches third grade at Bluff Park Elementary. BETH NASON QUICK is associate professor of early childhood education at Tennessee State University, Nashville. She is the author of *First Steps in Missions*, published by Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention, and *Let's Play and Learn*, published by Pinnacle Solutions. She and her husband, Jason, have two daughters, Mackenzie, eight, and Madison, four.

DAVID RIGG is chief technology officer at Four Ring Records, Atlanta, Ga. He is married to Diana Del Monte.

J. SCOTT TREADWAY is vice president, operations, Protective Marketing Enterprises, Inc., Birmingham. He and his wife, Barbara, recently adopted a son, Andrew Scott, born in January.

### '90

ELIZABETH ANN ALLISON is an art teacher with Decatur City Schools and a freelance writer for *Mailbox* national teacher's magazine.

WENDY HILL COATS is a registered nurse at Baptist Shelby Hospital, Helena.

JOHN DREW KING is self-employed in the kitchen and bath remodeling business in Pleasant Grove.

KELLY TROTMAN SCHRUPP, M.B.A. '93, is vice president of marketing for Hubbard Systems, Inc., Birmingham. She is also corporate secretary of the holding company.

ANDREW STALLINGS is minister of education at Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tenn.

### L'90

ERIC C. DAVIS is an attorney in Dothan. He and his wife, Mary Beth, have two children, Clark and Elizabeth.

### '91

THOMAS BRISCOE is a cartoonist with *Birmingham Weekly*.

ANN RUTH CHASTAIN is area director of ministry partnerships, Transworld Radio, Kennesaw, Ga.

WHITNEY STOUT FRENETTE and her husband, Luc, live in Birmingham.

TRACI ODUM GIBSON of Lawrenceville, Ga., is public relations manager for 2-10 Home Buyers Warranty.

JOHN COOKSEY GREEN received an International Educator to Japan Award from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia. During a two-week trip to Japan, he will visit schools, attend seminars and visit cultural sights. He teaches French and English to speakers of other languages in Douglas County, Ga.

RAY HOWE IRWIN is a pharmacist with Walgreen's Pharmacy, La Follette, Tenn.

JUSTIN RUDD of Long Beach, Calif., appeared on *The Jay Leno Show* in April with his English bulldog, Rosie, to promote a canine Easter parade. The 1991 Samford senior class president is

involved in many community projects and is founder of Community Action Team nonprofit organization.

ERIC THOMAS SPIVEY is associate pastor at the Baptist Church of Beaufort, S.C. His work includes Christian formation and missions development.

KATHYJO SPIVEY, M.B.A. '93, is economic development director for Phenix City.

**'92**

JAY HOGEWOOD is a pastoral resident at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. He is writing his doctoral dissertation at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School. He and his wife, KELLEY MASSENGALE HOGEWOOD '92, have a son, Beck, six, and daughter, Mariah, four.

DEBBIE IVEY PEDDLE is director of content development and student services for Campus Career Center, Cambridge, Mass. She and her husband, Brian, have a daughter, Cailyn Grace, one.

LENORA E. PEPPERS earned an M.B.A. in international management from Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management. She owns and manages Kick-Start Marketing consultancy in Phoenix, Ariz.

MONTE STARKES, M.Div. '01, is assistant pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Ga. He and his wife, Amy, have four children: Luke, Charity, Philip and Anna Grace.

KATHERINE MARIE YOUNG married Ronald Martin in October. They live in Metropolis, Ill., where she is a pharmacist with CVS.

**'93**

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MARK TODD BAILEY received his Certified Information System Security Professional designation in January. He is director, workstation support/virus control officer, with Protective Life Corporation, Birmingham.

BRIAN G. BAIRD is clinical manager, Henrinrico Doctors' Hospital, Richmond, Va. He recently received a doctor of pharmacy degree.

HUNTER COPELAND CARROLL L'97 is a partner in the

## Shucker Named Luce Scholar for Study in Asia

Cherington Shucker '98 was named a 2003-04 Luce Scholar by the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc. The highly competitive program provides stipends to 15 students in America to further their civic and professional goals by living and working in Asia for a year.

Shucker will complete a master of science in public policy at the Heinz School of Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University, in August.



Shucker '98

Her concentration at Carnegie Mellon is international HIV/AIDS policy.

"Asia, for many reasons, is the next frontier for the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and its response mechanisms will either chart the next big surge of infection or curb its impact," Shucker said.

She will live in China, where she will explore Asia's "societal constraints that I perceive are blocking an educational strategy that can protect precious human

lives now being needlessly destroyed by a virus that is entirely preventable," she said.

She became interested in the issue of dealing with the HIV/AIDS epidemic as an undergraduate.

Shucker, from Greenville, S.C., worked as vice president of the Greenville Urban League following graduation from Samford, developing an interest in public policy making. She received a CORO Fellowship in Public Policy to gain practical experience, serving in Pittsburgh, and later transferred to Carnegie Mellon. ■

Birmingham law firm of Stockham, Stockham & Carroll, P.C. He and his wife, Monica, live in Homewood with their daughter, Adeline Elisabeth, born in November.

JILL ROBINSON of Nashville, Tenn., received a master's in organizational management from Trevecca Nazarene University in December.

JAMES B. TILLMAN of Franklin, Tenn., is founder/owner of iQconcepts design and printing company.

**L'93**

MICHAEL E. COLLINS is an associate with the Nashville, Tenn., law firm of Manier & Herod, concentrating in bankruptcy and surety law. He and his wife, Louise, have a son, Jackson.

**'94**

JENNIFER THORN BANKS and her husband, Stannon, live in Birmingham. They have a daughter, Anne Madison Elise, one.

DAVID BRYAN and LAURIE ROWE BROOKS live in Zebulon, N.C. He is associate pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church and is pursuing a doctor of ministry at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. They have two children, Caroline Nicole and Jacob Talmadge.

PATRICIA COLLINS is chaplain, University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center West, Bessemer.

BETH LYNN DICKERSON is a pediatric nurse practitioner with Providence Pediatrics in Charlotte, N.C.

MATTHEW DANIEL EDDY recently completed his Ph.D. work at the University of Durham in England. He is a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany, and will participate in the University of Notre Dame's summer 2003 history seminar series. He is recipient of a post-doctoral fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds a master of divinity degree from Princeton University.

