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# ‘What’s your **vision** for Samford?’

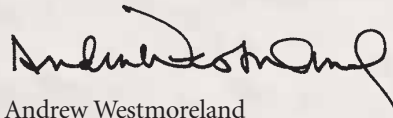
It is a question I’ve fielded dozens—perhaps hundreds—of times in recent weeks, a logical question for the newly arrived president of a university. In reply, I’ve painted lightly around the edges of the question, offering my aspirations for Samford while leaving plenty of space on the canvas.

I know that you share my fond hopes for Samford University. As we chart the course for the next decade, I want the extended Samford family to achieve ownership of our plans. To accomplish that goal, we must engage the hearts and minds of our people in the process of identifying our priorities. We’ll be asking for your constructive criticism and your inspired advice.

Let’s begin with a question: What’s your vision for Samford?

Go to [www.samford.edu/president](http://www.samford.edu/president) to post your ideas online, or write to me at the Office of the President, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. I’m listening, and I value your thoughts.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland  
President

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## Plenty of 'New' as Fall Semester Begins

Samford began its 165th year with about 800 new students, 17 new faculty members, a new recital hall, new residence hall furniture, newly refurbished facilities in the north portion of Wright Center and a new coffee shop, O'Henry's.

Enrollment stood at about 4,400 students, with about 1,900 residing on campus. The university welcomed about 660 freshmen and 140 transfer students as classes began the last week in August.

As always, the fall semester is filled with activity. Some highlights include Family Weekend Sept. 22–24, dedication of Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall Oct. 3, dedication of Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall Oct. 13–14, homecoming Oct. 19–22 and the inauguration of new president Andrew Westmoreland Nov. 2 (*see separate story*).

Upperclassmen residing in Beeson Woods and West Campus were greeted by new furniture in their rooms, part of \$1.3 million in residence hall refurbishing.

Parking is a scramble as usual, but plans are concrete now to build a 600-car parking deck on the north side of the campus, across from Vail and Smith residence halls. The \$10-million parking project is scheduled to begin this fall and should be completed by the fall of 2007.

Samford anticipates completion of a new tennis center on the west side of the campus during the late fall. The \$2 million facility will have six outdoor and three indoor courts. Progress continues on the \$32 million Pete Hanna Arena west of Bashinsky Fieldhouse toward a projected completion date during late 2007. ■

## Samford Ranked Fourth in South, 17th Straight Year in Top 10

Samford University ranks fourth in the South among master's degree schools in this year's *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of America's Best Colleges. This is the 17th consecutive year for the school to be ranked in the top 10 in its category. Samford ranks higher in its peer group than any Alabama university or college.

Alabama's largest private university appears in the category Best Universities—Master's, which includes schools offering a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, as well as some doctoral programs. The category is divided into four geographic regions and is the largest ranking category with more than 550 schools.

"Samford University's recognition by the editors of *U.S. News* is a tribute to our world-class faculty and staff, outstanding students, and loyal alumni," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

The magazine bases its annual rankings on a school's academic reputation, freshman retention rate, graduation rate, class size, student-faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, student selectivity and acceptance rate, and percentage of alumni giving.

Other categories in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are National Universities, Liberal Arts Colleges and Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor's. Schools are classified into peer groups based on the academic programs they offer. ■

## Westmoreland Inauguration Set for November 2

Samford will inaugurate Dr. Andrew Westmoreland as its 18th president this fall, with events leading up to an investiture program Thursday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. in Wright Center Concert Hall. Inaugural activity will include lectures, concerts, service events and an inaugural ball sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Among lectures scheduled are the J. Roderick Davis Lecture featuring U.S.-Mexico relations expert Juan Hernandez Thursday, Oct. 19; the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Funderburg Lectureship Saturday, Oct. 21; an Open Government Symposium cosponsored by the Cumberland School of Law and the Samford School of Business Friday, Oct.

27; and the Reformation Heritage Lectures featuring theologian Frank A. James III, Tuesday–Thursday, Oct. 31–Nov 2.

Famed pianist Leon Fleisher will present a concert in the new Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Students and faculty will take part in a variety of service events for the Birmingham community leading up to inauguration. The ball will be held the night of Nov. 2 in Seibert Hall.

Samford University Board of Trustees Chairman William J. Stevens and Samford Provost and Executive Vice President J. Bradley Creed are co-chairs of the inauguration planning committee. ■



Samford's First Lady

# Jeanna Westmoreland

Continues Her Busy Pace

by Mary Wimberley

**D**r. Jeanna Westmoreland, wife of Samford's new president, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, expects a busy fall. Not that the summer offered many idle moments for the couple and their teenage daughter, Riley.

"The first three weeks that we were in Birmingham, Riley and I unpacked boxes. Just as we finished, invitations began to pour in," said Mrs. Westmoreland, recalling the month of June and the many welcoming gestures from campus and community hosts.

Comfortably settled into the Samford president's home in the Greystone area of north Shelby County, she looks forward to extending her own invitations to many events for students, faculty, staff and Samford friends.

She made a big hit with this year's freshman class when, despite some hesitation by her husband, she insisted on inviting the 800 new students to their home for an ice cream social in late August. It was a popular tradition the couple enjoyed at their previous post at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Mrs. Westmoreland plans to host many more events, and be involved in various projects on campus and in the community.

Her talents and time have been spoken for already by M-Power Ministries Executive Director Ryan Hankins, M.Div. '03, whose undergraduate degree is from Ouachita.

"He got in touch with me as soon as he learned we were coming to Birmingham," said Westmoreland, who is eager to use her background in education to possibly help develop plans for the community ministry's after-school tutoring program.

A 1981 graduate of Ouachita, where she majored in elementary education, she went on to earn master's and doctor of education degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

When the Westmorelands made the move to Samford, she was in her third year as dean of the Ouachita School of

Education, where she began her college teaching career in 1991. Early in her career, she was a classroom teacher and coordinator of gifted programs in Bismarck (Ark.) Public Schools near Arkadelphia.

In 2003, she was tapped by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee to serve a six-year term on the state board of education. The experience was gratifying, if at times controversial, said Westmoreland, who became board chair in 2005.

Following a ruling from the Arkansas Supreme Court that declared the state education system unconstitutional, the legislature sought to consolidate many of the state's 308 independent school districts. During a busy two-month span, the veteran educator recalls, 59 districts were consolidated.

"In most cases, it was clear what the right thing to do was, and many schools knew it was the right thing," said Westmoreland, noting that some rural superintendents later acknowledged that their students had missed opportunities under the old plan.

Her service on the board, which also approved loans and bonds, meant frequent—sometimes twice-weekly—trips to meetings in Little Rock, the state capital, located about 70 miles from Arkadelphia.

During her tenure at Ouachita, she was active in many education-related initiatives. She was president of the International Future Problem Solving Program's policy committee for six years and president of the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators for three. She also served six years as president of Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education.

Her numerous professional presentations include one on effective teaching strategies to the Myanmar Baptist Convention in Yangon, Myanmar, in 2002.

Westmoreland's teaching and leadership abilities have been noted with awards from such groups as Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education, and the Arkansas Leadership Academy. The

Arkansas Association for Teacher Education gave her its Outstanding Service Award in 2005.

Her community activities included volunteer work at primary schools, as well as coaching state and regional award-winning Odyssey of the Mind teams—one of which made it to the World Finals competition.

She is a longtime member of Arkadelphia's First Baptist Church, where her service ranged from membership on building study and maintenance committees to being director of AcTeens and GAs to serving as a Sunday school teacher. More recently at Second Baptist Church, she worked with youth and Vacation Bible School.

Born in Tyler, Texas, she grew up mostly in Arkansas, where her dad was a Baptist preacher. "We were both PKs," she said of her husband and herself. They met at Ouachita during her freshman orientation.

"He was a senior and president of the student government association," she said, adding that her future husband also was a student worker for one of her first-year professors.

The two hit it off quickly, and by the time of the season's first football game, the upperclassman had asked her for a date.

"Student government members and their guests were invited to sit in the president's box," said Westmoreland, who accepted his invitation with the understanding that she would keep a previously scheduled evening date following the afternoon game.

The two married in 1980. Their daughter, Riley, is a junior at Spain Park High School.

High on Westmoreland's fall agenda is a series of presidential inauguration activities that will be highlighted by the Nov. 2 installation ceremony and reception. As busy as that time will be, she expects it not to be as hectic as the week surrounding her husband's 1998 inauguration as president of Ouachita.

"Here, I won't be running back and forth between inauguration events and teaching classes," she said. ■

*For more on Jeanna Westmoreland, go to [www.samford.edu/president](http://www.samford.edu/president).*

**Far left: Jeanna Westmoreland and her daughter, Riley, visit the Samford campus. Left: Westmoreland greets Governor Bob Riley at the Alabama Governor's School at Samford.**





# Remembering 'Pop'

by William Nunnolley



## King Biographer Taylor Branch Recalls His Father's Days at Howard College and Beyond

**F**ranklin T. Branch enrolled at then-Howard College in the early 1940s, majoring in economics, pledging Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and later joining *The Crimson* newspaper staff as a feature writer. He met his wife-to-be, Jane Worthington of Birmingham, at Howard, and graduated in 1943. After World War II service in the U.S. Marine Corps, he earned an M.B.A. at the University of Chicago and ultimately went into business in Atlanta, Ga.

A longtime member of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, he served from 1952 to 1954 as president of the Decatur Korean Foundation, which raised funds for orphanages founded by U.S. soldiers in South Korea. In 1965, he volunteered himself and his fleet of trucks to camp overnight in Forsyth County, Ga., testing posted signs that no racially mixed group would be tolerated after dark. Ku Klux Klan members attacked the group, but law enforcement officials intervened.

Branch and his wife had six children. The oldest, Taylor, is a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of Martin Luther King, Jr. The first volume of Taylor Branch's trilogy on King, *Parting the Waters* (1988), won the National Book Critics Circle Award for general nonfiction and the Pulitzer Prize for history. The other two volumes, *Pillar of Fire* (1998) and *At Canaan's Edge* (2006), also earned critical acclaim. Branch has written eight books and numerous articles for

such publications as *Harper's*, *The New Republic*, *Texas Monthly*, *Sport*, *The New York Times Magazine* and others.

Branch met Samford English professor Rod Davis during a speaking engagement at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in April and mentioned that his father went to Samford. He shares fond remembrances of his father in the following question-and-answer interview.

### **Tell us a little about your father, Franklin Branch, and your family.**

My dad was generally known as Frank, although I called him Pop. My son, Franklin Thomas Branch, his namesake, is called Franklin. Pop's father, Franklin Taylor Branch, is my namesake. He was born in 1863, migrated from south Georgia to the Oregon country early in the 20th century, where his first wife died. He came home to Quitman, Ga., around World War I. Grandfather Branch married again quite late in life, and my grandmother had Pop as her only child in 1922, when her husband was 58.

### **What did your grandfather do?**

Grandfather Branch worked as a cabinetmaker in Quitman. I was always told that he cut himself in his workshop and died of shock and angina in 1928, when Pop was six. Pop never talked about him very much, but he retained a lifelong hobby as a cabinetmaker himself. Pop made beautiful inlaid coffee tables for all six of his children, plus hope chests for his granddaughters and a bird-feeder in the shape of the Jefferson Memorial for President Clinton.

Taylor Branch





**Did your father talk much about his childhood?**

What Pop emphasized when I was growing up was the hardship of losing his father just one year before the Great Depression. Grandmother Branch lost their house in Quitman to foreclosure, then took odd jobs to support herself and young Pop, including driving the county bookmobile that served as a library. There was some gothic Southern novel material in our family lore. Pop resented his uncle in Quitman, Lee Branch, telling me over the years that Uncle Lee was one of the wealthiest lawyers in Georgia, but would not let Pop or his mother into his house because he considered his late brother, Frank, an embarrassing failure in the family.

**What did your father say about that?**

When I was grown, Pop disclosed to me that Lee Branch and his wife were murdered, in 1932 I believe, at their breakfast table by their son-in-law, one Livingston Snow, in a mysteriously sensational murder case. Pop told me he first visited Uncle Lee's mansion on the day of the funeral, and that he always fought a sense that the victim got what he deserved for shunning his late brother's widow.

**How did your father find his way to Howard College in East Lake?**

Family lore has it that Pop made his way to Birmingham hastily, running from creditors in Atlanta. He had been a student at Georgia Tech,

living there with his mother, and the two of them fled together. My grandmother found lodging in Birmingham as the housemother for Pop's fraternity at Howard.

**His transcript indicates that he majored in economics and minored in mathematics, but the 1943 annual says he was a member of the newspaper staff. Was he a writer, too?**

This is news to me. I never knew he worked on the college paper. The only writing sample of any length that I remember from him was a diary of his sojourn in 1956 to spirit my adopted sister, Cherry, out of an orphanage in Chunchon, South Korea. That was an adventure, very well told in the diary, and our whole family remains proud of the adoption to this day.

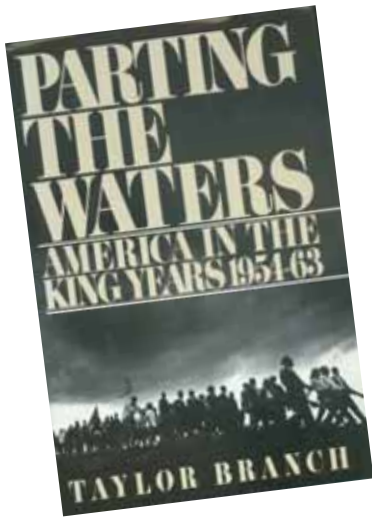
**Did he ever talk much about his college experience?**

I don't remember much talk about college subjects. Mostly what we heard were funny stories about courting my mother under the watchful eye of his mother in the fraternity house. My mom had a lot of suitors, and Pop had to fight them off.

**What impression did he have of the Birmingham of the early 1940s?**

My impressions from him were, briefly: poverty, big-band music, his own pious but beloved mother, and my mother's grumpy and suspicious mother. My mother had just graduated from

Franklin Branch enjoys a fishing trip with his son, Taylor, and his other children. Inset: A youthful Branch as he appeared in the 1943 Samford yearbook, *The Entre Nous*.



Taylor Branch's 1988 study of Martin Luther King, Jr., *Parting the Waters*, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history.

Ramsay High, I believe. She and Pop were both only children raised by single mothers. They hung out with one contemporary couple who remained lifelong friends, Bill and Wilma Guy of Birmingham. Wilma was Mom's high school buddy, and I think Bill went to Howard. Bill Guy still lives in Birmingham.

**How did your parents meet? When were they married?**

They met at the May Day dance at Pop's fraternity house May 1, 1943. They were married only two months later, July 9, 1943. Mom said Pop was due to report for Marine training in August, and "we did things fast during the war." Pop died in June 2003 just before their 60th anniversary.

**Did you spend any time in Birmingham as a child, visiting relatives?**

A little bit. My mother's mother lived in Birmingham until the 1970s, I think, when she moved to Atlanta, where we lived. We spent a lot more time at Grandmother Branch's home in Quitman, which she had recovered from the bank. We went on many fishing trips from there to the Gulf of Mexico, and we made exotic country friends with people who had livestock, tractors and beehives.

**After Howard and service in the Marine Corps, your father earned an M.B.A. at the University of Chicago, and then went into business in Atlanta. Tell us something about that.**

Chicago was a big break for Pop. He talked of being a country boy in the big city, a graduate school classmate of future Secretary of State George Schultz. Mom got a secretarial job to support them and was shocked decades later to receive a certificate notifying her that she had been secretly assisting the Manhattan Project under Enrico Fermi. (The undercover project to develop the atomic bomb was located at the University of Chicago.) They moved back to Atlanta just before I was born in 1947. Pop worked for the Veteran's Administration and for Burroughs (then an "adding machine" company), while earning his law degree at night from Atlanta University. Then, despite all his advanced education, Pop bought a dry-cleaning plant to begin a solo career in business.