JULIE AKINS ELMORE and her husband, Jay, live in Birmingham with their three children: Jackson, five; Hayes, three; and Anna Lane, born in January.

JOHN and JENNY JOHNSON live in Maylene. She is a family physician with University of Alabama at Birmingham Health Systems, practicing in Vance. He is an associate with the law firm of Hand Arendall, LLC, working in the Birmingham office on a variety of civil defense litigation matters.

LAURA LEE LEAZENBY married Jeff McCain in October. An elementary counselor with Daviess County Public Schools, Owensboro, Ky., she earned Rank I for elementary administration from Western Kentucky University in 2001.

ERIC FARREL MASON is assistant professor of Biblical studies, Judson College, Elgin, Ill.

SCOT McCOSH of Prospect Park, Penn., is deployed with the U.S. Army National Guard for the Kosovo region for a one-year peacekeeping mission. He is battalion chaplain to the 1/111 Infantry of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He and his wife, Paula, have a daughter, Kate Louise, four.

JAMES and TERRI MARSH MURPHY '01 live in Birmingham. He is a pharmaceutical representative for PDI, Inc., and she is pursuing a master's in nursing at Samford.

BRETT MICHAEL OPALINSKI received a \$10,000 Dempster Graduate Fellowship, awarded by the United Methodist Church to five students preparing for careers in theological education. An elder in the Florida Annual Conference and a graduate of Emory University, he is enrolled at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., with a concentration on New Testament and early Christian history.

JENNIFER HIGHLANDER PERKINS and her husband, Christopher, live in Montevallo with their son, Jonathan David, five.

PATRICIA LYNNE REYNOLDS-NORCROSS of Trussville is nurse clinician, cardiovascular surgery, University of



Alabama at Birmingham Hospital.

BILL SHIELL is completing a Ph.D. in Biblical studies at Baylor University. His dissertation was entitled "Reading Acts: The Lector and the Early Christian Audience." He is senior pastor, Southland Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas. He and his wife, KELLY PARKS SHIELL '94, have a son, Parker.

DEBRA SILVERSTEIN is human resources manager for Provident Music Group, Franklin, Tenn. She is certified as a Professional in Human Resources.

KATIE SPARKS WEAVER is director of training and development, Medtronic Sosamor Danet, Memphis, Tenn.

DOUG WOOD is minister of music and education at Bay Springs Baptist Church, Dothan.

## L'94

KELLY J. McKIBBEN is deputy chief legal counsel, Florida Department of Children and Families, Orlando, Fla. She provides legal representation in four counties and manages Child Welfare Legal Services in Brevard County. She serves on the Task Force on Children's Justice and is a member of the Juvenile Court Rules Committee of the Florida Bar.

HAL CLARK WHITMIRE, Jr., is legal counsel to the 1,800-member Greater Houston Dental Society. He and his wife, CYNTHIA LINDLEY WHITMIRE '81,

Pharm.D. '01, live in Kingwood, Texas, with their children, Zoe Elizabeth and John Tucker.

## '95

DAVID JOHN FUERST is a sales representative with Vulcan Materials Co. He lives in Lewisville, N.C.

SUSAN LEIGH FUREY married James Mruk in October. They live in Sarasota, Fla., where she is a pharmacist with Walgreen's.

ANNE BUSINARO HOLLEMAN and her husband, Key, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their two children, Hannah, two, and William Wallace, born in March.

BEVERLY LYNNE JOINER is a senior accountant with Pro Assurance, Birmingham.

GAIL MORGAN KEMP of Calera is a social worker with the child support division, Shelby County Department of Human Resources.

JEREMY PERKINS is a teacher and coach at Thompson High School, Alabaster. He and his wife, Lesley, have a daughter, Peyton, one.

CARA POLLARD, who teaches at Emma Elementary, Asheville, N.C., was selected 2003 district teacher of the year in her county school system.

JUDI LYNNE HARRIS WELLBERG and her husband, Brian, live in Brookings, S.D.

## L'95

Capt. BOBBY LEE CHRISTINE of Augusta, Ga., a member of the Georgia Army National Guard, was activated in February for deployment. He and his wife, SHERI LOTT CHRISTINE, have three children.

## '96

HOPE L. COX manages the anticoagulation clinic at the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

LINDA DEWBERRY and her husband, John, live in Birmingham. She earned an educational specialist degree at the University of Montevallo in 2002.

HOLLI RISCHANNE DRUMMOND is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Georgia. She holds a master's in criminal justice from the University of Alabama.

LISA CASH EVERETT and her husband, Scott, live in Oneonta. They have two children, Jacob and Liz.

MICHAEL L'00 and JENNIFER MCPHERSON FORD live in Nashville, Tenn. He is operations counsel for Medical Reimbursements of America. She is mental health counselor at Harpeth Hall School. They have a daughter, Ellie, one.

MEREDITH COX LOVELACE and her husband, Jack, live in Falkville with their children, Jackson Fite, four, and Caroline Raeleigh, born in August.

CHRISTY McCLENDON WILSON is editor in chief of *The Center Point Courier*. She is also a freelance writer for *The Birmingham News* and other publications.

MICHAEL D. SHARPTON is director of finance for Terex Utilities, Birmingham.

## '97

JEFFREY E. ANDERSON received a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Florida in December. He and his wife, LYNN SILLAVAN ANDERSON '97, have an infant son, Michael Lee, born in October.

DAVID and STACEY DUNCAN BLEDSOE live in Birmingham. He is public relations manager for Civitan International, and she is human resources manager for McCartney Construction.

AUDREY STAFFORD COWART and her husband, Macklin, live in Athens, Ga.

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HILL is a pharmacist at Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, S.C. CLARISSA DESHA MOON married Jay Welbaum in December. They live in Birmingham.

KARA FIVES LATHAM, Pharm.D., and her husband, Lance, live in Chattanooga, Tenn. They have two daughters, Natalie, two, and Brooke Danielle, born in August.

CHAD McDANIEL is history teacher, coach and founder of the cross-country program at First Presbyterian Day School in Macon, Ga. His teams regularly win regional and state championships, and he was named 2003 STAR teacher by the school's top academic student. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, one.

CATHERINE MONSON McGRATH and her husband, James, live in Tallahassee, Fla. She is an account service representative with Healthplan Southeast.

JONATHAN MILLER and his wife, Bethany, live in Franklin, Tenn.

HENRY JACOB RACKLEY is manager of the Garland, Texas, branch of Motion Industries, Inc.

## L'97

JULIE DAVIS PEARCE is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Gaines, Wolter & Kinney, P.C. She practices in the area of insurance defense litigation.

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'98

ANGELA WESTBROOK BARTON and her husband, Brett, live in Fairhope, where she is a registered dietician at USA Health Care.

GAYLE WILLIAMS GLENN, Ed.S., retired after 25 years teaching in Jefferson County. She teaches piano and is organist at First Baptist Church of Trussville Conservatory.

AINSLEY KAUFFMANN earned a master's in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic in December and is a candidate for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. She is a first-grade teacher in Vero Beach, Fla.

MELISSA KAY LOZIER married John Allen Fox in February. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is a chemist for Acuity Specialty Products.

MICHAEL and COURTNEY COX REASONS live in Spring Hill, Tenn. He is Tennessee district sales manager for Alcoa Home Exteriors. They have a son, Michael Ford, born in November.

CHERINGTON LOVE SHUCKER of Pittsburgh, Penn., is one of 15 people to be named a Luce Scholar. The program provides stipends and internships

for young Americans to live and work in Asia.

ERICA LEE FISCHER VANDER SYS teaches English as a second language to Korean primary school children in Songtan, South Korea, and is also a partner in an online parenting site. She and her husband, Christopher, have an infant daughter, Josie, born in December.

TARA GRAVETTE VICE and her husband, Jeremy, live in Pelham. She is a project manager for SouthTrust Bank.

SHEENA F. VIRJI, an onsite supervisor with Adecco Employment Services, Atlanta, Ga., is based at the Home Depot corporate office. She lives in Marietta, Ga.

'99

GRANT ARINDER is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ridgeland, Miss.

MATTHEW, Pharm.D., and DOROTHY BARDIN '00 live in Temple Terrace, Fla. He is pharmacy clinic coordinator at South Florida Baptist Hospital. She is a registered nurse in the emergency room at St. Joseph-Baptist Hospital. They have a daughter, Natalie Paige, born in January.

GREGORY HOWARD BROOKS works in sales/property

Dates to Remember

- June 18 SBC Samford Breakfast, Phoenix Hyatt Regency Hotel Remington-A Room Level Two, 7 a.m.
- June 27 CBF/Queen City Club Breakfast, Charlotte Westin Hotel, Harris Room, 7 a.m.
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management for A. R. Brooks Enterprise, Inc., Smyrna, Ga., and is pursuing an M.B.A. at Kennesaw State University.

CLINTON CARR is a clinical dietetic technician at University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital.

AMY CUPPS married Eric Green in October. They live in Birmingham.

HEATHER D. DEETER of Orlando, Fla., teaches K-5 music and chorus at Celebration School.

BRENDA DENT of Hueytown is enrolled in the master's in public and private management degree program at Birmingham-Southern College.

STEPHANIE ANNE HUMPHREY FEARN is school life section editor/coordinator, News-Press, Fort Myers, Fla. She and her husband, Bryan, have a son, Eli, one.

DANIELLE GILLIAM is enrolled at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. She and her husband, JOHN GILLIAM L'97, live in Daphne. They have an infant son, Jackson, born in September.

JENNY LYNN GOFORTH teaches physics at Chattanooga Christian School.

MATTHEW D. HAYES of Chapel Hill, N.C., recently received a master's degree in geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

THOMAS HOWELL is minister of families and adult education at First Baptist Church of Center Point.

JENNIFER DAWN MOYERS JAHRAUS is division coordinator of nursing in pediatrics at University of Kentucky Children's Hospital, Lexington, Ky. She and her husband, Chris, have a son, Tyler Ethan, born in August.

JAMES McCALL married Christa Leadford in June. He is southeastern account information executive for Travelers Property and Casualty Company, Atlanta, Ga.

ERIN BALLARD McMURRY is a Mary Kay cosmetics team leader in McCalla.

CAROL SUE MURPHY of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., is an interior designer with Lovelace Interiors.

HILLARY MOORE ODUM and her husband, David, live in Lakeland, Fla. She is a math teacher and athletics trainer at All Saints Academy.

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW PRICE married Christy A. Marlow

Garrett Caters to Variety of Musical Tastes

Alvin Garrett has combined his natural musical talent with skills he learned as a business management major to fill a niche in the music entertainment industry.

The 2000 graduate is founder/president of The Music Caterers entertainment management company, a Birmingham-based business he started during undergraduate days. The business has done so well that Garrett gave up his job last year as customer service representative for Vulcan Chemicals to devote more time to the music venture.

As the name implies, the company caters music to a variety of events and musical tastes.

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band for the type of entertainment needed," said Garrett, who can supply '40s and '50s, Motown, soft rock, standard oldies, contemporary and traditional jazz, or rhythm and blues for

events ranging from weddings to corporate events.

The former Samford football linebacker plays bass guitar with The Broadcast jazz trio, Just a Few Cats soul/rhythm and blues band, and Atlanta's Freestyle Nation.

This spring, he operated without the help of company vice president and Just a Few Cats lead vocalist Ruben Studdard, who was voted the top performer on the FOX television show *American Idol*. The staff also includes LaShanna Price, a 2000 graduate of Samford's theatre department.

Garrett, a Tuscaloosa native, is enjoying both roles as performer and businessman. "I'm having a blast," he said. ■

in October. He is area director, Miami Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Baptist campus minister at the University of Miami and Florida International University.

KEVIN RAINEY earned an M.B.A. from Mercer University in December. He is an international client representative with Marsh company in Atlanta.

LESLIE ROHRDANZ RYDEN and her husband, Chris, live in Spicewood, Texas.

TRAVIS BARRETT THATCHER is property tax consultant with Fellers, Schewe, Scott & Roberts, Atlanta, Ga.