**Why did he do that?**

It was always something of a mystery why he didn't stick to a more corporate, lucrative path, and family lore has it that his Depression experience made Pop something of a loner, yearning more than anything else to be his own boss. The one struggling cleaner where I worked as a boy grew into a chain of a dozen or so plants called Carriage Cleaners, and Pop launched other ventures in real estate and bowling when my siblings were young.

**Tell us something about yourself. Where did you go to college? What pointed you into writing? What prompted your interest in Martin Luther King, Jr.?**

I went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Morehead scholarship, graduating in 1968. It never occurred to me to be a writer, and I grew up with very little interest in politics. What changed me were the civil rights demonstrations all through my formative years, which raised the most basic questions and changed the direction of my life's interest really against my will.

**How much time have you spent in Birmingham over the years, working on civil rights history?**

I spent many weeks in Birmingham doing research for the King trilogy, mostly in the late 1980s. My first volume, *Parting the Waters*, ends with a series of chapters set in Birmingham as a watershed of American history. The second volume opens with a reprise section called "Birmingham Tides." Memories of Birmingham research are a little hazy now, but the things that stand out in my mind are many interviews in and around the 16th Street Baptist Church, visits with Deenie Drew and David Vann and Fred Shuttlesworth, splurges at the Tutwiler Hotel and countless hours in the Birmingham Public Library under the invaluable tutelage of archivist Marvin Whiting.

**Having completed the King trilogy, will you revisit the civil rights struggle in future works? What other projects are in the works?**

I will always be drawn to the larger subjects from the Civil Rights Era, which to my mind are race, religion and democracy. Right now, I am beginning a memoir about my eight years on a historical side project as President Clinton's private diarist at the White House.

**Did your father ever visit Howard after he graduated? Or the newer campus now known as Samford University?**

I don't know. I did hear him say several times that the new name is Samford.

**Is it true he called it "Hard College?" Was that term widely used on campus?**

He pronounced it that way as a joke, to emphasize the hard times of the Depression with his mother. I don't know whether anybody else used the term.

**Would you share anything else?**

No, except that I miss Pop very much and appreciate your interest in his life. My mother and siblings could tell you a lot more. ■



# Samford Set to Unveil Majestic New Recital Hall

The stage is set for the opening of Samford's majestic new Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall. Workers were putting finishing touches on the \$8.8 million facility in early September, and the School of Performing Arts is scheduling a variety of concerts, recitals and other programs for the fall. The dedication program will be Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m.

"This grand performance space is one of the finest recital halls in the Southeast, if not the nation," said School of Performing Arts Dean Joe Hopkins.

The dean underscored his bold assessment of the building with facts. For

example, blue tiles in vents along the wall can be positioned to create tunable space; performers can design a live acoustic for a guitar recital, mild acoustic for the orchestra, or a soft acoustic for the band and brass ensemble. A curtain spanning the upper catwalk may be moved to change the height of acoustical reverberation. Side walls and ceiling pieces are curved to help project sound evenly from front to back.

"No detail was overlooked, from the travertine marble to the strategic placement of chairs to the instruments carved into the woodwork above the stage," said Dr. Hopkins. "The gallery will provide a feast for the eyes, from the imported

parquet floor to the cherry paneling to the 51-foot rug woven with Samford colors and instrument details."

The hall is named for the wife of longtime Samford trustee and supporter Harry B. Brock, Jr. The centerpiece of the new building is the 300-seat recital hall. The facility also houses the Cassese Rehearsal Hall for orchestra and band, named for Samford trustee Jenna Cassese and her husband, Joe, as well as a chamber music rehearsal hall, lecture classroom, green room for performers and guest artists, maintenance and storage areas, and nine studios. ■

# ‘Consider the lilies of the stream’

by Jean M. McLean





Few might imagine that something so delicate could prove so powerful, but the Cahaba Lily, a unique spider lily species that briefly blooms on remote river shoals, has had a significant impact far beyond its home in Alabama's Bibb County.

This lily, aptly named *Hymenocallis coronaria*, or "beautiful membrane," for its almost transparent central crown, has riveted a region, inspired artists and spawned national efforts to preserve more than 10,000 acres in Alabama alone. It also has captured the heart of Dr. Larry Davenport, Samford University botanist and world authority on the plant.

The graceful flower, named for the river in which it thrives, has drawn Davenport's attention since 1988, when he was enlisted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to document its distribution, natural history and taxonomy. Since then, he has recorded its presence in river systems and waterways of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. He has twice completed fieldwork for the service, and has become an advocate for the plant, its habitat and the people who love it most.

Davenport's efforts were recognized last spring when the Alabama House of Representatives declared "Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day" to coincide with the Cahaba Lily Festival, held annually in the small Bibb County town of West Blocton. The declaration, which was a surprise for Davenport until he mounted the podium for his traditional festival address, cited the professor's research and "tireless efforts" to promote wildflower awareness.

"It was an absolute delight," said Davenport of the presentation. "May 27, 2006, will always be my day."

Davenport also credits the town of West Blocton and other advocates for rediscovering the

lily and realizing its significance. Uniquely adapted to its environment, this species grows only on rocky shoals. After blooming in mid-May to mid-June, its seeds sink to the bottom around the mother plant, pushed into cracks and crevices by the current. It does not survive elsewhere, though it closely resembles other spider lilies common to residential landscapes.

It's not easy to see a Cahaba Lily in bloom, and it's even tougher to document its growth in all its remote locations. However, Davenport enjoys the challenge and continues, years after his first survey, to follow up reports on where he might find the next population.

"I never tire of its absolute beauty," Davenport said. "It's like stumbling upon a sea of Easter lilies in full bloom."

Cahaba Lilies stretch as long as a half-mile within Bibb County's Cahaba waters. Although the lily is difficult to find, it is not listed as an endangered species. Davenport blames himself for that.

"It's my fault," he said. "I found too many of them."

Through years of fieldwork, he has identified 65 Cahaba Lily populations. He's no longer surprised by the flower's distribution, but he is surprised by others' response to it.

"This plant has come to symbolize the wild, untamed places of Alabama, and for that reason, people feel it's worth keeping."

Cahaba Lily fans are a diverse lot. Artists clamor to its rivers to photograph, paint and sculpt it. Elected representatives have arranged for the U.S. Department of the Interior to purchase 3,500 acres for a wildlife refuge in Bibb County, with 7,000 more targeted. Botanists, outdoors enthusiasts and average rural residents gather once a year in West Blocton to celebrate its blooming. Davenport has seen elderly women fall to their knees in awe of its blossom.

The lily seed seems to have sparked a renewed faith in the beauty of the region and its potential for good. The Cahaba and its flower are now more appreciated, Davenport said, and residents of rural Alabama are feeling exceptionally well-blessed to live in an area of such diverse natural beauty.

"Central Alabama has discovered itself and discovered it has a wealth of wildflowers," said Davenport.

It also has discovered that wildflowers, although beautiful in themselves, can spark a fascination with creation, illustrating how such delicate things can make an exceptionally strong impact on an entire region, and even beyond. ■

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Biology professor Larry Davenport has worked to preserve the habitat of the delicate Cahaba Lily. His efforts were recognized by the Alabama legislature, which proclaimed May 27, 2006, as "Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day."

# Making the Promise a Reality

by Mary Wimberley

Samford Salutes  
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Samford senior piano  
performance major Dawson  
Hull entertains the  
Philanthropy Dinner audience.



Donors make Samford's success possible, says John Carroll, dean of Samford's Cumberland School of Law.



“No university can be great without people who support it.”

John Carroll, Dean, Cumberland School of Law

**T**he success of Samford's “Promise for All Generations” is readily apparent across campus and is becoming more so by the day.

It is visible in the new Jane Hollock Brock Hall, in the refurbished Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall, in the renovated Russell Hall, in new scholarships and endowed professorships, in new parking and infrastructure improvements, in the Pete Hanna Arena under construction, and in the energizing financial support coming from every constituency in the Samford community.

The Promise is Samford's multiyear improvement plan formally adopted by the board of trustees in 2003. The improvements recently completed or currently underway represent more than \$50 million toward an investment of some \$200 million projected in the Promise.

Donors who are helping make the Promise a reality heard an update on progress at Samford's annual Philanthropy Dinner Aug. 29. The dinner formally recognizes individual donors and representatives of foundations and corporations that provided significant financial support during the last year. A record number of more than 400 guests enjoyed the evening at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center.

Cumberland School of Law Dean John Carroll, who first knew Samford as a law student in the early 1970s, acknowledged the “exceptional” quality of the institution, adding that “no university can be great without people who support it.”

“The real people who have made Samford as it is are the ones in this room,” said Carroll,

noting that, as a dean who works alongside “the finest people who teach,” he sees the fruits of the donors' generosity on a daily basis.

Donors Betty and Malcolm Miller of Birmingham find it easy to be supporters who applaud and cheer for the university on numerous levels.

“God has blessed us with relationships we share with faculty and students,” said Mrs. Miller, citing friendships that trace back to Malcolm's college fraternity days with the late former alumni director Neil Shepherd, who died in 2005.

That longtime Samford tie helped result in the 1992 establishment of the Miller-Shepherd Piano Scholarship honoring Betty Miller and Shepherd's widow, veteran Samford music faculty member Betty Sue Shepherd.

“We enjoy Betty Sue Shepherd's reputation as an excellent and caring teacher,” said Mrs. Miller, who along with her husband meets each Miller-Shepherd scholarship recipient during the student's freshman year.

One recipient, senior piano performance major Dawson Hull of Jackson, Tenn., celebrated the Promise by performing for dinner guests.

University Relations Vice President Michael D. Morgan introduced lifetime giving society members.

Some 50 donors were recognized in Samford's Circle of Progress giving categories: the Harwell G. Davis, A. P. Montague, Lovelace-Wilkerson and Samuel Sterling Sherman societies.

The Sherman Society is named for the college's first president, who dedicated himself to the institution when it had no funds, no students and only a single, small wooden building. The

Donor Betty Miller talks about how easy it is to support Samford as husband Malcolm listens.



Donors Marie and Julian Campbell enjoy the dinner.

## “People are more likely to support a plan

highest level of recognition for lifetime donors to Samford, the society honors those individuals who share Sherman’s legacy of intense dedication to the vision of what Samford can become.

Recognized as members of the Sherman Society were Harry and Jane Brock of Birmingham and the Brock Foundation; Jenna and Joe Cassese of Birmingham; Sara and Boyd Christenberry of Montgomery, Ala.; Barbara and Pete Hanna of Birmingham and Hanna Steel Corporation; Lucille and Hall Thompson of Birmingham; Bonnie Bolding Swearingen of Chicago, Ill.; the Daniel Foundation, represented by Lyndra and Bill Daniel; and the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, represented by president Barry Bledsoe.

Donors Martha and Albert Brewer of Birmingham were recognized as members of the Lovelace-Wilkerson Society. The society is named for longtime trustees J. B. Lovelace and W. W. Wilkerson, who saved the college by purchasing its property to save it from the auction block in 1884.

A. P. Montague, president of the school from 1902 to 1912, emphasized the distinction of a college unafraid to address the improvement of the whole person.

Recognized as members of the Montague Society were Bobbie and Earl Dove of Dothan, Ala.; Dorothy and Leonard Sanders of Birmingham; Peggie Wood of Birmingham; the Drummond Company, represented by Barbara Drummond Thorne of Jasper, Ala.; and the Thompson Foundation, represented by Benjamin Thompson of Birmingham.

The Harwell G. Davis Society is named for the president who led the college during one of the most critical periods in its history: the aftermath of the Great Depression, the effects of World War II and the relocation from East Lake to Shades Valley.

Davis Society members recognized were Hazel and Russell Boren of Pinson, Ala.; Julia and Howard Clark of Durham, N.C.; Nancy and Mack Dove of Dothan, Ala.; Carol and John Duren of Savannah, Ga.; Catherine and Robert Ingram of Birmingham; Wynema and Aubrey Lowry of Cullman, Ala.; James B. Price of Pinson, Ala.; Jan and George Smith of Vestavia Hills, Ala.; Kimeran and Bill Stevens of Vestavia Hills, Ala.; the H. L. Coshatt Company, represented by Pat and Henry Coshatt and Veronica and Brian Coshatt of Birmingham; South Roebuck Baptist Church, represented by Dorothy and Clinton Wood of Birmingham; the Thomas Martin Foundation,

Samford Ambassador Candis Garner, right, chats with Wylodine Hull and Firmin Hardeburgh.







Samford Trustee Robert Holmes, left, visits with Samford Vice President for Facilities Don Mott and his wife, Mary Lee.

Below: President Andrew Westmoreland underscores Samford's appreciation for donor support.

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Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, President

represented by Caroline and Bill Ward of Birmingham, and Beth and Jim Ward of Birmingham; and Mel Robinson of Birmingham, representing the Jewel Graves Endowed Scholarship,

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland thanked all categories of donors for their past and continued support, committing to seek their input as a new strategic plan for the university is developed.

“People are more likely to support a plan if they have had a hand in creating it,” observed Westmoreland.

Addressing his first Samford philanthropy dinner since he became president in June, Dr. Westmoreland suggested that the emerging mission might call for a Samford that is more national and international in scope than before.

“At the same time, we must never neglect our home,” he said, adding that Alabama friends and extended Samford family are all highly valued so that “miracles can happen.”

Dr. Donald Sandley, chair of the Samford theatre department, was master of ceremonies. The dinner program also featured welcoming remarks by board of trustee member Robert Holmes and his wife, Camelia, and invocation by Samford junior premedicine major Jason Skelley of Jacksonville, Fla. ■



‘God has blessed us with relationships we share with faculty and students.’

Betty Miller, Samford Donor

**T**urkey, a modern secular nation that borders parts of Europe and Asia, is a bridge between Europe and the Middle East. Not only does Turkey form a geographic bridge, it also represents a connecting point between European Christianity and secularism and the Islamic states of the Middle East. The majority of the nation lies in Asia, but it places a high priority on maintaining ties to its European neighbors and the West.

As part of a program to accomplish that goal, the Istanbul Center for Culture and Dialogue of Atlanta sponsors tours for university faculty members, faith leaders and others, offering the opportunity to learn about modern Turkey first-hand. I recently spent 10 days traversing the country with several other Samford faculty members and a group from Alabama, getting to know the land and its people personally. We learned much in a short time. Among the key points:

- The people, who are 99 percent Muslim, are openhearted, gracious and generous hosts to Western Christians and to Jews. The government sponsors a Peace Garden at Izmir that includes a Christian church, a Jewish temple and a Muslim

mosque, all with regularly scheduled services. We were privileged to hear a reading of the Koran inside the mosque.

- Many of the key doctrines of Christianity were developed in Turkey. Paul preached at Ephesus and wrote to the Ephesians. Ephesus and Istanbul were at the center of Christian theology in the 4th and 5th centuries. The Four Ecumenical Councils were at Nicea (325), Constantinople (381), Ephesus (431) and Chalcedon (451), all in Turkey. The Hagia Sophia still stands in Istanbul. At Cappadocia, we visited caves where Christians lived during times of persecution. An especially moving Christian site for me was Mary's house, the house where Mary and John were supposed to have lived after Jesus' death.

- Turkey has beautiful artwork. Tapestries, carpets, ceramics and other clay work, silver, and other art forms that stretch from the distant past to the contemporary present are everywhere. Especially beautiful was the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, which is covered from floor to ceiling with blue tile. Since Islam discourages representations of people, calligraphy has developed into stunningly beautiful art forms, along with stylized



Dr. Nancy Whitt visits a cave in Cappadocia where early Christians hid from persecution.