KRISTEN WARD married Kevin Frein in February. She recently received her license as a physician assistant from the University of Florida and is a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

DANIEL DAVID WILKERSON married Sarah Turney in October and is pursuing a master's in education administration at Lipscomb University. They live in Auburntown, Tenn.

KEITH WILLIAMS is property analyst/cost accountant for Bayer Properties. He and his wife, Kathryn, live in Birmingham.



Keith Williams '99

CHARLES E. WORKMAN teaches Spanish at Samford.

## '00

ADAM BLANKENSHIP and ANGELA WAGER '02 married in November in a military wedding. They live in Boston, Mass., where he is a first lieutenant stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base.

JENNIFER ANN CRABB is enrolled in the medical psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is focusing on the ethical, legal and social issues of genetic testing for disease.

DANA GROOVER married Woody Baugher in December. They live in Homewood.

REBEKAH JOHNSON is a journeyman in youth evangelism/

church planting in Uruguay with the International Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

WILLIAM N. MAUDLIN, Jr., M.E.M. '02, married Kristen Hoffman in March. They live in Warrior. He is a geographic information systems specialist with Alabama Power Company.

SARAH MILLER and JONATHAN MURRAY married in September. He teaches history and Bible at Parkway Christian Academy, Birmingham. She is managing editor of *iSource* business magazine.

BRAD PHELPS recently completed an M.B.A. at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is general manager of Amphora Wine Merchants, Birmingham.

## L'00

AUDREY ELIZABETH REITZ married Clarence N. Channell III in September. They live in Alabaster. She is an associate attorney at Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins and Childs, Birmingham.

## '01

AMANDA CLAIRE BATTLE married David John Hoaglund in April, 2002. She is an internal auditor at SouthTrust bank in Birmingham. They live in Calera.

JENNIFER MICHELLE CHASTAIN is a physical education teacher in Seymour, Ind.

JAMES RYAN DAVIDSON is associate pastor in the areas of worship and missions at Bethel Baptist Church, Yorktown, Va. He is pursuing a master's in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

SHANNON RAY GUYTON is a pharmacist with Bruno's in Forestdale.

TIFFANY HANSEN is a law student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

REBECCA KENT is assistant soccer coach at Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, where she is pursuing a master's in counseling and psychology.

KIURA MATTI, M.S.E., M.Div., is international director of Revival and Harvest Ministry International, Birmingham. He recently completed a doctor of ministry in intercultural studies at Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Nancy, a student at Beeson Divinity School, have

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three children, Grace, Faith and Joshua.

KATE McKOSKY married MAZEN NUWAYHID '02 in September. They live in Huntsville, where he is a pharmacist with Rite Aid. She is a nurse at Huntsville Endoscopy Center.

ANGELA MOORE-JONES is a pharmacist with Rite Aid in Tuscaloosa. She and her husband, Johnnie Jones, live in Bessemer. They have a daughter, Taylor Elana, born in July.

LAUREN SPANNAGEL of Marietta, Ga., is pursuing a master's in physical therapy at Georgia State University.

## '02

BRIAN T. FOSTER is a sales associate in the management track with Wal-Mart. He and his wife, Manda, live in Leeds.

Marine Corps Cpl. RALPH R. GOLD IV was recently called to active duty in support of the global war on terrorism. He is assigned to Company L, 4th Marine Division, based in Montgomery.

LINDSAY KEITH is health promotions associate for the Alabama chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, Birmingham.

MICHAEL SHANE LEA and NATALIE SEANOR married in December. They live in Bullock,

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Chris and **KATE HENDON TINNEY ALBRIGHT '98** of Oxford, a daughter, Ava Hendon, born March 7, 2003.

Jeffrey E. and **LYNN SILLIVAN ANDERSON '97** of Birmingham, a son, Michael Lee, born Oct. 7, 2002.

Rodger and **LISA MOON ARMSTRONG '97** of Warrior, a daughter, Olivia Grace, born Nov. 26, 2002.

**MATTHEW, Pharm.D. '99**, and **DOROTHY BARDIN '00** of Temple Terrace, Fla., a daughter, Natalie Paige, born Jan. 17, 2003.

Jay and **CINDY HARGROVE BENDALL '97** of Muscle Shoals, a son, Thomas William, born April 7, 2003.

**TIM '93** and **MICHELE SHATTLES BRADFORD '93** of Winfield, triplet sons, Colin, Graham and Luke, born May 23, 2002.

**DAVID BRYAN** and **LAURIE ROWE BROOKS '94** of Zebulon, N.C., a son, Jacob Talmadge, born Sept. 16, 2002.

**REX ALLEN '90** and **PAULA CRUMPTON BROOKS '91** of Sylacauga, a son, Jonathan Grant, born Feb. 26, 2003.

Amanda and **JIM CAMP '94, L'97**, of Carrollton, Ga., a daughter, Emma Grace, born March 27, 2003.

Ashley and **SUSAN KIRCUS CAMP, Pharm.D. '01**, of Trussville, a son, Clayton Kircus, born March 15, 2003.

David and **SUZANNE ALLISON CANTLEY '90** of Birmingham, a son, Nikolai, born Aug. 8, 2001, and adopted from Kazan, Russia, Oct. 23, 2002.

**JOE THOMAS, Jr.** and **KAY MEANS CARTER '84** of Trussville, a son, Andrew Thomas, born Feb. 5, 2003.

**BOBBY LEE L'95** and **SHERI LOTT CHRISTINE '95** of Augusta, Ga., a son, Peter Alexander, born Dec. 30, 2002.

**KENNY '97** and **HEATHER GORDEN CLAYTON '95** of Elkton, Ky., a daughter, Lauren, born June 28, 2002.

**TIM** and **SHANNON HAGE CLOUD '93** of Orlando, Fla., a son, Blake Manning, born Dec. 9, 2002.

Andy and **MARY JO MCNEESE COLLINS, Pharm.D. '97**, of Lenoir City,

Tenn., a son, Wyatt Andrew, born Dec. 30, 2002.

Chad and **KARI ERIKSON CONLEY '94** of Heathrow, Fla., a son, Carson, born Jan. 2, 2003.

Paul Daniel and **JILL SUZANNE CRUMPTON '96** of Warrior, a daughter, Leah Anna, born Jan. 17, 2003.

Josh and **JENNIFER LEWIS CULBERTSON '96, M.Acc. '97**, of Birmingham, a son, Samuel Bennett, born Nov. 13, 2002.

**TONY '94** and **EVELYN ALLEN DERRISO, Pharm.D. '99**, of Duncan, S.C., a son, Thomas Cross, born Oct. 3, 2002.

Lara Ligon and **BRIAN DISHER '96** of Greenville, S.C., triplets, Mitch, Mills and Jared, born April 1, 2003.

**JOHN DAVID '95** and **AMY POWLEY DRISKILL '96** of Helena, a son, Joshua, born March 1, 2003.

Chris and **LEE ANN WOOSLEY DUGGAR '94** of Montgomery, a daughter, Abigail Grace, born Jan. 24, 2003.

**BRAD WILLIAM** and **KATHRYN GIVENS DUNLAP '99** of Olive Branch, Miss., a son, Cole Matthew, born Jan. 17, 2003.

Jamie and **TRACIE HAWKINS EDWARDS '97** of Birmingham, a daughter, Josephine, born Nov. 26, 2002.

Jay and **JULIE AKINS ELMORE '94** of Hoover, a daughter, Anna Lane, born Jan. 13, 2003.

Bryan and **STEPHANIE ANNE HUMPHREY FEARN '99** of Fort Myers, Fla., a son, Joseph Elias "Eli," born Dec. 20, 2001.

Kristen and **JUDSON L. FLEMING '93** of Vestavia Hills, a daughter, Anna Marie, born Nov. 29, 2002.

**DAVID J. '95** and **MELISSA BOOTES FUERST '90** of Lewisville, N.C., a son, Joshua Cullen, born Jan. 11, 2003.

**JAMES NEAL '97** and **CANDACE CARTER GALBREATH '97** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Haley, born Feb. 14, 2002.

**RAYBURN CRAIG '00** and **BRIDGET TOWNSEND GILLEY '99** of Moody, a son, Clay, born Feb. 28, 2003.

**JOHN L'97** and **DANIELLE GILLIAM '99** of Daphne, a son, Jackson, born Sept. 2, 2002.

David and **ANNE HAUSER GOODMAN '93** of

Stuart, Fla., a son, Maxwell Lee, born May 10, 2001, and a daughter, Page Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 2002.

**MIKE '96** and **JENNIFER DRUMM HAMILTON '99** of Fort Worth, Texas, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, born April 18, 2003.

**PHILLIP '97** and **LUTICIA MORGAN HARDY '98** of Huntsville, a son, Garrison, born Dec. 16, 2001.

Eric and **JENNIFER HAYES HARRELL '93** of Alabaster, a son, Ethan Lamar, born March 8, 2002.

Scott and **PAULA BYARS HEATH '96** of Birmingham, a son, Elijah Thomas, born Jan. 9, 2002.

**GRAYSON '93** and **KATHERINE TOLLISON HILTON '95** of Hoover, a son, Nathaniel Lane, born Dec. 19, 2002.

Jim and **AMY ALEXANDER HOGAN '93** of Birmingham, a daughter, Eleanor Frances, born May 17, 2002.

Key and **ANNE BUSINARO HOLLEMAN '95** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, William Wallace, born March 17, 2003.

David and **LESLEY BOYD HOPKINS '91** of Hueytown, a daughter, Cierra, born March 21, 2002.

**BRYAN HARPER '96** and **AMY KEELS HOWELL '96** of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son, Caleb Spencer, born Feb. 24, 2003.

Cameron Hatchett and **JOSH LOGAN HUFF '96** of Jackson, Miss., triplets, Abby Carroll, Caroline Grace and Logan Andrew, born March 3, 2003.

Chris and **JENNIFER DAWN MOYERS JAHRAUS '99** of Lexington, Ky., a son, Tyler Ethan, born Aug. 26, 2002.

Michael and **CHERE WILLIAMS JONES '94** of Remlap, a daughter, Michaela Chere, born March 23, 2003.

Dan and **JENNIFER VANCE KANE '92** of Vestavia Hills, a daughter, Annamarie, born Aug. 30, 2002.

Kevin and **TAMMY BURKE KILGO '92** of Southside, a daughter, Olivia Brooke, born Oct. 11, 2002.

**SPENCER '96** and **AMY YORK KNIGHT '97** of Gardendale, a daughter, Anna Caroline, born Dec. 16, 2002.

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Joseph III and Lewis Alexander, born Jan. 23, 2003.

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Jack Fite and **MEREDITH COX LOVELACE '96** of Falkville, a daughter, Caroline Raeleigh, born Aug. 28, 2002.

Mike and **JENNIFER LEE LOWE '97** of Madison, Miss., a son, Larry "Michael" Lowe III, born Oct. 31, 2002.

Roy and **GINGER HALL MAGES '92** of Simpsonville, S.C., a daughter, Emily Grace, born Oct. 16, 2001.

Michael and **PENNIE MARIE MARLIN '98** of Hermitage, Tenn., a son, Hunter, born Jan. 27, 2003.

**D. KEIRON L'98** and **DANA WRIGHT McGOWIN L'99** of Mobile, a daughter, Emma Elise, born Nov. 4, 2002.

Phillip and **TRACI JOY JOHNSON METCALF '94** of Birmingham, a daughter, Taylor Joy, born March 6, 2003.

Tracy and **LORA NATION MIXSON '96** of Arlington, Tenn., a son, Cole Parker, born April 1, 2003.

Johnnie Jones and **ANGELA MOORE-JONES, Pharm.D. '01**, of Bessemer, a daughter, Taylor Elana Moore-Jones, born July 7, 2002.

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Tom and **GRETCHEN ELIZABETH GLENN PASCOE '89** of Clifton, Va., a son, Andrew Paul, born Feb. 12, 2003.

Brian and **DEBBIE IVEY PEDDLE '92** of Stoneham, Mass., a daughter, Cailyn Grace, born Feb. 8, 2002.

Lesley and **JEREMY PERKINS '95** of Alabaster, a daughter, Peyton, born March 5, 2002.

Keith and **CHRISTY PLOTT '94** of Jasper, a son, Jacob Andrew, born Jan. 29, 2002.