# A Look at Modern Turkey

## Searching for Community Where East Meets West

by Nancy Whitt, with Dennis Sansom, David Bains and Juanzetta Flowers



Far left: A Turkish artisan creates a pot. Left: The Alabama group tours a high school in Kayseri.





Visitors tour ruins of Ephesus, including the Agora, left, where Paul preached to the Ephesians.

flowers. We visited one place where pottery, ceramic plates and tiles are made. Dennis and Beverly Sansom bought a plate to honor their 26th anniversary. We also were inspired by our visit to the tomb of the great Islamic philosopher and poet Rumi.

■ The country is gorgeous. From Istanbul, the world's third-largest city, to the hills of Kayseri and the vast vistas of Cappadocia; from Antalya, the Mediterranean resort city, to the hot, dusty ruins of Ephesus, the landscape is varied and beautiful. The winding road up the mountain to Mary's house is as scary as anything I've experienced in the Rockies.

The trip was funded by various foundations in Turkey. We were touched by the courage of one foundation we visited, the Journalists and Writers' Foundation, whose members face bravely and with integrity the challenges of modern Turkey—caught between European Christianity and secularism and the Islamic states of the Middle East.

American Jews, Christians and Muslims on our tour, many meeting for the first time, mirrored the hopes of the Turkish people—that multiple faiths can create community rather than fracture it. When I caught the eye of a person walking in the large city of Istanbul, I would always get a smile. I was told this is part of the culture, that one is expected to give alms and to share, but if that can't be done, one can always smile.

What I will remember most is the Turkish people's ability to welcome strangers. We were invited to share meals in the homes of Turkish families at many stops in the country. Women took pride in their food, sometimes prepared by a

community of women. Meals included cheese, olives, manti (Turkish dumplings), grape leaves, eggplant, green beans, chickpeas, cucumbers, tomatoes, honey pastries, salads, breads and tea with lumps of sugar served in small glasses. A meal always ended with a slice of watermelon.

We have hundreds of photographs, but the memories that remain in my heart are sitting at the dinner table with Muslim women in their long dresses and headscarves, Turkish men, who helped serve the food and clear the table, and friendly children sitting on their parents' laps with all of us sharing our life experiences with genuine openness and good will. At each home, we were given gifts, a testament to the generosity of the people, but it's the generosity of spirit that most remains with us. It's a promise that there will be a time when we recognize that we are all God's children, when the lion will lie down with the lamb, when we will study war no more. ■

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## Sabbath Leave Program Helps Pastors Beat Burnout

by Sean Flynt

Ministry is a notoriously burdensome profession. In addition to the pressure of being at the center of a community of believers, church leaders bear many of the personal troubles of their congregants. They carry their own burdens as well but may not have a pastor of their own to provide spiritual comfort. Ironically, they may even feel left out of the spiritually energizing experience of the worship they lead.

Without relief, some pastors break down emotionally, physically or spiritually. Some seek a new church. Some leave the ministry altogether. Some lose their faith.

Samford's Sabbath Leave Program helps pastors experience the renewal they need to continue in their calling. The program, administered by the university's Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, brings pastors to campus, connects them to Samford's full academic resources and supports their self-directed projects. In addition to their projects—intended to deepen their understanding of a particular aspect of ministry—Sabbath Leave Program participants enjoy time simply to relax and catch up on hobbies and non-ministerial interests.

The leaves supported by the program range in length from weeks to months and are open to ministers of any age, race, sex or denomination. Since 2003, the program has welcomed 29 men and women from the ranks of Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, AME, Disciples of Christ, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Independent clergy.



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Pastor David Tew finds time to practice trombone during his sabbath leave at Samford.

### Unplugging

Pastors Ronnie Brewer and David Tew serve churches in the same city, and by coincidence were in the Sabbath Leave Program this summer.

Brewer, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, Ala., had the advantage of a contract with a built-in fifth-year sabbatical. He said arranging for leave "was not difficult in the sense of the church having to struggle with the

decision." Rather, he said, the challenge was in recognizing that the leave would be "a very good thing for everybody."

Brewer spent part of his four-week leave in one-on-one dialogue with Birmingham-area homiliticians and in examination of the way white-collar churches engage with poverty issues. He also relished having time for personal pursuits, such as golf and reading. "I brought five books," he said. "I'm going



to read those five books. None of them has anything to do with preparing a sermon.”

Brewer found “just the unplugging” a great relief. He recalled Tew telling him early in his own sabbatical, “I didn’t realize how tired I was.” Brewer, whose sabbatical program began as Tew’s was ending, experienced a similar moment of realization—“I do a lot of stuff every day.”

Brewer said his personality is such that he expected to be ready to go back to those responsibilities and might even get a little antsy to do so by the end of his leave. But that, he said, is a good thing.

Tew, pastor of Madison’s First Baptist Church, had no built-in sabbatical to look forward to, and his church had no formal leave policy. But with 20 years of service to the church and the support of the Samford program, Tew arranged for a three-month leave that insulated him from the daily pressures of church leadership.

During his leave, Tew studied counseling and human relations, and spent time with faculty experts and fellow clergy who shared his ministerial interests. Like Brewer, he reveled in the time available for other interests. He practiced the trombone daily, something he rarely makes time for, played golf and enjoyed the particular luxury of stargazing into the small hours of Sunday morning. The amateur astronomer found a friend in George Atchley, director of Samford’s Christenberry Planetarium, and joined the excursions of the Birmingham Astronomical Society.

“A lot of star parties are on Saturday night,” Tew explained. “It’s kind of hard to go to something that lasts until three or four on Sunday morning and then preach, so sabbatical leave is a good time to make a few of those events.”

## Burnout

Are pastors called to bear more today than a generation ago? Brewer and Tew suggested that a pastor’s personal struggles might simply be more openly acknowledged now.

“Maybe you just had to buck up in that generation,” Brewer said. Whatever the case, the personal toll of ministry is everywhere on display.

“It’s amazing,” said Tew, “every time I get together with a group of ministers, how much pain there is in ministers’ lives, the hardship in their personal lives.”

“The minister, who is the giver, spiritually, really doesn’t have a sabbath weekly,” Brewer added. “There’s an awful lot of burnout and struggle.”

Perhaps the frantic pace of modern American society is straining everyone to the limits of their endurance.

“Society in general did a better job of respecting the patterns of activity and rest a couple of generations ago,” Tew said. “Now, you can hardly tell the difference from Sunday and Monday in most areas, and that gets translated into a lack of understanding of the wisdom of work and rest being meaningful parts of both one’s physical life and one’s spiritual being.”

Pastors feel these pressures themselves but may not have anyone to support them as they support their congregants.

“Every minister needs a minister,” Brewer said, “and you ultimately are responsible for finding that.”

Some find trusted friends among their congregants, in spite of old-school warnings against such two-way familiarity.

“I heard in seminary, ‘Oh, be careful and don’t make friends in your congregation,’” Brewer said. “But I think that’s the quickest self-destructive path for a minister, because you soon become completely isolated. I think those friends are found in your congregation as well as in your minister peers.”

Tew also noted the value of close peer relationships—both within the denomination and outside it—but said modern church life often isn’t conducive to forming those connections.

“It’s easy to spend your whole life inside the parameters of your church setting because it’s a very demanding setting,” he said. “If you allow it to, it will take all your time and all your relationships, so it’s important to have those relationships outside the church.”

## Sharing the Burden

Although a pastor’s leave is likely to be beneficial to both pastor and church in the long term, it may present a hardship to the church in the short term. How can a church afford to lose the person counted on not only for worship leadership and the daily business of the church, but for visitation and other personal support?

“The whole idea that it would be difficult for a pastor to be gone because of how much the church depends on the pastor sort of proves the premise that churches need to give pastors sabbaticals,”

Tew pointed out. “Churches shouldn’t have to be dependent on the pastor for the mission of the church, to move ahead.”

In his church, staff and various committees filled in as needed, emphasizing the importance of lay liaisons in the leave process.

“I asked the church to make sure that my absence wasn’t a burden on other staff members,” Tew said, “and I think they’re doing a good job of that.”

Tew said he really was resting and had not visited his home church during his leave. In case of a true emergency, he said, the chairman of the church’s sabbatical committee knew how to get in touch with him. Otherwise, he said, “I’m pretty isolated from the life of the church.”

## A Place That Matters

That Samford should prove to be such a peaceful and re-energizing setting for pastors came as no surprise to Tew, an alumnus.

“I was called into the ministry while I was here,” he said, reciting the names of professors with whom he formed “formational, foundational relationships”—W. T. Edwards, Mabry Lunceford, Sigurd Bryan, Karen Joines, Lee Gallman, Vernon Davison. “This is almost a spiritual recentering just to be in this place,” Tew said. “There are places that matter, and Samford is a place that matters for me.”

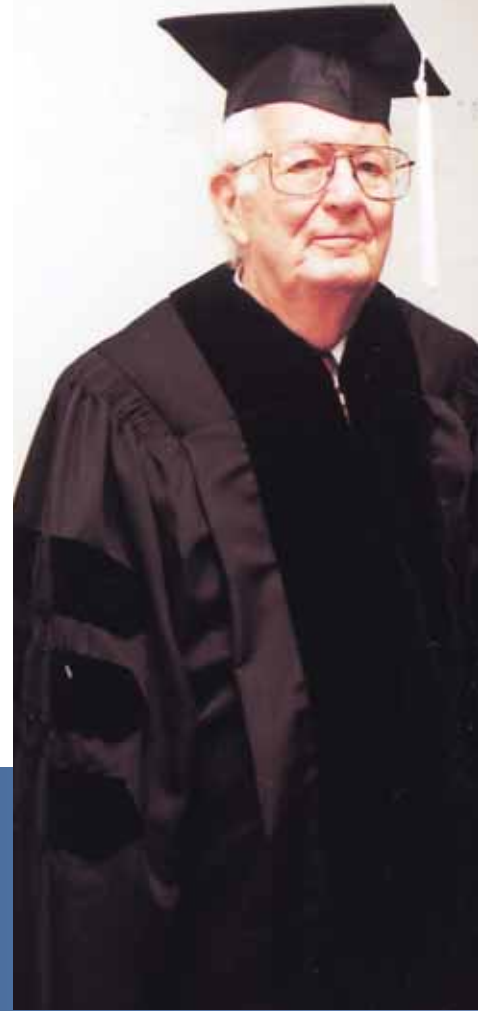
Although Samford’s famously lush setting may literally be greener than that of many university campuses, the Sabbath Leave Program helps weary pastors recognize that the figurative grass is not always greener in other church communities or in life outside the ministry. The bucolic setting and support from the program help them unload some of their burden and understand that, as Brewer observed, “maybe the grass is not greener—maybe I just need some rest.” ■

*For more information about Samford’s Sabbath Leave Program, go to [www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe/sabbath\\_leave.html](http://www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe/sabbath_leave.html)*

*To invest in the life of a minister through a donation to the Sabbath Leave Program, go to <https://secure.samford.edu/php-bin/alumni/giving.htm> and enter your information. Choose “Other, please specify,” next to the line that says, “Apply my contribution to this Fund,” and type “RCPE Sabbath Leave Program” in the “Other Fund” box.*

# Stallings Went Against the Stereotype

by Jonathan Bass



“While other white ministers did fold their hands and sit quietly during the civil rights crisis in Birmingham, Reverend Stallings proclaimed his love of mercy and justice by welcoming black visitors to First Baptist on Easter Sunday 1963.”

**Editor’s Note:** The Reverend Earl Stallings, once assailed for welcoming black worshippers to his Birmingham church, died in February 2006. Samford history professor Jonathan Bass came to know Stallings while researching his Pulitzer Prize–nominated book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Martin Luther King Jr., Eight White Religious Leaders, and the “Letter from Birmingham Jail”* (2001). In 2001, Samford conferred upon Stallings an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

I first heard the name Earl Stallings as an undergraduate journalism major at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. My professor passed out copies of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” and there at the bottom of a list of seven other names was Earl Stallings. I knew little about him, other than King addressed this document to Stallings and clergy in the Birmingham area.

“Who were these men, and what did they stand for?” I asked my instructor. I’ll never forget his response: “They were religious mouthpieces for the racist leaders of Birmingham at the time.” King’s words in the “Letter” seemed to confirm this assessment of Stallings and these other religious “Pharisees.” As many other young, undereducated Southern Baptists, I accepted this interpretation as an accurate portrait of men like Stallings, who were blinded by the social customs of Jim Crow and feared the change in the old order. Or as King wrote in the “Letter,” the types of white church leaders who were “more cautious than courageous and have remained silent behind the anesthetizing security

of stained-glass windows.”

A few years later, I spoke with Stallings. Our first conversation wasn’t one of pleasant, brotherly Baptist fellowship. When I told him that I was a graduate student wanting to learn the story of his time in Birmingham, he told me that it was something he never talked about. When I dared to ask why, he abruptly told me that it was none of my business and hung up the phone.

It would take me the better part of a decade to build a relationship with him through prayer and persistence. What I still didn’t understand was the pain and suffering he endured while pastor of First Baptist Church of Birmingham from 1961 to 1965. After developing a friendship with him and after almost a decade of trying to encourage Stallings to tell his story, the most he would say to me about his time in Birmingham was, “God didn’t promise us no easy times.”

Regardless, his humble deeds and personal convictions revealed that the criticisms of King and interpreters of the “Letter” bore no resemblance to the life and ministry of Stallings. While other white ministers did fold their hands and sit quietly during the civil rights crisis in





Earl Stallings, left, visits with Samford history professor Jonathan Bass, center, and the Reverend John Porter, a Samford Trustee, before Commencement 2001 at Samford. Stallings and Porter, a leader in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement during the early 1960s, received honorary degrees.

Birmingham, Stallings proclaimed his love of mercy and justice by welcoming black visitors to First Baptist on Easter Sunday 1963. While other white churches turned blacks away that day, Stallings told them to please come again, much to the wrath of segregationists in his congregation. Harassment, threats and constant pressure from a small minority at the church became part of his daily life.

It troubled him, and often as he and his wife, Ruth, drove from their home in Mountain Brook to the downtown church, they would ask, “How much longer, Lord? How much longer do we have to stay?” But Earl Stallings persevered. As a young pastor, he had adopted the verses of Isaiah 43 as the key scriptures of his life: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

He believed God had him in Birmingham for a reason, and he stood fearlessly in the pulpit at First Baptist and told his congregation to choose

between truth and prejudice no matter the cost. “Even if it means to be bound, even if it means to be spat upon, even if it means to be ignored, even if it means to be betrayed, even if it means to be rejected, yes, even if it means to be crucified,” he said.

These were prophetic words for Stallings, who left Birmingham in 1965 for a less explosive pastorate in Marietta, Ga. From there, he went on to his path-breaking work in senior adult ministries in Arizona. When my book on King’s “Letter” and the eight white ministers was published in 2001, Samford University honored Stallings with an honorary doctorate. “As soon as my plane landed in Birmingham,” he later wrote me, “I felt the bitterness of 37 years begin to lift from my soul.”

For the first time, we sat down face-to-face and talked about his experience in Birmingham. He admitted that his reluctance to talk about those troubling times was because of his deep love for his wife of 64 years, who had died in early 2001.

“I could take the pressure,” he recalled, “but it is devastating to your companion, your bride, your wife, the

mother of your child.”

When Stallings would leave his home to go to work at First Baptist, she would fear for his life. “She grieved for me. She prayed for me. She stood by me.” Stallings vowed to never discuss the days in Birmingham while she lived.

Regardless, he never held any bitterness about those days, although he did blame himself for many of Ruth’s medical problems that resulted from the Birmingham trauma.

“There was no anger,” he recalled. “I wasn’t angry at the people at the church, even if I did think they were evil.”

Stallings never focused on the limitations of his own experience. He looked beyond and realized God had showed him, through the difficult days in Birmingham, what an effective minister he was. He came to understand the deeper calling that had been bestowed upon him to find true joy in humbly serving God by helping and challenging people—something he did not only for me, but thousands of others throughout the United States. ■

# A New Way to Look at Old Stuff

## Traveling History's 'Great Roads' with Computer Maps

Word processing, search engines, e-mail between colleagues worldwide, the sharing of data and information across vast networks: the computer revolution is having a profound impact on the way most history is researched and written. None of this replaces basic historical skills, such as developing a drive for good primary sources or the intelligent balancing of arguments based on the evidence, but it surely is transforming access to most of those sources and arguments.

It is becoming evident that the computer revolution has similar potential to transform the way historians use maps. Traditional maps have been two-dimensional, displayed on a wall or in a book at fixed scale, static and all but voiceless. Now, with computerized maps using geographic informational system [GIS] software, a user can zoom in or out, change scale at will, shuffle layers of information as if they were printed transparencies in a stack, and even incorporate data collected in the field using global positioning system [GPS] receivers.

The latest stages of development are three-dimensional maps in which a user can fly around at will or on which a teacher can impose routes. Photos, videos and Web sites can be hyperlinked into such maps and opened with a click of a mouse. It's a brave new world, which among other things makes possible a new approach to teaching history.

Samford history professors Jim Brown and Barry Robinson are at the creative edge of this teaching revolution.

They are regular instructors of the history department's HIST 200 The West in Global Perspective general education course (a version of the old HIST 102 World History course familiar to many alumni from earlier days).

Not only are they using the technique in Samford classes, they also have demonstrated their innovative approach at major academic conferences, including the South African Historical Association and the International Cartographic Conference, as well as in *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods* and in *Social Studies and the Younger Learner*. In May, Brown and Samford geography professor Max Baber presented their work incorporating GIS into undergraduate teaching to the humanities faculty at Ohio State University.

"Our first problem in teaching this course was how to present the history of the world since 1500, with some focus on the West versus the rest, in 15 weeks at three hours per week," said Dr. Brown. "One extreme to avoid was a survey so generalized that there were no individual actions left, but the other extreme was detailed coverage of a few things that were not particularly representative."

Their answer was to outline the growth of European power as it made possible the exploration and then the domination of most of the rest of the world. Then—and this was the first key to the creative part—they took a major transportation corridor for each of six non-Western regions of the world as the setting for both Western intrusion and regional reaction to it.

For Latin American history since 1500, for example, they took the

Veracruz-to-Mexico City corridor and focused on this as a microcosm of broader Latin American history. Militarily, this was the invasion corridor of the Spanish under Cortés, of the U.S. under Winfield Scott, of the French in imposing Maximilian.

"Instead of speaking in generalities of a social control institution such as the hacienda (that came into being after some 80 years of trial and error under Spanish rule, and that only disappeared in the land reforms after the 1910 Revolution), the rise, flowering and fall of two particular haciendas on this corridor are studied in detail," said Brown. "Economic and political history is kept at a personal scale but is used to illustrate much larger general themes of history."

There are similarly important "great roads" for Africa, the Mideast, South, East and Southeast Asia.

Brown first pioneered introduction to these great roads with interactive, 3-D map models. Student teams physically built such map models in the classroom, with contour layers a quarter of an inch thick representing 250-foot or 500-foot vertical intervals. As the map grew vertically, Brown would discuss climate and vegetation changes through the rising altitude. Pictures he had taken on trips along the routes were shown as illustrations. Then student groups were challenged to guess where the major historical roads went across this terrain by draping light-pull chains of various colors from a beginning city to an end point. This yielded a stage setting of the terrain where major historical events would be played out.







on a map—especially a map that changes through time—motivates and requires detailed research,” said Brown. “It makes PowerPoint presentations seem limited and passive by comparison.”

Google Earth (a free download in its basic version) and Microsoft’s Virtual Earth offer many of the capabilities of the very expensive ArcGIS software. The proposed next step is student creation of interactive, 3-D flybys. Instructors already have some experimental versions, as with the Zulu vs. British battle of Isandhlwana in 1879, described by Brown as “an approximate British version of Custer’s Last Stand.”

As one sign that this approach may radiate further through the history curriculum, this fall, Robinson plans to implement GIS technology into an experimental senior seminar course: HIST 499 Native Cultures of the Americas. Students will contribute to the development of a GIS-based digital resource for the study of indigenous cultures from around the western hemisphere. Individually and in groups, students will complete ethnographic research on specific people groups that will then be pooled into a collective database for class—and potentially public—use. This will involve the collection of demographic data, maps, primary texts, images, and other relevant information, as well as the organization of these resources into a standardized format using GIS-based mapping technology.

“The efforts of Jim Brown and Barry Robinson to incorporate the use of spatial technologies into undergraduate history education are genuinely innovative within their discipline,” said Baber. He will join Brown and Robinson in spreading their innovative message at three different but related presentations at the January 2007 annual meeting of the American Historical Association. ■

Samford history professors Jim Brown, left, and Barry Robinson assemble a 3-D model of the Veracruz-to-Mexico City Corridor, with each colored layer representing a 500-foot increase in elevation. The models—usually assembled by students—demonstrate the importance of geography in history. Students also study geography’s effect on history through computerized models.

Later, Robinson and Brown got involved in Samford’s successful Academic Excellence in Geographic Information Systems [AEGIS] grant awarded by the National Science Foundation and originated by Baber. This put the latest ArcGIS software on all Samford student lab computers and made possible more extensive training of teachers.

Brown and Robinson now have more sophisticated GIS maps of all six regional corridors on the WebCT version of their HIST 200 sections and use three hours of class time early in the semester to teach students how to use it.

“These students, a generation born to computers, take to it like ducks to water,” said Brown.

In addition to offering a quick and visual introduction to a given geographic corridor where one of these great roads runs, this GIS-style mapping is increasingly driving student research. Topics of research are required that show up as pattern on or movement along one of these great roads. The instructors receive classic history research papers, complete with footnotes and bibliographies. The class as a whole gets a GIS presentation of the information, with the presenting student at the laptop and data projector, zooming in and out on a GIS map, turning off or on various layers (some of which the student has created), hyper-linking to appropriate images.

“It has been remarkable how the placing of accurate points, lines or areas

# Who Needs an M.B.A.?

by Sean Flynt

## Samford Business Program Attracts Lawyers, Pharmacists, Nurses, Ministers

In a conversation overheard at a party, a graphic designer who owns his own business lamented the lack of basic business knowledge he was finding in young artists applying for work in his office. He was sympathetic, though. If he had the choice to redo his own education, he said, he'd add business courses rather than learn by trial and error. He's not the only professional realizing that formal business education can enhance disparate professional careers.

Samford's School of Business accommodates such interest among prospective lawyers, nurses, pharmacists and ministers by allowing them to earn a master of business administration degree at the same time they're earning an advanced Samford degree in their personal calling. Those who complete the program take into the workforce not only the knowledge that allows them to play their particular part in their chosen profession, but also of how their profession functions in business terms.

The degrees offered through the program are considered either joint degrees or dual degrees, depending on the amount of mutual recognition between the School of Business and the Samford school issuing the accompanying degree. In the case of joint degrees (M.B.A./J.D. and M.B.A./M.S.N.), the different schools offer credit for certain of each other's courses. In the case of dual degrees (M.B.A./Pharm.D. and M.B.A./M.Div.), the School of Business offers credit for certain pharmacy and divinity courses, but the schools of pharmacy and divinity don't offer credit for School of Business courses.

### "Involve Me"

Law student Jennifer Reid said the promise of earning two degrees in the time of one was a primary factor in her choosing the M.B.A./J.D. program, as was the opportunity for business

coursework she missed as an undergraduate.

"Although I am only in my second semester of the program, I have already learned skills and material that better equips me to understand business issues within the law," she said. "Because some of the law coursework is business related, I receive two perspectives of the same information, further improving my comprehension."

Improving comprehension is of particular interest to School of Business professor Betsy Holloway, who quotes Ben Franklin when describing her own approach to business education: "Tell me, and I forget; teach me, and I may remember; involve me, and I will learn."

Holloway was particularly impressed with the involvement of joint-degree students in a marketing course project for Marvin's Building Materials and Home Centers, a company based in Leeds, Ala. "The four students identified a marketing problem, created and administered a survey, analyzed the findings, and provided a number of specific recommendations for the senior management at Marvin's for improving their marketing program," Holloway said. "The students came away with some strong hands-on experience, and I was pleased with their work."

Three of the four students working on the Marvin's project were pursuing M.B.A./J.D. degrees, and the fourth was earning joint M.B.A. and M.Acc. (master of accounting) degrees.

Holloway observed that the increasing number of joint- or dual-degree candidates in School of Business courses is refreshing. "These students typically have different backgrounds and offer a different perspective," she said.

Samford joint- and dual-degree M.B.A students tackle such subjects as Management of Information Systems and Communications Technology, taught by Dr. Cynthia Lohrke, top, and Political Economy of Financial Markets, a seminar led by Dr. William Collins, pictured below.







## Belief and Business

Law and pharmacy students are perhaps the most logical candidates for Samford's joint- and dual-degree program because so many lawyers and pharmacists seek private practice. Many nurses are employed by large health-care corporations with traditional business structures. However, the intersection of business and belief may not be as immediately apparent to many.

"I believe that there is a tremendous market for ministers who want to enhance their business administration skills," said Derrick M. Hammond, only the second student to work toward simultaneous M.B.A. and M.Div. degrees at Samford.

"Churches and affiliate organizations are pushing budgets of hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions," he said. "I do not advocate setting up the church so that it runs like a corporation. However, the church organization is a business, with bills to pay, employees, marketing and outreach concerns, etc. Consequently, employing certain business principles such as

budgeting and accounting simply becomes good stewardship."

In addition to useful business skills, Hammond observed that his dual degrees have given him insight into how the theological concept of calling affects the business world.

"The divinity school was to help me understand biblical theology as it relates to vocation and calling," he said. "The M.B.A. was to help me understand the various ways that employees who feel called to what they do can impact the bottom line. I cannot begin to describe the countless times where the information presented in one school shed light on something that I was studying in the other."

Hammond's fellow students from law, pharmacy and nursing may be especially sympathetic to the personal way the challenging dual-degree program encouraged Hammond to combine belief and business. "Please note that it was prayer that got me through both business and divinity," he said. ■

# 'I Feel Called to Serve Those Around Me'

by Mary Wimberley

Charles D. Sands IV '93 wrote in his senior yearbook at Pusan American High School in South Korea that he would go into education, medicine or psychology.

Fortunately for his Samford University students and many off-campus individuals who have benefited from his sense of social duty, he chose a career that incorporates all three disciplines.

Enough of last year's graduating seniors appreciated his efforts to vote him the 2006 recipient of the John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching.

Sands, who has served as chair of the exercise science and sports medicine department since 2004, was awarded the honor during the opening convocation of the fall semester in late August.

Students who nominated Sands for the award describe him as having a passion for learning that kindles excellence from them, said Provost Brad Creed, who presented him the \$1,000 check and silver tray.

"He accepts nothing but the best, making himself easily accessible to lend whatever guidance is needed," said Creed, noting a nominator's comment that Sands inspires students to do their best and to do it for the right reasons. "His entire life reflects genuine concern for the welfare of others,

academically, socially and spiritually."

It is not surprising that a student would cite the professor's attention to all facets of life.

"Perspective in all areas is incredibly important," said Sands, who believes in a holistic approach to living, such as that referenced in Luke 2:52, which advises development of the entire person: mind, body, spirit and relationships.

"I also use Colossians 3:23 as a way to say to students, 'It is not what you do that is most important, but why you do it.'"

Sands knew early in life that he would somehow have a career in education. "I have always been fascinated by the education process and the helping professions. I love learning and I love teaching," says Sands, who holds a master's degree in sport administration and a Ph.D. in public health, both from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

His energy in the classroom is fueled in part by an acute understanding of the importance of relationships. "I have a passion for others to develop positive and right relationships. One goal I have is to demonstrate this in the way I interact with students," said Sands.

He has held teaching posts at Samford since 1994, when he worked as a graduate assistant in the department he now chairs. Before joining the faculty full-time in 1999, he was manager of the

fitness and wellness center at St. Vincent's Hospital's Bruno Rehabilitation Center.

He has written many articles on health-related topics for academic and professional publications.

During the Buchanan Award presentation, Sands was cited for his volunteer service in Perry County, where he initiated health screening and weight management programs, and in China, where he has led research in solutions to childhood obesity.

"I feel called to serve those around me, regardless of who they are and where they are from. I am also called to serve those less fortunate than me; thus, the work in Perry County and China is simply an extension of what I try to do here," explained Sands, who makes weekly visits to the clinic at the Perry County Health Department.

Some of this calling may stem from his growing up on the mission field in South Korea and spending extended time in China.

He is son of retired Southern Baptist missionaries Elizabeth and Charles D. Sands III, a professor at Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

Sands is married to the former Jennifer Johnson '92, who ran track at Samford. They have four children: Amber Leigh, Megan, Abby and Charlie. The family is active at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, where he is a Sunday school teacher and ordained deacon. ■

## Sands' Tips for Better Living

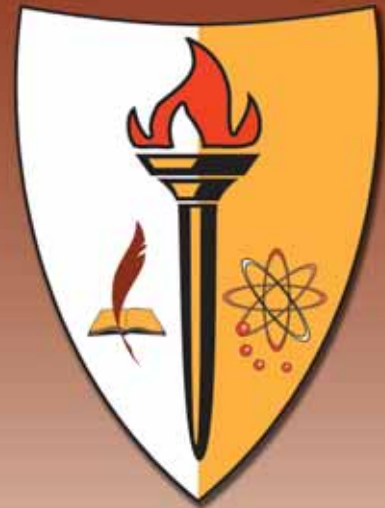
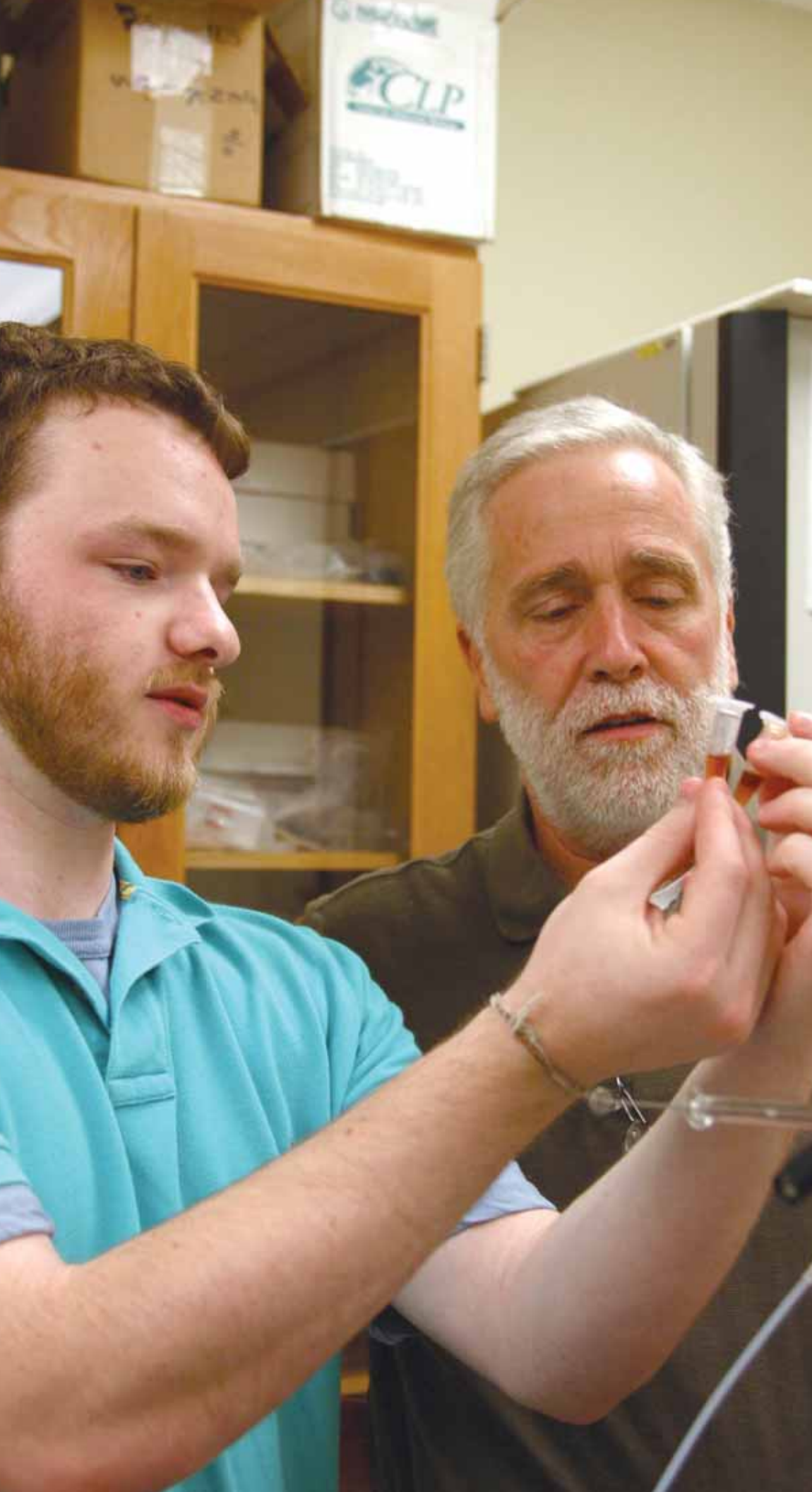
This year's Buchanan Award winner, whose Ph.D. dissertation dealt with the growing public health epidemic of childhood obesity, offers tips on living better for all ages:

1. Slow down. Life is too short and relationships are too important to miss out by living a frenetic lifestyle.
2. Speed up . . . the amount of physical activity in your life.
3. Press on. Major on the majors—body, mind, spirit, relationships.