Pamela and **HENRY JACOB RACKLEY III '97** of Frisco, Texas, a son, Carson Jacob, born April 10, 2003.

**SCOTT '96** and **HEATHER HURST RANDLE '98** of Jacksonville, Fla., a daughter, Autumn, born Dec. 14, 2002.

**JONATHAN MARTIN '96** and **ANGELA STANFIELD RAY '97** of Swainsboro, Ga., a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, born March 20, 2002.

**KENNY H.** and **SUSAN HUNT RAY '87** of Birmingham,

a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, born Jan. 14, 2003.

**MICHAEL** and **COURTNEY REASONS '98** of Spring Hill, Tenn., a son, Michael "Ford," born Nov. 7, 2002.

**CHARLES D. IV '93** and **JENNIFER SANDS '92** of Birmingham, a son, Charles D. Sands V, born Oct. 27, 2002.

**JASON '98** and **AMANDA ROYAL SEARS '96, M.M., M.M.E. '98**, of Newnan, Ga., a son, William Drake, born June 15, 2001.

Dwayne and **MARY FRIDAY SHARP '93** of Silverhill, a son, Joseph Edward, born Oct. 8, 2002.

Kim and **MICHAEL D. SHARPTON '96** of Birmingham, a daughter, Hanna Sophia Evelyn, born Feb. 11, 2003.

**BEN '99** and **SARAH DRIVER SPROUSE '99** of Staunton, Va., a daughter, Kayleigh, born April 2, 2001.

Julia and **JEFFRY STAKE '99** of Tallahassee, Fla., a daughter, Abigail Grace, born March 30, 2003.

Amy and **MONTE THOMAS STARKES '92, M.Div. '01**, of Gainesville, Ga., a daughter, Anna Grace, born Jan. 3, 2003.

Andy and **DANA WHITE STARNES '91** of Hanceville, a daughter, Carly Katherine, born March 9, 2003.

Kendall and **BARRY STEPHENSON, M.B.A. '91**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Abigail Margaret, born Nov. 1, 2002.

Carl and **JULIE NASH STEWART '94** of Huntsville, a daughter, Abigail Rose, born May 10, 2002.

Kevin and **CHRISTINE LEE NELSON SULLIVAN '95** of Pompano Beach, Fla., a daughter, Ashlyn Ann, born Feb. 16, 2003.

Barbara and **J. SCOTT TREADWAY '89** of Birmingham, the adoption of a son, Andrew Scott, born Jan. 27, 2003.

Boyd and **MICHELLE MCKENZIE TRULOVE '97** of Hoover, a son, Samuel Dean, born March 31, 2003.

Andrew and **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS TUCKER '95** of Larchmont, N.Y., a daughter, Abigail Victoria, born Jan. 23, 2003.

**KEVIN '91** and **MARNI ALLISON SMITH ULCH '93** of Birmingham, a son, Andrew David, born Jan. 22, 2003.

Christopher and **ERICKA LEE FISCHER VANDER SYS '98** of Songtan, South Korea, a daughter, Joshephine "Josie" Ruth, born Dec. 8, 2002.

Elizabeth and **DAVID WAGNER '83** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Ella Nora, born Feb. 4, 2003.

**DAVID '96, M.Div. '00**, and **HOLLY LEO WATSON '97** of Powder Springs, Ga., a son, Chase Robert, born Sept. 3, 2002.

Roger and **KRISTAL KEARCE WATSON '95** of Canton, Ga., a son, William Brittan, born May 1, 2002.

Bob and **HEATHER FRENCH WATTERS '93** of Bessemer, a daughter, Anastasia Victoria, born July 3, 2002.

Carlton and **MICHELLE BOWMAN WATTS '96** of Hoover, a daughter, Reagan Emily, born Feb. 15, 2003.

Matt and **JENNIFER LEE MEYERHOFF WELCH '96** of Port Orange, Fla., a daughter, Peyton Blair, born Dec. 30, 2002.

Chris and **BETH PARSLEY WHITEHEAD '95** of The Woodlands, Texas, a daughter, Ella Nicole, born May 29, 2002.

Eric and **RUSHA FRANKLIN WOODSON '97** of Hixson, Tenn., a daughter, Emily, born Aug. 14, 2002.

Jamey and **HOLLY NORMAN WRIGHT '98** of Red Bay, a son, Dawson Ray, born Feb. 14, 2003.

Michael and **STEPHANIE GOOCH WRIGHT '97** of Dickson, Tenn., a daughter, Sadie Blake, born Dec. 5, 2002.

## IN MEMORIAM

**MARY FRANCES CALFEE CATES '60**, age 63, of Birmingham died June 23, 2002. She was a registered nurse in Birmingham hospitals. She earned nursing credentials after receiving a bachelor's in religious education. While a student, she was a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board.

**EFRO CASSIMUS '44**, age 83, of Birmingham died March 15, 2003. She owned and operated The Peanut Depot for more than 40 years.

**LORENE E. CLARK '51** of Oneonta died Jan. 5, 2003. She and her husband, James H. Clark '51, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in April 2002.

**ELMER GREGORY COE '54**, age 89, of Birmingham died Jan. 31, 2003. He was a manufacturer's representative in the hardware supply business.

**JAMES ANDREW COLLEY '59**, age 70, of

Phoenix, Ariz., died of cancer March 11, 2003. He served Phoenix as director of parks and recreation for 25 years, retiring in October 2001.

**EUNICE HUNT COLLINS '76** of Knoxville, Tenn., died Feb. 27, 2003. She earned her bachelor's degree after retiring from careers as secretary at First Baptist Church of Guntersville and secretary of the Marshall County Farm Bureau.

**MARY ANN WILLIAMS CUMMINS '51**, age 79, of Bethany, Okla., died April 4, 2003. She was a nurse in hospitals and nursing homes, mostly in the Oklahoma City, Okla., area.

**ALETHA TENTE DAWSON '24**, age 97, of Homewood died April 12, 2003.

**JAMES PINCKEY DOBBINS '48**, age 78, of Vestavia Hills died Feb. 14, 2003. He was in the wholesale lumber business since 1949 and was the retired owner of Dobbins Brothers Lumber Company.

**PAUL DUNLAP '52**, age 88, of McCalla died Jan. 23, 2003. He taught at McAdory High School for 18 years. He earned a master's degree from the University of Alabama and also held a doctor of divinity.

**DAREN HARRISON EASTER '49**, age 79, of Decatur died March 5, 2003. He was Decatur's Young Man of the Year in 1957. He retired in 1984 after a career in general insurance and real estate business. He was past president of the Decatur Independent Agents Association, Jaycees, Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, and state vice president of the Alabama Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**KATHY FOWLER '83**, age 47, of Birmingham died Feb. 14, 2003. She was a critical care nurse in the neurological intensive care units at University of Alabama at Birmingham and Carraway hospitals, and also worked at Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital. She hosted

the Saturday morning "Classic Rock" program on WVSU at Samford.

**MARGARET POW GREEN '44**, age 98, of Birmingham died April 5, 2003. She was a teacher and principal with Birmingham schools from 1924 until 1967.

**MARVIN REYNOLDS HAIRE '47**, age 80, of Indianapolis, Ind., died Dec. 31, 2002. He retired in 1990 after a career pastoring churches in Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Georgia and Indiana. Also a missionary for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, he was known for his work in pioneer missions and church starting. He earned a master's from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**CLIFFORD NEWTON HATHAWAY, Jr. L'96**, age 53, of Birmingham died March 27, 2003. He was employed by Nordstrom in Chicago, Ill. A retired naval commander in

aviation, he taught at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery. He served on the admiral's staff at Moffett Field, California and in the Pentagon.

**MOLLY GRAY**

**HOLLAND '51**, age 73, of Birmingham died Jan. 19, 2003. A pharmacist with HealthSouth for 50 years, she was president of the Alabama Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

**ORRIE WALKER**

**IRWIN, Jr. '48**, age 79, of Birmingham died March 31, 2003. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves 87th MAC in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel. He founded The Irwin Agency, providing insurance, real estate brokerage and appraisal services, and was a camp president and chaplain with Gideon's International.

**GEORGE HUDDLESTON**

**JACKSON '43**, age 84, of Vestavia Hills died March 19, 2003. He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a retired Baptist minister who served churches throughout Alabama. He retired after 25 years as director of Samford's Howard College Extension Division.

Lt. Col. **HENRY LEWIS**

**JONES '49** of Dover, Dela., died April 13, 2003. He was owner of Noteworthy Music, Inc.

**ELLIS DAWSON**

**KENNEDY '52**, age 79, of Pleasant Grove died Feb. 10, 2003. In World War II, he was a B17 radio operator, flying 23 combat

missions over Germany and two revival missions to return Allied POWs. He was retired from the Internal Revenue Service.

**PEARL KEY '37** of

Panama City Beach, Fla., died March 7, 2003. She taught English at Parrish High School and was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers honor society.

**JAPPIE BRYANT KING**

**'41**, age 84, of Birmingham died April 23, 2003. She worked in church and city kindergartens in Michigan and established a kindergarten for deaf children in Milwaukee, Wisc., as part of her work as a Delta Zeta alumna. She was ΔZ president her senior year, and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

**JAMES MADISON**

**McCAIN, Jr. '63**, age 66, formerly of Selma, died Jan. 18, 2003. His career as a Navy chaplain began in 1962 and culminated with service in Desert Storm. He and his wife spent their retirement rejuvenating Jacksons Grove Methodist Church, Landrum, S.C. A graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he did postgraduate work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

**ANITA MEADOWS**

**MOORE '44** of Mountain Brook died March 31, 2003. A cryptologist for the Army Signal Corps during World War II, she later taught school for 22 years in Birmingham. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and Delta Kappa Gamma education honor society.

**HERMAN MOORE '51**, age 75, of Birmingham died March 23, 2003. For 39 years, he was president of Title Books, Inc., which supplied books to schools and libraries. Using the pen name, "Hungry Herman," he wrote two statewide restaurant guides. He founded the Kenny Morgan Scholarship Foundation at Samford, serving many years as chairman of the scholarship selection committee. He was honored as a 1998 Samford alumnus of the year.

**VIRGINIA C. MURPHY '83**, age 80, of Helena died Feb. 27, 2003. Longtime costume mistress for Town and Gown Theatre, she retired from the Social Security Administration. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

**THOMAS L. OGLE, Sr.**

**'41**, age 84, of Birmingham died March 1, 2003. He retired as secretary/treasurer of Rast Construction. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**VIRGINIA McLAURINE EVANS PARKER '32** of Birmingham, died Jan. 31, 2003. She was longtime secretary to the supervisor of music for Birmingham city schools and served on the board of directors of the Birmingham Humane Society. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

**SARA ELLYSON**

**RACHIELLES '57**, age 66, of Birmingham died Dec. 10, 2002. She was a retired nurse from Baptist Montclair.

**JEAN WALKER**

**RENNEKER '34**, age 89, of Birmingham died Feb. 23, 2003.

**ELDRIDGE W. "Sonny"**

**ROARK, Jr. '55**, age 69, of Naples, Fla., died Feb. 25, 2003. He earned M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University. For 25 years, he was vice president of student affairs at Radford University and Plattsburgh State University of New York. At Samford, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and student body president. He was initiated as a student member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and ultimately served as national president of the organization from 1990 to 1994. In 1995, he received OAK's highest honor, the Laurel Crown Circle Award.

**JACKSON RAMSEY**

**ROBERTSON, Sr. '36**, age 87, of Hoover died April 15, 2003. He was a Baptist minister and

college professor, serving Southern Baptist churches in Alabama and Kentucky. He earned degrees from University of Louisville School of Law and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In the 1930s and '40s, he was an announcer and producer at radio stations in Louisville, Ky., and Monroe, La. He wrote and produced *The Baptist Hour*. He was alumni secretary at Samford during the 1950s and was involved in relocating the school from Homewood. (He took the photo that appears on the back cover of this *Seasons*.)

**SAMUEL THOMAS**

**ROBINO L'67**, age 62, of Birmingham died March 15, 2003. He was a retired investigator with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ANNIE GRACE**

**WALDROP SHEPERD '26**, age 96, of Rock Hill, S.C., died March 16, 2003. She taught preschool and elementary grades in Walker and Jefferson counties for over 40 years. In her eighties, she taught literary classes for adults.