Buchanan Award-winner Chuck Sands says he has always been fascinated by the education process and the helping professions.







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A Newsletter of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences



## U.S. Department of Education Grant to Enhance Latin American Studies Program

*Overseeing the Latin American Studies grant will be, from left, Drs. Myralyn Allgood and Linda Jentsch, and Professor Barbara Crider.*

At a time when the Hispanic population in Alabama has grown by nearly 300 percent, Samford students and faculty will enjoy expanded opportunities to interact with these new neighbors, and learn their language and cultural heritage, thanks to a foreign language and international education grant recently awarded to the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

“It’s time we began to view the influx of Hispanics into our community as a positive force, an opportunity to extend student learning beyond the walls of the classroom,” said Professor Barbara Crider, one of the program’s creators and instructor of a special Spanish course for elementary teachers. “In our state, we have a 24-hour laboratory and needs all around us that our faculty and students can work together to meet.”

The project includes extensive interaction with local schools and social agencies. Its goal is to strengthen the existing Latin American Studies [LAS] curriculum through an expanded network of partnerships, programs and

experiential pedagogies. The comprehensive plan will involve students, faculty, the community, visiting scholars and affiliate entities south of the border over the next two years.

To accomplish its goals, the project seeks a diversity of perspectives from cross-disciplinary faculty across campus, as well as local Hispanic leaders, to create relevant programs of study for students, outreach to K–12 colleagues and opportunities for professional development for participating LAS fellows. Faculty from a variety of disciplines—Spanish, English, physics, nutrition and dietetics, business, and law—already have started their work, and a second group will be recruited this fall.

Activities include initial on-campus language and culture studies for the fellows, a campus and community-wide spring 2007 Latin American Studies Colloquium featuring guest specialists and resident Latin American scholars, a summer 2007 immersion experience in Ecuador for Samford fellows, and a culminating spring 2008 LAS seminar pilot,

taught collaboratively by the fellows for the program’s graduating seniors.

Grant funding also will provide for new and redesigned Latin America–focused courses; expanded internship, service-learning and study-abroad opportunities; and new interdisciplinary collaborations on campus and abroad. Grant activities also will strengthen instruction across the foreign language curriculum by infusing innovative pedagogies aimed at equipping students not only to communicate well across diverse cultures, but also to apply those skills to solving problems and rendering service to a variety of groups in the Birmingham area and beyond.

Program directors for the grant are Drs. Myralyn Allgood and Lynda Jentsch of the Department of World Languages and Cultures. They will be assisted by a steering committee of interdisciplinary faculty members that currently serve as the university’s Latin American Studies Committee.



# The Role of the College in Discussing Current Issues




Everyone knows that colleges are repositories of great ideas of the past. At Samford, the University Library with its majestic belltower stands at the center of campus as a symbol of the importance of learning. As the Proverbs remind us: “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”

Colleges are also the forges of new learning. To be truly relevant, a college must engage the issues of the day: global warming, AIDS, terrorism, economic

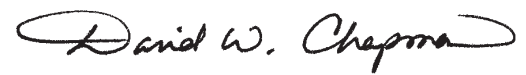
disparity. One way that we have sought to do this at Samford is through the annual Davis Lecture. Named in honor of the former dean, J. Roderick Davis, these lectures have brought a variety of perspectives to campus since Susan Eisenhower delivered the first lecture on “Leadership in Conflict” in 2002. The following year, Andrew von Eschenbach, director of the National Cancer Institute, gave a brilliant presentation on the progress of the fight against cancer. In 2004, Jean Bethke Elshtain spoke on “Democracy and Human Dignity” as part of our conference on Christianity and Human Rights. Last year, Fawaz Gerges, well-known commentator on Muslim culture, spoke on “The Far Enemy: Why Jihad Went Global.”

Each of these lectures has addressed important issues of the day. Each speaker has addressed standing-room-only crowds in Reid Chapel. Most importantly, each of these talks was given as part of a larger context that included classroom discussions and an opportunity for students to explore various viewpoints on the issues of the day.

This fall, we are again addressing one of the great issues of our time: U.S.

immigration policies. Davis lecturer Juan Hernandez was the first U.S.-born member of the Mexican cabinet, having been appointed by Vicente Fox to head the Office for Mexicans Abroad. A controversial figure, Hernandez is often interviewed on *Nightline*, CNN, and other national news broadcasts. His appearance at Samford is not an endorsement of his views, but a recognition that all sides should be heard in important debates. He will be speaking in Reid Chapel Thursday, Oct. 19, and the event is open to the public. We hope this event will lead to informed discussion about the impact of Latin American immigration to the U.S. We may not solve all the problems of the world, but we can at least hope, as Solomon enjoined us, to “get understanding” on this important issue. 

Sincerely,



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


## Juan Hernandez to Present Annual Davis Lecture Oct. 19

by Chris Metress

Dr. Juan Hernandez, the first U.S.-born person to hold a cabinet position in the Mexican government, will deliver the 2006 J. Roderick Davis Lecture. In 2001, President Vicente Fox appointed Hernandez director of the Office for Mexicans Abroad, which serves more than 24 million Mexicans living in foreign countries. Since then, Hernandez has emerged as a leading expert on Mexico-U.S. relations. His address, which is free and open to the public, will be Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Reid Chapel.

A passionate defender of the civil rights of immigrants, Hernandez was named Humanitarian Man of 2001 by *Latin Trade Magazine*. That same year,

*Hispanic Business Magazine* tabbed him as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the U.S.

In addition to being showcased on *Nightline*, MSN and NPR, he is a regular contributor to Univisión, CNN and Fox News. His most recent book, *The New American Pioneers: Why Are We Afraid of Mexican Immigrants?*, urges America to rethink its relationship to its southern neighbor, and to embrace controlled immigration as necessary to the overall economic and cultural health of the nation. His book is an important part of the ongoing dialogue about immigration from Latin America, an issue that is bound to be a focal point in this November’s midterm elections. 



Juan Hernandez is a leading expert on Mexico-U.S. relations.

*Collegium* cover (page 27): Student John Carson and biology professor Ron Jenkins measure progesterone taken from a loblolly pine tree as part of an undergraduate summer research project (see page 34).

# Meet the New Arts and Sciences Faculty



**Raymond "Bernie" Ankney** is the new chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. He received his Ph.D. in 2001 from the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has directed the journalism program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has extensive experience in the magazine industry, including founding and editing a regional medical magazine. Ankney will assist the department in its transition to a new curriculum that emphasizes the convergence of print and electronic sources of information. He enjoys softball, football, writing, family and church activities, classic TV shows, and participating in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He and his wife, Wendy, have three children: Dominic Jacob, 6, Adrienne Carmella, 1, and Luke William, born in September.

**Carolyn Crocker** is a well-known face at Samford. She has taught part-time in the Spanish program since 1996. In addition to teaching Spanish courses, Crocker is



assuming the role of codirector of the Language Learning Technology Center. She enjoys hiking and canoeing with her husband, Allen, and knitting,

playing piano and listening to music with her daughter, Rebecca, 14.



**Jeffrey Powell**, who joins the Department of Mathematics, recently completed his graduate work at Emory University, where he was a teaching associate and a recipient of the

graduate school's Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship. Powell was a Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate at Furman University. His research focus is graph theory, and his recent work deals with generalizations of connectivity and efficient design of reliable networks. Powell enjoys watching baseball, reading books, playing the

piano and listening to music. He and his wife, Corrie, recently celebrated their first anniversary.



**Maria Whatley**, a native of Loja, Ecuador, has been an adjunct professor in Spanish at Samford since 2004. She is assuming a full-time role so that Myralyn Allgood

and Lynda Jentsch may direct more of their energies to a new Latin American Studies grant. Whatley was a professor at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md., and the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Her passion is basic, intermediate and advanced language studies (reading, composition and conversation). Additional professional interests include Hispanic linguistics, Spanish-American culture and civilization, Hispanic pop culture, and 20th-century and contemporary fiction. Whatley enjoys cooking, traveling, salsa dancing and spending time with her family. She and her husband Victor, an insurance broker at McGriff, Seibels and Williams, have a daughter, Victoria, 2.

## Heifner Scholarship Awarded to Katrina Evacuee

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Malcolm Robinson was beginning his first semester as a student at Southern University in New Orleans, La. His family fled to Birmingham and sought shelter with some of their relatives who live in the area. With the assistance and encouragement of Dr. Patricia Outlaw in the divinity school, Robinson was enrolled at Samford University. Because residence halls were filled, he was first housed at the Alta Vista Hotel a few miles away from the university.

"I had to get up at 5 a.m. to get the 6:05 bus from the hotel. Since this bus didn't actually go to Samford, I had to transfer at 20th Street South and take another bus to Brookwood Mall. Then I hiked a mile and a half down the Lakeshore Trail to the campus," Robinson said.

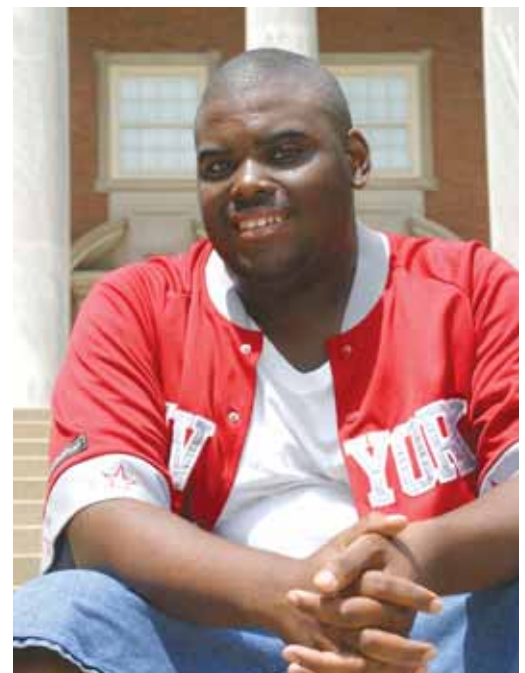
Eventually, with assistance from Dean Richard Franklin and the Student

Government Association, Robinson was able to move into Beeson Woods, and a computer was provided for him.

Watching the destruction going on in New Orleans in the wake of the hurricane was devastating for Robinson and his family. When they were able to return, they found the house filled with debris and most of their possessions ruined.

Robinson is the recipient of a \$1,500 Heifner Scholarship this fall from the college of arts and sciences. He is majoring in history and plans to get a certificate in geographic information systems.

"We are grateful to the Heifner family for providing an endowed scholarship fund that can be used to meet critical financial needs like those of Malcolm Robinson," said arts and sciences Dean David Chapman.



*Malcolm Robinson continues his studies this fall with a Heifner Scholarship.*



# Service Learning Helps Shape Students' World Views

What does building wheelchair ramps have to do with sociology? Plenty, if you ask Robin Roberts, who took Medical Sociology students to work in Perry County last spring. "Building these ramps was a way of bringing home the point that the health of an individual depends on the home as well as the hospital," he said.

Through the Samford in Mission [SIM] program and increased emphasis on utilizing service-learning pedagogy, several new service-learning courses have been created within the Howard College of Arts and Sciences in the last two years. These courses include Intercultural Communication in communication studies; Lifespan Development in psychology; Introduction to Computer

Science and Operating Systems/ Networking in computer science; Sociology of Medicine in sociology; Physics for Society in physics; and Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature in English.

In addition to building wheelchair ramps, students served as tutors at the Church of the Reconciler, interacted with the physically challenged at the Lakeshore Foundation, and identified computer-literacy and technological needs in underserved areas. In arts and sciences, students can take service-learning courses in biology, communication studies, computer science, English, French, geography, German, history, journalism and mass communication, physics, political science, sociology, and Spanish.

"Research shows that students who take service-learning courses are more likely to volunteer after college, or seek careers in public or private service," says Lynette M. Sandley, director of service learning. "Service-learning courses, combined with the emphasis on serving others through University Ministries, Greek life and the Student Government Association, shape our students' world views."

Servant leadership is exemplified by students such as Mary Kathryn Covert (History) and Cheryl Smith '06 (Psychology). Covert volunteered to serve in a four-day sports and arts camp for underprivileged children in Marion, Ala., and Smith was an SIM summer intern in East Lake working with children and community projects.

## Samford Joins with Oak Mountain on New Interpretive Center

Samford students and faculty long have enjoyed the many recreational opportunities at Oak Mountain State Park, including hiking, biking, fishing, picnicking and camping. In addition, the Department of Biology has used the park often as an outdoor classroom for studying animals and plant species.

Now, the department is formalizing and expanding this experience through the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center [OMIC]. Located near the wildlife rehabilitation center, this new facility will be a center for environmental education, ecological research and family recreation.

In March, Samford hired the center's first director, David M. Frings, who is working with biology faculty and other staff to develop OMIC into a premiere center for ecological and environmental learning.

"The center will allow our students, as well as those from other universities, to have the ultimate hands-on field experience," said Frings. "When OMIC opens, faculty and students will have a 9,000-acre classroom with a fully equipped laboratory."

In conjunction with OMIC, Samford is developing additional academic courses and community education classes for adults, ranging from academic credit courses in biology to special-interest classes such as

Alabama birding. Discussions on additional classes and programs are in progress with the Department of Biology and the staff of Samford After Sundown.

Samford is working with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the development and renovation of OMIC. Other organizations that are collaborating on the center include the Alabama Wildlife Center and Friends of Oak Mountain.

Renovations are scheduled to be completed in early spring. The center will include a 45-seat auditorium that will be used for classes and community group presentations; a 2,500-square foot hall of interactive exhibits illustrating the unique ecology, geology and natural history of Alabama; and a teaching laboratory that will accommodate 20 students, and house field research equipment, microscopes and GPS/GIS mapping capabilities.



*David Frings is making Samford's Oak Mountain Interpretive Center a reality.*

In addition to formal academic experiences, OMIC will enable park visitors to plan hikes and family outings, review the types of wildlife they may encounter, and understand the ecology of the forest they are about to explore.

# PBL 2006: Lima, Peru

## Samford Continues its Hands-On Approach to Problem-Based Learning

Since receiving a million dollar grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts in 1998, Samford has established itself as an international leader in the use of problem-based learning [PBL], a pedagogy that uses problems as a stimulus for student learning. In 2000, Samford hosted the first international conference on PBL. The international conference has continued biennially since that beginning in Birmingham, and Dean David Chapman has served on the international organizing committee.


“One of the exciting aspects of the growth of PBL as an international movement has been the widespread interest in Latin America,” said Chapman. “PBL 2004 and 2006 were held in Mexico and Peru, respectively, and were bilingual conferences. PBL 2008 will be held in Colima, Mexico.”

Samford had a strong representation at the recent conference in Lima. Barbara Crider, Charles Workman and Myralyn Allgood (Spanish) gave a presentation on “Extending PBL to Study Abroad.”

Amanda Borden (Communication Studies) and David Chapman (Arts and Sciences) also discussed cross-cultural applications of PBL. Their presentation gave the results of a long-term research project conducted by Borden, Chapman, Mary Sue Baldwin (Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Director) and Margaret Carlisle (Core). James Brown (History) spoke on applications of GIS in teaching world history. George Keller (Biology) gave a poster presentation on PBL applications in a course for nonscience majors that allows them to participate in scientific problem-solving. Janet Alexander and Gretchen McDaniel (Nursing) provided examples of PBL applications in nursing research courses.

PBL encourages the exploration of real-world problems, and in that spirit, many of the Samford participants took advantage of the trip to explore local and regional problems. Borden and Keller took part in authentic PBL experiences at Caral, a major archaeological site along the northern coast of Peru.

Allgood, Crider and Workman investigated the ecological systems of the Urubamba Valley. Brown followed the path of the first explorers over the Andes as part of his research on “Great Roads.” Alexander and McDaniel met with local church leaders in Lima to explore health-related problems. They are raising funds to provide a hot-water heater to make meal preparation safer. Chapman joined a medical missions team from Dawson Memorial Baptist that ministered to the people of Pucallpa in the Amazon region of Peru.

Today’s students come to the university with a desire for a hands-on education that allows them to see the significance and relevance of their academic studies. PBL is one way of encouraging students to take ownership of their education. 

# ‘There is a Balm in Gilead’

by Dennis Sansom


The recent Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson, is a story told as a last will and testament from a 77-year-old Congregational minister, John Ames, to his six-year-old son of his second marriage. Ames lost his first wife and daughter in childbirth, and remarried 51 years later. He is dying of angina pectoris as he writes a book that conveys the family history and the collected wisdom of his life.

He believes his son one day will want to know this history, so Ames tells him about his mystical, abolitionist great-grandfather—a minister—who fought with John Brown in the Civil War; about his pacifist grandfather, another minister, who rejected his own father’s ways; about Uncle Ed, an atheist who introduced Ames to German higher criticism; and about his own long ministry, preserved in the 2,250 sermons in the attic. At the heart of this

story is his long friendship with a fellow minister, Boughton, and his equal disgust and fear of Boughton’s prodigal son, Jack; the racial schism that divided the country and human hearts; the deep and unexpected love for his second wife, 30 years younger; and about his experiences of grace, love and beauty in the poor Kansas town of Gilead.

Unlike much ironic and jaded contemporary fiction, Robinson fills the story with a wonder for life and a hope, though not a guarantee, for personal transformation. She does not force a grand conclusion onto the ambiguous and fractured lives of Gilead; rather, she shows how out of the common experiences of life—including the pains of family life, the losses of war and poverty, the strangling effects of racism, and the deep yearnings for intimate connections—can grow a love of existence which shares in God’s love toward a fallen world.

The old spiritual says “there is a balm in Gilead,” and in *Gilead*, the balm is grace, and the healing is the experience of beauty. Near the end, Ames says to his son, “Wherever you turn your eyes, the world can shine like transfiguration. You don’t have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?” (p. 245)

The book is about a way of seeing life. The world is good but fallen, and one must love it to experience its goodness. Yet, love is not mere sentiment or tolerance. It embraces the offender and brings the broken into one’s destiny in act of supreme charity. Grace is the dominant theme of the book, and if a reader looks with it, even an ordinary place like Gilead transfigures into a place of beauty and a difficult place to leave. 



# Summer is Time for The Project

by John Mayfield

In the summertime, ask any Samford history professor how things are going, and most likely he or she will say something pleasant, look at the calendar with a glass-half-empty glare and hurry off to put more time in something called The Project. The Project has many titles: “Counterfeit Men,” “Medieval Specter,” “Caliph Washington” and others, and the subject matter may range from Old Mexico to the New South. It uses all kinds of resources, such as court cases, lawsuits, memoirs, political treatises, church records, even humorous literature, and it deals with Victorian women, Southern men, Mexican peasants, convicts, suffragists and so on. There is a strong symbiosis between teaching and research. The Project is research, and once the papers are graded and the committees adjourn, it is what the members of the history department do.

The kinds of projects we specialize in might be called histories of the “others,” people who fall between the cracks of history. Ginger Frost ventured far away to Victorian England, and she is at the leading edge of a recent movement to look at the family in history. It is not always an uplifting or tidy field, for families are often broken and messy. Her first book, *Promises Broken* (University Press of Virginia), looked at breach-of-promise cases in the last part of the 19th century—a topic that Charles Dickens used to comic effect in *The Pickwick Papers* but which Frost mines to illuminate courtship practices and gender roles. Her second book, in press, examines cohabitation and unmarried couples in the same period. These were not proper Victorians, but their story helps reveal the other side of a much-romanticized period. More mainstream, she is writing a general history of Victorian childhood for Praeger Press with chapters on family and home, school, work, play, children’s organizations, “lost” children (orphans, workhouse children, mixed race), and the Victorian expansion of childhood.

Frost researches the inter-connections between the powerful and the weak, she says.

“Studying people who are somewhat marginal makes me more inclusive in general in my classes,” she said. “I try never to leave out people who are young, poor, ethnically diverse or female just because they are not in power.”

Jonathan Bass worked his own backyard. In his first book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* (LSU Press), Bass examined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” from the perspective of the eight white clergy to whom the letter was addressed. The book received wide acclaim and was nominated for a Pulitzer. He unexpectedly came across the case of Caliph Washington, a black man from Bessemer, Ala., who was convicted of killing a white policeman in 1957 and spent the better part of 15 years on death row while his appeals and new trials worked their way through the justice system. Washington sat out the Civil Rights Era in jail, but he used the time to argue, successfully, that Alabama’s prison system was hopelessly segregated and unequal.

Bass uses his experience in research as a means of sharing the historian’s craft with his students. “In each course I teach,” he said, “whether it’s a freshman core writing class or a history senior seminar, I present the students with not only my research discoveries and interpretations, but also the struggles I have as a writer. I try to show them that writing is hard work, and it takes much effort and dedication to produce a polished piece of prose.”

Marlene Rikard, the new president of the Alabama Historical Association, is looking at Mobile, Ala., artist Roderick Mackenzie for her presidential address at the spring 2007 meeting. Born in London in 1865, Mackenzie came to Mobile as a child and considered it his home. He trained as an artist in Boston, Mass., and Paris before going to India to paint tigers, princes, palaces and Afghan tribesmen for more than a decade. He returned to the U.S. shortly before World War I and opened a studio in Mobile. Rikard is focusing on the 1920s and ’30s, when Mackenzie came to Birmingham and painted the industrial processes and

workers at the city’s TCI blast furnaces and mills.

Jim Brown’s research is in pedagogy itself; he is churning out new ways to use GIS technology to present history in the classroom and has made presentations worldwide, including South Africa and Peru.

With books on antislavery politics and on the early national period in hand, I am finishing a manuscript on men and their self-images in the Old South, and using their humor to do it. Men of the Old South were quick to defend their honor, but their stories and tall tales were robust and disarming, and gave them a chance to relax and indulge in a little introspection and self-criticism. This research has required me to learn the tools not only of my own trade, but of folklorists and literary critics as well.

New faculty members Barry Robinson and Jason Wallace are transforming dissertations into major studies. Robinson completed an archival research trip to Mexico this summer, visiting four archives in Jalisco, Zacatecas and Michoacán. He recently coedited a volume for the University of Mexico Press entitled *Slaves, Subjects and Subversives: Blacks in Colonial Latin America*. Wallace’s *Medieval Specter*, recently contracted by Notre Dame Press, shows how evangelical interpretations of Catholicism and European history helped create a distinctive American nationalism in the decades leading to the Civil War. For Wallace, digging into conflicts between Protestants and Catholics adds perspective.

“My research reminds me that the kind of historical and philosophical questions we address have merited attention long before the modern university, and they will continue long after the modern university ceases to be relevant,” Wallace said.

In short, those of us in the history department never have to be asked what we did with the summer vacation; the question is always, “How far did you get on The Project?”

# Donors Make Undergraduate Research Program Possible

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences thanks the following donors who helped make possible the Samford Undergraduate Research Program [SURP] scholarships this summer. These scholarships allow students to work individually with a faculty member on a significant research project.

This summer, six Samford students had the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on a special research project. Mary Kathryn Covert worked with Jonathan Bass on a civil rights topic; Joseph Macon worked with Anca Lunga on using activated carbon as a filtering element; John Carson worked with Ron Jenkins measuring the amount of progesterone in loblolly pine trees that, when passed into streams as paper mill sediment, may lead to masculinizing fish in the stream; Austin Campbell worked with Tatyana Karaman on economy and government stability; Amanda Spikes worked with Marlene Rikard on Hiram McDaniel and the Fountain Heights neighborhood.

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## New Additions to the Family

- Wren Henry Johnson was born July 6, 2006, to Bryan and Julie Johnson. Bryan is an associate professor in the English department.
- Josiah Timothy Toone was born June 9, 2006, to Brian and Kristine Toone. Brian is an assistant professor of computer science in the math and computer science department.
- John Cooper Wallace was born May 9, 2006, to Jason and Meg Wallace. Jason is an assistant professor in the history department.
- Jackson Carl Garza was born Feb. 24, 2006, to David and Jennifer Garza. David is an associate professor in the chemistry department.
- Conner Parker Calegari was born Jan. 15, 2006. He was adopted by Rhonda Parker and Mark Calegari. Rhonda is a professor and chair of the communication studies department.

## Retirement

W. Mike Howell, biology, retired in May 2006. He was appointed assistant professor of biology at Samford in 1966. Six years later, he became assistant professor of ecology and systematics, and curator of fishes at Cornell University. He returned to Samford and has served as professor of biology since 1974. He served as department chair, hiring many of the current faculty and staff in biology.

Howell developed new techniques for studying fish and chromosomes, and published more than 60 refereed scientific articles. Howell and Dr. Ron Jenkins, biology professor, published *A Photographic Guide to Spiders of the Southeast*.

Howell looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Mary, and his children and grandchildren. He intends to finish a book on the butterflies of Alabama, as well as consult and continue research with his colleagues in biology.

Barbara Whatley Crider '62, world languages and cultures, retired in July 2006. She had served with distinction as an instructor of Spanish and director of the Language Learning Technology Center since 1994. Throughout her 12 years on the WLAC faculty, she provided inspired leadership of language study-abroad programs in Spain, France, Germany and Costa Rica. She was lead professor-in-residence each summer in Spain, where she and her husband, Bob '61, were career Southern Baptist missionaries for 26 years. The Criders are parents of three Samford alumni: Todd '87, Stephanie '89 and Tim '98. ♡



# Britt Still Preaching, Thanks to Youthful Kidney Donor

by Mary Wimberley

Samford alumni Bobby Britt '58 and Ashley Fisher '97 had never met before 2001. Other than a deep spiritual faith, the longtime Baptist evangelist and the young athletic trainer would seem to have little in common. Today, however, their lives are linked in a special way.

"My friends thought it was the craziest thing in the world," said Fisher of her decision to give a kidney to the ailing preacher immediately after hearing of his need for a donor. "But, I felt God was leading me."

Britt had been on dialysis for five years after losing the use of a kidney due to a rare malady known as Wegener's disease. Unable to locate a suitable match from family and friends, he continued to preach in Birmingham area churches. "You never give up hope of finding a donor," he said.

Fisher learned of Britt's fragile health when he filled in for her regular minister at First Baptist Church, Trussville, one winter Sunday in early 2001.

The already frail Britt, who was then interim minister at Palmerdale Baptist Church, was recovering from gall bladder surgery and had to sit on a stool to preach. "I looked terrible," recalled Britt, who made it a practice to not mention his kidney failure from the pulpit.

During a singles' fellowship prayer time following the evening service, Ashley learned of the visiting preacher's need for a kidney. Her response was immediate.

"I felt right then that God was calling me to be a match," said Fisher, who wasted little time in inquiring about the procedure for kidney donation. Within weeks, she found that she was a tissue and blood match, a requirement for organ transplants.

When she took her news to the couple on the following Valentine's Day, which is also national organ transplant day, she received a grateful but polite refusal from the former Samford religion major.

"I told her, 'I am 65 and you are 25. You have not been married and don't have children. I can't let you do this for me,'" Britt said. "Then she said, 'Well,

Brother Bobby, this is not about you or me. It is a God thing.'"

Fisher remains adamant about the genesis of her decision. "God had spoken clearly to me that I was to donate a kidney to Brother Bobby," said Fisher, daughter of **Kay Ferguson Fisher '70**.

In late June 2001, the two were in University of Alabama at Birmingham's University Hospital preparing for the transplant when the plan was temporarily derailed. Britt apparently had received antibodies from a blood transfusion during the gall bladder surgery and was deemed unready for surgery.

Fisher, who had completed three days of rigorous physical and psychological testing that all donors must undergo, was crushed. She then had to wrestle with thoughts voiced by friends who compared the situation to God's testing Abraham by commanding him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice.

"They felt that God was testing my obedience, and because I had proved that I was willing to obey, I was released from my obligation," said Fisher. "Finally, I realized that God had not cleared me from the responsibility he had placed on me to donate the kidney."

In January of 2002, a successful transplant took place. "God proved that he wanted it [the transplant] to go on," said Fisher, who earned a master's in sports medicine and athletic training from the University of Tennessee in 1999.

Both patients needed time to recover from their major surgeries.

Fisher was away from her job as athletic trainer at Baptist

Medical Center–Montclair for two months. Nor could she continue her second job as sports care provider for injured Pinson Valley High School athletes.

Britt was away from his Palmerdale pulpit for two months and fought serious infections for a year.

Today, both lead productive, fulfilling lives.

Fisher, now an athletic trainer with Rehab Partners in Gadsden, Ala., is planning an October wedding to Air Force veteran David Alford. They will live in Hokes Bluff, Ala.

Britt is semiretired but preaches at every opportunity. Last year, he participated in a revival in Arizona. He is fatigued easily from the medications he must take to prevent rejection and suffers neuropathy in his feet from his years on dialysis.

"I do get frustrated with the lack of energy, but I am so thankful to be alive," said Britt, who lives with his wife, Carolyn, in Trussville, Ala.

His continued ministry underscores an observation Fisher made to him when she first offered her kidney. "I told him that 'God isn't done with you yet,'" said Fisher, who considers him family.

Britt will participate in his donor's wedding by praying a blessing over the couple's union. ■

Ashley Fisher '97, left, and Bobby Britt '58 visit prior to their successful kidney transplant operation in 2002.