**JOSEPH H. SMITH '66**,

age 77, of Graysville died April 7, 2003. He retired from the U.S. Navy and was a government auditor.

**THOMAS LEE TUCKER**

**'50**, age 76, of Montgomery died March 7, 2003. He held master's degrees from Peabody College (Vanderbilt University) and Auburn University. He retired from the Montgomery County Board of Education.

**WILLIAM E. "Bert"**

**VINES '60**, age 71, of Mt. Olive died Feb. 28, 2003. He was retired from Jefferson County schools.

**JOHN WARREN WADE**

**'51**, age 76, of Pinson died April 16, 2003. He lettered in football at Samford, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

**SARAH FARLEY WANN**

**'38**, age 86, of Huntsville died March 29, 2003.

**TALLULAH "Tully"**

**WARD '66**, age 60, of Niceville, Fla., died April 8, 2003. She was a longtime resident of Eufaula and formerly taught at Central High School in Phenix City.

**MARILYN MATHEWS**

**WELLS, M.S. '87**, age 45, of Atlanta, Ga., died March 25, 2003. She was a longtime staff member of Campus Crusade for Christ, and also taught in Birmingham schools.

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# Women Set School Record for Softball Wins



Pitcher Erin Landsburg won 15 games and threw six shutouts for Samford.

The women's softball team set a school record for wins this spring, posting a 27-17-1 mark en route to the most successful season among Samford's spring sports teams. The team's 12-10 Atlantic Sun Conference record also represented a new school high for league wins.

The previous record for total wins was set by the 2001 team, which went 26-37. The conference win record had been eight, in 1992 and 2001.

Coach Beanie Ketcham's squad edged UAB, 1-0, in 10 innings April 29 to set the overall record. Erin Landsburg pitched a four-hit shutout and drove in the winning run with a squeeze bunt. It was Landsburg's sixth shutout of the season and made her record 15-10. She finished with a 2.01 earned run average and 156 strikeouts in 185 innings.

Samford combined strong pitching with improved hitting to fashion its successful season. The Bulldogs hit .288 as a team and had six regulars to bat over .300. Kelly Smith led the way at .341, followed by Angela Bednark (.326),

Deanna Resmondo (.320), Michelle Wright (.316), Sarah Godfrey (.309) and Trisha Holman (.304).

Wright, with eight home runs and 33 runs batted in, led the power categories. Bednark added seven home runs—boosting her career total to a school record 21 for three seasons.

Freshman Emilee Lewis posted a 9-5 pitching record, and Amber Fuller was 3-2.

Most of the Bulldogs will be back next year for Samford's Ohio Valley Conference inaugural season.

Resmondo, Wright and Fuller were the only seniors on this year's team. ■

## Holmes Heads to Wide-Open Canada after Starring for Steeldogs



Samford's record-setting receiver, Aryvia Holmes, is heading for the wide-open spaces. After a short spring stint with Birmingham's arena football team, which plays indoors on a 50-yard field, he signed with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, where the field is 110 yards long.

"It's going to be a grand transition," Holmes told *The Birmingham News*. "It's wide open up there, so I should definitely benefit from it."

Holmes finished his Samford career last fall as the Bulldog leader in career catches (210) and yards (2,955). He was named NCAA I-AA Independent Offensive Player of the Year.

He signed with the Birmingham Steeldogs, who play in the Arena Football Two league [AF2], and was an immediate success. He caught 46 passes for 587 yards and 13 touchdowns in only five games, averaging 117.4 yards an outing.

"He contributed a lot to our team," said Coach Bobby Humphrey. "We're going to miss him around here."

Holmes was able to continue classroom work while playing for the Steeldogs. He received his degree May 24. By that time, he had already headed to preseason camp with Montreal, which is the defending CFL Grey Cup champion. ■

## Bulldogs Jump into OVC Play, Travel to San Diego State This Fall



Samford will play an eight-game Ohio Valley Conference schedule and visit Division I-A San Diego

State during the 2003 football season. The Bulldogs will also play nonconference games with Chattanooga and West Alabama.

"It's a great feeling to finally let our players compete for conference honors within the Ohio Valley Conference," said Head Coach Bill Gray. "Our young men will be excited about traveling to San Diego to play and having two in-state opponents coming to Seibert Stadium this fall."

The Bulldogs will play in Qualcomm Stadium, the site of this past January's Super Bowl, when they face Mountain West Conference member San Diego State Sept. 20. Samford will open with nonconference games at Chattanooga Aug. 28 and against West Alabama in Seibert Stadium Sept. 4—both Thursday night games.

The Bulldogs will welcome Southeast Missouri State to Seibert on Saturday, Sept. 27, for their first OVC game, a 6 p.m. affair. They will also host Murray State, Tennessee State (for Homecoming) and Jacksonville State in the conference.

OVC road games will be at Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee–Martin, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Illinois. ■

### Samford University 2003 Football Schedule

Aug. 28	at Chattanooga	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	West Alabama	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	at San Diego State	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	Southeast Missouri State*	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Eastern Kentucky*	TBA
Oct. 11	Murray State*	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Tennessee–Martin*	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Tennessee State* (HC)	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Tennessee Tech*	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	Jacksonville State*	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.

\*Ohio Valley Conference game  
HC—Homecoming

# Looking back . . .



Photo by Jackson R. Robertson, Sr.

## *Making the Dirt Fly*

*It took more than a shovel to break ground for Samford's new Shades Valley campus 50 years ago, in June of 1953. President Harwell G. Davis, who dreamed the dream of a new campus, sits at the bulldozer controls next to trustee Paul A. Redmond. Board of Trustees Chairman Frank P. Samford stands behind Redmond, and Davis' grandson, Bill Eshelman, waits for some action. Looking over the site from ground level are, from left, D.W. Ellard, contractor; Charles B. Davis and E. B. Van Keuren, architects; John H. Buchanan (pointing), trustee; John G. Burton, business manager; and Percy P. Burns, dean. The cornerstone for the first building, Samford Hall, was laid in 1955, and the campus opened in 1957.*