## Anderson Reunion Recalls Dovey's Storied Career

by Jack Brymer

Samford alumni attending an Anderson family reunion include, from left, front, Mary Anderson Glover '34, Clio, Ala.; Anne McMillan Glover '59, Mobile, Ala.; Emily Blythe '07, Paducah, Ky.; Janet and Charles Anderson '70, Thomasville, Ala.; back, Louise Anderson Christmas and Charles Christmas '48, Jemison, Ala.; and Buddy and Linda Moore Anderson '72, Vestavia Hills, Ala.

A family reunion July 22 of D. F. "Dovey" Anderson descendants just as easily could have been a mini-Samford University alumni gathering. Family and relatives throughout Alabama and several adjoining states made the trek to the west Jefferson County, Ala., residence of Anderson's nephew, Johnny Johnston.

Anderson played football for Samford in the 1920s and went on to become a legendary coach in his hometown of Thomasville, Ala. His sons followed him to Samford in the 1960s. Buddy played football and Charlie played baseball. Buddy also followed his father into coaching and is enjoying similar success at Vestavia Hills, Ala., High School.

Dovey and Buddy are the only father-son team in the Alabama High School Athletic Association [AHSAA] Sports Hall of Fame. Dovey's teams compiled a 182-81-5 record. Buddy's teams were 233-100 through Sept. 1.

Buddy reveres his father's name. "In my mind, I'll never catch up to the quality of coach he was," he said. "I just hope that influence-wise I've been the kind of person he would be proud of."

Charlie, who played football for his dad in high school, shared that when he was 18, his 58-year-old father could still beat him in the 40-yard dash.

Dovey enrolled at then-Howard College in 1924 at age 16. He made the football team and soon earned a reputation as a tenacious player. The 1927 *Entre Nous* described him "one of the hardest tacklers to ever back up a Howard line. He is one of the lightest men in the backfield, but many opposing players have said that they would rather have a heavier man hit them in preference to this little Bulldog. He displays a wonderful spirit, determination and Bulldog tenacity in every play."

Several scrapbooks of photographs and news articles chronicled his storied career, including Howard's trip to Havana, Cuba, in 1927 to play the University of Havana. The Bulldogs also played the University of Miami en route. Howard beat Havana, 20-6, and Miami, 52-0.

Following graduation from Samford in 1928, he returned to Thomasville and worked briefly for the State Highway Department before joining the faculty at the high school as a teacher and football coach.

Once known as dean of state coaches, Anderson retired in 1978 after a 45-year career at Thomasville High School as a teacher, assistant principal, and primarily a football coach. He retired from coaching in 1962 but continued teaching. The football stadium at his high school in Thomasville bears his name. Anderson died



July 31, 1993, at the age of 85.

After graduation from Samford in 1970 with a degree in business administration, Charlie returned to Clarke County, where he was the business administrator for the Thomasville Mental Health Facility for 32 years before retiring. He writes a weekly sports column for the *Thomasville Times* newspaper and covers sports for three area high schools.

His wife, the former Janet Glass, attended Samford for two years and graduated from the University of West Alabama. She is an elementary school teacher in Thomasville. They have two sons, Clint and Chuck.

Buddy and his wife, the former Linda Moore, are 1972 Samford graduates. They have three daughters, also graduates of Samford: Lindsey '98, Abbey '00 and Stacey '03.

The Anderson ancestors settled in Clarke County, Ala., during the early 1800s. At the recent reunion, their descendants spent some time reliving the past. One of the more intriguing stories recounted how the matriarch of the family, Sarah James Merrill, survived being scalped. Indians attacked a home where she was staying and killed everyone but Sarah. She was scalped and left for dead, but the tomahawk failed to penetrate her skull, and she survived.

But it was the tenacity of a man and his son, both named D. F. Anderson, that consumed the gathering.

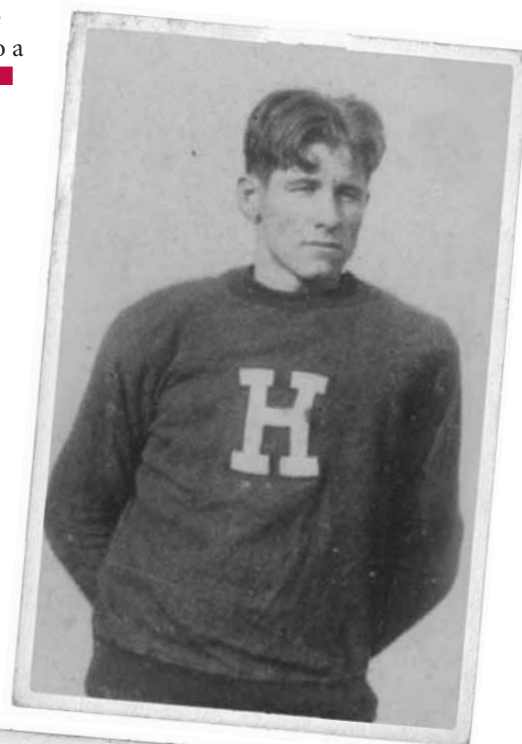
The elder Anderson was a legislator and successful merchant operating a jewelry and gift store in the thriving community of Thomasville. He sponsored the bill that brought the bridge across the Tombigbee River near Jackson, Ala.

He and his wife, Sadie Jackson Anderson, had seven children: Clayton (who

died in infancy), D. F. "Dovey" Jr., Mary, Grace, Ruth, Louise and Joe. Major Harwell G. Davis, who later became president of Samford, served as best man in their wedding.

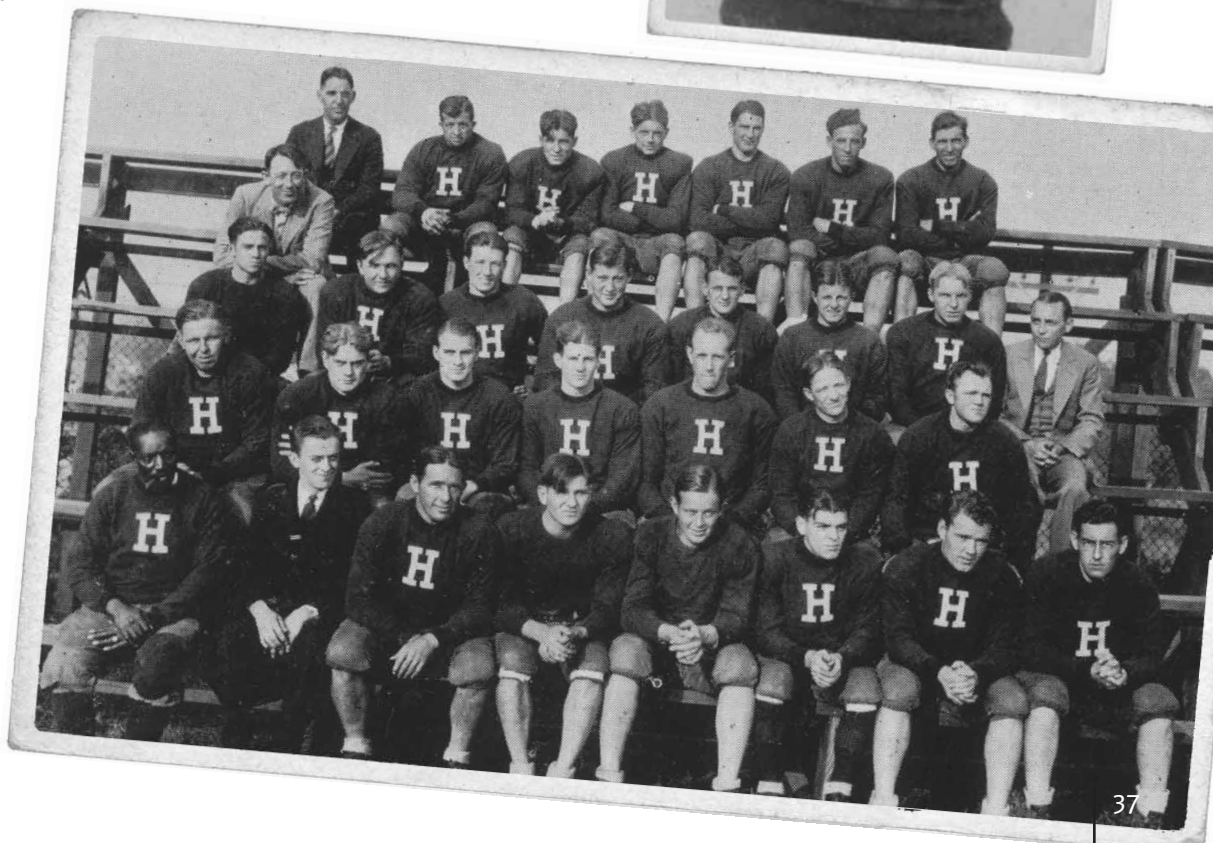
Both Mary, now Mrs. Ben Glover '34 of Leroy, Ala., and Louise, now Mrs. Charles Christmas '48 of Jemison, Ala., recounted how their father, near death following a heart attack, summoned Dovey Jr. and charged him with the responsibility of caring for the family. According to the siblings, Dovey, 21 at the time, agreed to do so and honored his word.

"He put his life on hold until we were grown and educated," said his sister, Louise. Children of the deceased siblings echoed their words. With his siblings grown, he married Mary Nelle Plummer, also a popular teacher, when he was 40. ■



D. F. "Dovey" Anderson played on the 1927 Howard College football team that beat the University of Miami and University of Havana.

The 1927 Howard College football team gathers for its *Entre Nous* photo. D. F. Anderson is third from the left on the back row. The team posted a 7-2-2 record that was the best in Samford history until that point. One of the ties was with Auburn, 9-9. The team also played the inaugural game at Birmingham's Legion Field, beating Birmingham-Southern, 9-0.



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'52 **H. Wallace Garrett** is director of the Houston, Texas, region of Financial Network (ING). He was named to membership in Texas Leaders Round Table for insurance and investment sales.

'62 **Martha Henderson Kirkland** of Brentwood, Tenn., received the W. Hines Sims Award at the annual meeting of the Baptist Church Music Conference. The award honors significant contributions to the field of church music. She retired after 22 years as music consultant for LifeWay Christian Resources. She directs the young musicians choir at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and runs a ministry for personal, silent retreats.

'69 **John W. Cargile** of Coker, Ala., earned a doctor of divinity degree from the University of Sedona. He has a nonprofit ministry, 21st Century Ministries. The author of an e-book, *Evolution of a Metaphysician by God*, which will be released as a book by Tate Publishing, he recently helped establish the *Hoover Gazette* weekly newspaper. He writes a weekly column for three Alabama newspapers.

'73 **Darrell M. Coons** of Belleville, Ill., recently founded Fire Support Ministries, a not-for-profit chaplaincy for the fire departments of St. Clair and Monroe counties in Illinois.

**Angela Golden Hughes** of New Brockton, Ala., retired after 31 years with the

Alabama Cooperative Service. She is an adult education (GED) instructor at Enterprise Ozark Community College.

'74 **W. Henry Parkman** is an attorney and partner in a new construction industry practice group, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, L.L.P., in Atlanta, Ga.

'75 **James E. Moody, J.D. '80**, retired after 23 years as a judge advocate on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. He is an administrative judge with the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals in Arlington, Va.

'76 **Steven R. Golden** is owner of Golden Designs, L.L.C., in Elkins, Ark.

**Robert D. Parker** of Trussville, Ala., retired after teaching art for 29 years, all but two at Homewood Middle School. He directs the Warblers men's chorus.

**Sandra L. Randleman, M.A. '77**, earned a doctor of ministry degree in May from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. She is associate pastor for congregational care and discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

'77 **Angela Collins** of Birmingham was one of three nursing professors nationwide to receive a 2005 National Excellence in Teaching Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. She is a critical-care nurse and clinical associate professor of nursing at the University of Alabama's Capstone School of Nursing.

**Ann Thornton Field** is chair of the national commercial litigation practice group and vice chair of the general litigation department at the Philadelphia, Penn.-based Cozen O'Connor law firm. She was named one of 25 "Women on the Verge" by *The Legal Intelligencer/PA Law Weekly* in recognition of her accomplishments and visibility in the community.

**David Martin** of Toronto, Canada, is cowriter and acoustic guitarist for "Everywhere But Here," a song on Nick Lachey's new CD, *What's Left of Me*.

'78 **James Clay Fielding** of Lakeland, Fla., is the author of "Song of the Wolf," the first of nine poems in a series entitled *Cycle of the Songs*. The lead novel, *SongStar: The Legend of Wandering Eagle*, was published in 2005.

**C. Delane Tew** is associate professor of church history at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. She also teaches a distance-learning course for Judson College, Marion, Ala. She lives in Dandridge, Tenn.

'79 **George S. Adkins** is pursuing an education specialist degree at Cambridge College, Augusta, Ga. He teaches physical education at River Ridge Elementary School in Martinez, Ga.

'81 **Stanley Joe McFall** received a doctor of ministry degree from Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., in June. His thesis topic deals with transitioning an established church from a state of plateau to one of healthy growth. He is pastor of Southtown Baptist Church, Bloomington, Minn.

**Charles Woods, M.D., M.S.**, is professor of pediatrics, pediatric infectious diseases, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.

'82 **Jody Hunt** is director, federal programs branch, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division, Washington, D.C. His office of 100 attorneys handles high-profile civil litigation matters. In recent years, he has been on the litigation front lines in the war on terror. He and his wife, Lori, have twin sons, 8, and a daughter, 4. They live in Clarksburg, Md.

## Flynt Selected for Alabama Academy of Honor



Wayne Flynt

**D**r. Wayne Flynt '61, eminent historian and author of 11 books and numerous articles, was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor in August. The academy honors Alabamians for their accom-

plishment and service to the state.

Dr. Flynt retired in 2005 as distinguished university professor at Auburn

University, where he served on the faculty for 28 years, winning more than 20 teaching awards. Flynt taught at Samford from 1965 until going to Auburn in 1977.

His books *Poor But Proud: Alabama's Poor Whites* and *Alabama: History of a Deep South State* (written with three others) were nominated for Pulitzer Prizes. Flynt won numerous other awards for his books and served a term as president of the Southern Historical Association.

He is cofounder of the Alabama Poverty Project and Sowing Seeds of Hope (for Perry County, Alabama). ■



**Richard E. Smith, J.D. '85**, was selected for inclusion in *Birmingham Business Journal's* 2006 Who's Who in Law and Accounting. He is managing partner of Christian and Small, L.L.P., where he practices in the areas of real estate, health care, environmental tort, and creditor's and lender's rights. He and his wife, **Angela Wooten Smith '82**, live in Mountain Brook with their sons, Elliott and Evan.

'83 **Kenyon Draughon** is associate pastor of 121 Community Church, Grapevine, Texas. He and his wife, Libby, have two sons, Davis, 10, and Will, 8. They live in Hurst, Texas.

'84 **Michael Helms** wrote a book on spiritual experience and exploration, *Finding Our Way*. He is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Moultrie, Ga.

**Susan Young** married David Darby in April. She is fiscal officer with Jefferson County Child Development Council, Inc. They live in Hueytown, Ala.

'85 **Kirk Mardis**, colonel, U.S. Air Force, recently completed a year in Baghdad, Iraq, where he was the top Air Force intelligence officer and recipient of a Bronze Star for his service. He is based at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. He was commissioned through Samford's Air Force ROTC Detachment 012.

'86 **Beth Fentress Hallmark** teaches at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in education with a concentration in e-learning. She and her husband, Brian, have two children, Allison, 10, and Mack, 7.

**Richard S. McAlister**, major, U.S. Air Force, retired after 20 years in the Air Force. His most recent post was at Samford's Air Force ROTC Detachment 012. His May 17 retirement ceremony was held exactly 20 years after he was commissioned by Air Force ROTC Detachment 012, in the same place and at the same hour. Samford's ROTC program was once housed in Crawford Johnson Hall, which is now the site of Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel. McAlister is emergency operations manager, United Services Automobile Association, San Antonio, Texas. His wife, **Kim Hickman McAlister, M.S.N. '06**, is on the faculty at University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing at San Antonio. They have two daughters, Christin and Rachel.

**Karen Leigh Saunders** is a project manager for Healthways, Inc., Nashville, Tenn. The company's programs seek to improve health-care outcomes.

**Gerald C. Swann, Jr., J.D.**, is a partner in the Montgomery, Ala., law firm of Ball, Ball, Matthews and Novak. He and his wife, Denise, have two children, Laura Helen and Tripp; the latter enrolled at Samford this fall on a baseball scholarship.

'87 **Al Bevill** of Birmingham is executive director of business development with Principle Pharmacy Group, a pharmacy management company.

**Edna P. Moore** of Pleasant Grove, Ala., is the coauthor of *Wholly Sex vs. Casual Sex* (Fifth Estate), an inspirational dating guide. She is the founder and CEO of Reality Writing, Inc., and president of Writing to Succeed Charitable Foundation.

'88 **Chris Blackerby** is executive director of Chateau Vestavia, a retirement community in Birmingham. He and his family live in Hoover, Ala.

'89 **Eddie and Kelly Thornton Kesler** live in Bristow, Va., with their two daughters, Ashley Kate, 11, and Jordan Elizabeth, 8. He is operations supervisor for Potomac TRACON, an FAA facility serving Washington, D.C. She teaches in Prince William county schools.

**Brenda J. Walker** retired in August 2006, after 34 years with Energen Corporation. She was manager of group insurance. She lives in Helena, Ala.

'91 **Jeffrey A. Kyzer** is vice president, commodities division, Capital Investments—USA, Inc., at Merchant Bank in Denver, Colo. He and his wife live in downtown Denver's LoDo neighborhood.

**Robert Skelton**, major, U.S. Air Force, is operations officer and second in command of the Air Force's demonstration squadron, the Thunderbirds. He is based at the squadron's home at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. He and his wife have two daughters and a son.

'92 **Jennifer Shipp Culwell** opened Hayden Pharmacy and Compounding Center in Hayden, Ala.

**Paul John Ruby** is economics teacher and department chair at Lely High School, Naples, Fla. He and his wife, Peg, have two daughters, Jorja, 8, and Tess, 6.

'93 **Eugenia Gayle Glenn Blasingame** is Kids Hope USA director at University Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. The mentoring program for at-risk children joins churches with public elementary schools. She and her husband, Brandon, have two daughters, Sara, 4, and Erin, 2.

'94 **Paul Hicks, M.Div. '97**, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Irondale. He and his wife, Christy, live in Gardendale, Ala.

'95 **Greg and Kari Schumann Armstrong** live in Memphis, Tenn., where he is on staff at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology and neuro-oncology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and earned a master's degree in epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania. They have two children, Ashley and William.

**Heather Poor Copeland** is director of compliance for athletics at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn.

**Robert L. Martin J.D.**, of Palm Coast, Fla., wrote *History of the Florida Army National Guard Judge Advocate General's Corps 1870–2005*. He is a captain in the Florida Guard's JAG Corps.

'96 **Andrew Workman** is administrator of Oak Tree Hospital at Baptist Hospital Northeast, a long-term acute care hospital in La Grange, Ky. He and his wife, **Sarah Webb Workman '96**, live in Louisville, Ky., with their two daughters, Emily and Katie.

'97 **Craig Cheatham, M.B.A.**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., is chief executive officer of The Realty Alliance. He and his wife, Caryllee, have a son, Parker, and a daughter, Lisanne.

**Bill Davidson, M.D.**, and his wife, Kellie, live in Daphne, Ala. He is a pediatric and adult allergy, asthma and immunology specialist. They have a son, William Amherst, born in March.

**Susan Kitchens** is one of 10 Knight-Bagehot Fellows in economics and business journalism named by Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism for 2006–07. A staff writer at *Forbes* magazine, where she contributes to its investment guides, corporate files and annual billionaires list, she holds a master's in journalism from Columbia.

**John Paul Lotz, M.Div.**, teaches at London School of Theology, London, England, and is pastor of Rickmansworth Baptist Church. He and his wife, **Susan Garrett Lotz '96**, have three daughters, Hannah Elizabeth, 4, Phoebe Grace, 2, and Abigail Blythe, born in July.

**Misty-Michelle Patton Miller** and **Keith Aaron Miller '99** live in Austin, Texas. He is an advanced markets consultant for Highland Capital Brokerage. They have two sons, Samuel Graydon, 3, and Stephen Aaron, 1.

'98 **Cherington Love Shucker** and her husband, Darin Gehrke, live in New York City, where she works in client services with Eagle Capital Management, L.L.C. She holds a master's in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University.

'99 **Tonya Summers Baker, Pharm.D.**, is featured in the book *Firestarters: 100 Job Profiles to Inspire Young Women* by Dale Salvaggio Bradshaw and Kelly Beatty.

**Jaime Bennett Guthrie** and her husband, Stephen, live in Florence, Ala. She is an elementary teacher in Muscle Shoals.

**Andi Wood McClurkin** and her husband, Ben, live in Dothan, Ala. They have two sons, Benjamin, 3, and Luke, 2.

**Kirk Petty** and **Marion McCarty '04** married in June. He is a manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She teaches fourth grade at Briarwood Christian School. They live in Homewood.

'00 **Ngozi Mwanamwambwa Asinga, M.B.A.**, was one of five athletes named to the 2006 U.S. Track and Cross Country Association's NCAA Division III Hall of Fame. An American competitor as an undergraduate at Principia College, she represented Zambia in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. She and her husband, Tommy, and their two children live in Dublin, Ga., where she is a personal trainer.

**Natasha Leigh Bennett** attends law school at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

**Erin Cook, J.D.**, married Christian B. Owen in April. They live in Columbia, S.C.

**Rachel Maxcey Smith** earned a master's in communication disorders from the University of Houston. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Raleigh, N.C., where she is a speech-language pathologist.

'01 **Jeffrey Michael Beard** earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in May. He and his wife, Carinda, have three children, Ashlynn, 4, Noah, 2, and Owen, 1. He will intern at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Networks in Allentown, Penn.

**Elisabeth Brink** married Kyle Olson in June. They live in Niceville, Fla. She is choral director at Fort Walton Beach High School.

**Gilbert F. Douglas IV** received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. He is a resident in internal medicine at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham.

**Whitney Mirts** earned a master's in education in teaching English to speakers of other languages [TESOL] at Long Island University in New York. She teaches at Aden University in Aden, Yemen.

**Katie Partain Patterson** and her husband, **Seth Patterson '00, M.M. '02**, live in Homestead, Fla. Both teach elementary music in the Miami-Dade County public schools.

**Lauren Yvonne Peirce** earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine in May. She does research in oncology and will begin a residency in 2007. She lives in Miami, Fla.

**John Wilson Ragsdale IV** received a doctor of medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Penn., in June. He will pursue a combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington Ky.

**Katherine (Kitty) Rogers** married Tucker Brown in June. She is an attorney in Birmingham.

**Lauren Jean Spannagel** earned a master's in physical therapy from Georgia State University in May.

**Courtney Strubel** married Jimmy Armistead in June. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Casey Carden Tatum** is a project coordinator with Crafton Communications, Inc. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Thorsby, Ala., with their children, Alexander, 4, and Aerin, 2.

**Jason Baine, J.D.**, and **Alisha Basseen Thompson, J.D.**, live in Fayetteville, Ga. He is in private law practice in Peachtree City, Ga., and is assistant solicitor-general of Spalding County. She is assistant solicitor-general of Fayette County. They have a son, Samuel Baine, born in March.

'02 **Kerrie Elizabeth Lambert Couchois** is choral director at Electa Lee Magnet Middle School in Bradenton, Fla. Her choirs have been recognized among the top middle school choirs in Southwest Florida for the past three years. She and her husband, Damian, have a son, Caleb Robert, born in April.

**Kimberly Crowe** is event coordinator at Rosewood Hall, Homewood City Hall, in the new SoHo Square development in Homewood.

**Brett Amos Fuller** earned a master's in music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May. He is music associate at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas. He lives in Carrollton, Texas.

**Kristy Greenhaw** earned a master's in clinical psychology from Jacksonville State University in April. She is a behavior analyst in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Gideon Lett** is political director for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

**Megan Elizabeth Rezac** married Mark Zeien in December. She earned a doctor of medicine degree from University of Alabama School of Medicine, and will specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.

'03 **Melissa Lynn Butler** married Tim Pedersen in August. She works at Whitaker Publishing of Springfield, Mo. They live in Ozark, Mo.

**Melissa Blythe Chappell** works in collegiate evangelism for the North American Mission Board. She and her husband, Alan, live in Seattle, Wash.

**Janice Johnson** is the author of *Self Esteem & Empowerment for Women* (Goblin Fern Press). She is included in the 2006 edition of *Who's Who in Black Birmingham*.

**Jeffrey Kyle, Pharm.D.**, and **Langley Rushton, Pharm.D.**, married in October. They live in Wellington, Fla. He is an assistant professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University's Gregory School of Pharmacy. She is a pharmacist for Target stores.



**Brandon Luke McKinney** recently earned a master's in Christian apologetics from Biola University. He is pursuing a master's in divinity at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary while serving as associate pastor at Stetson Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla.

**Matt Rich** of Fayetteville, Tenn., earned a master's in divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in May. He is affiliated with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

'04 **Lindsey Renee Arnold** married Zachary Henry in March. She is pursuing a master's in social work through the University of Alabama. They live in Mobile, Ala.

**William M. Cheves, Jr., J.D.**, of Columbus, Ga., is assistant solicitor general, Muscogee County, Georgia.

**Kelley Etheridge** earned a master's in sport management from the University of Alabama. She is a certified athletic trainer at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Ross Nelson** is comanager of family of mutual funds and institutional trader with YieldQuest Securities and YieldQuest Funds in Atlanta, Ga.

**Rebecca Lee Kearney** and **John William Orton** married in July. They live in Atlanta, Ga. She attends McAfee School of Theology and is associate children's minister at Smoke Rise Baptist Church. He is an executive recruiter/business development manager at Snelling Personnel Services.

'05 **Christy J. Adkins** is a student at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta.

**Evin Smith Krehbiel** is marketing coordinator with Vaco in Brentwood, Tenn., and has started her own photography business. She and her husband, Luke, live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Kate St. Clair** and **Ryan Thompson** married in April. He attends Cumberland School of Law. She works in marketing at *Southern Living* magazine.

'06 **Duncan Thomas Blount** is pursuing a master of business administration degree in international management at Thunderbird's Garvin School of International Management. ■

# births

'91 Sarah and **Tim Whitlock** of Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Samuel Caleb, born May 6, 2006.

'92 **Will** and **Elizabeth Stanford McCarty** of Birmingham, a son, Christopher, born Nov. 23, 2005.

'93 Brandon and **Eugenia Gayle Glenn Blasingame** of Arlington, Texas, a daughter, Erin Jane, born July 24, 2004.

Steven and **Kathy Roberts Clark** of Marianna, Fla., a son, William Edward, born May 31, 2006.

**Christopher Wayne** and **Amy Harrell Deering** '94 of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, Michael Christopher, born June 7, 2005.

**Paul** and **Julie Korte Hughes** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, Christopher Crocker, born March 1, 2006.

'95 Amy and **John Brent Benton**, M.D., of Louisville, Ky., a son, Noah James, born April 10, 2006.

Ray and **Nancy Wareham Coskery** of Smyrna, Ga., a daughter, Virginia, born Oct. 12, 2005.

Taylor and **Tiffany Dickson Schwartz** of Marietta, Ga., a daughter, Sarah Grace, born Jan. 23, 2006.

Barry and **Laura Insko Snyder** of Tucker, Ga., a daughter, Addison Case, born May 24, 2006.

'96 Josh and **Krissy Preston Benner** of McLean, Va., a son, Charles Preston, born July 3, 2006.

**Chris** and **Amy Bussey Bryant** '99 of Trussville, Ala., a daughter, Ann Claire, born April 7, 2006.

Josh and **Jennifer Lewis Culbertson**, M.Acc. '97, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a daughter, Kathleen Virginia, born July 14, 2005.

**Susan Garrett Lotz** and **John Paul Lotz**, M.Div. '97, of Rickmansworth, England, a daughter, Abigail Blythe, born July 13, 2006.

**Andrew** and **Sarah Webb Workman** of Louisville, Ky., a daughter, Katherine Ann, born May 30, 2006.

'97 Kellie and **Bill Davidson**, M.D., of Daphne, Ala., a son, William Amherst, born March 11, 2006.

**Morris** and **Julie Maples Gallion** '00 of Marietta, Ga., a son, Mitchell, born April 15, 2006.

**Misty-Michelle Patton Miller** and **Keith Aaron Miller** '99 of Austin, Texas, a son, Stephen Aaron, born Sept. 14, 2005.

Jay and **Joella Mercer Potts** of Suwanee, Ga., a son, John Murray IV, born Dec. 12, 2005.

Eric and **Heather Phillips Schmidt** of Valdosta, Ga., twin sons, Levi Josiah and Ephraim Zechariah, born June 14, 2006.

David and **Amanda Mangum Vincent** of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Julia Grace, born April 27, 2006.

'98 Chad and **Candace Nicole Jones Boeninger** of Athens, Ohio, a son, Cole Fulton, born May 22, 2006.

**Jason** and **Shawndee Proffitt LoVoy** '00 of Bessemer, Ala., a son, James McDavid, born June 30, 2006.

Kara and **Todd Tittle** of Lynn, Ala., a son, Matthew Cale, born Feb. 2, 2006.

'99 Billy and **Carin Glover Hill** of Fort Worth, Texas, a son, Benjamin Caleb, born Jan. 15, 2006.

Bryan and **Erica Haynes Johnson** of Collierville, Tenn., a daughter, Abigail Claire, born Feb. 10, 2006.

Scott and **Kelly Dean Rhodes** of Sarasota, Fla., a son, Kai Stryder, born Feb. 16, 2006.

'00 **Ted** and **Kelly Schmidt Alling** of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son, Drake Charles, born March 18, 2006.

Bryan and **Katie Wall Flores** of Birmingham, a son, Caleb Barnard, born April 21, 2006.

**Jenny Saylor Funderburke** and **Nathan Funderburke '02** of Calera, Ala., a daughter, Kaylie Grace, born Feb. 22, 2006.

**Jason and Ashley Cantrell Goetz** of Birmingham, a son, Jackson Edward, born Feb. 14, 2006.

Cooper and **Anna Brooke Childs Johnson** of Birmingham, a daughter, Addison Louise, born June 1, 2006.

Kristen and **William N. Maudlin** of Warrior, Ala., a daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole, born Nov. 17, 2005.

**Brian Michael** and **Britton Elizabeth Gowing McPherson** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a son, Matthew Robert, born June 15, 2006.

**Jonathan and Sarah Miller Murray** of Birmingham, a son, Caeden Miller, born March 31, 2006.

Jon Paul and **Amy Daniels Seay** of Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Tyler Ray, born May 15, 2006.

'01 **Daniel** and **Lacey Hunter Gilliam** of Louisville, Ky., a son, Hunter Louis, born June 5, 2006.

**Emily Kemmerlin Martin** and **John Aaron Martin, M.Div. '00**, of Ooltewah, Tenn., a daughter, Cameron Alysse, born July 11, 2006.

Gavin and **Amber Whisonant Rathbone** of Gardendale, Ala., a son, Lawsen Blake, born March 16, 2006.

**Nicole San Souci Robbins** and **William Morgan Robbins '02** of Chelsea, Ala., a son, Liam Morgan, born Oct. 3, 2005.

**Jason Baine, J.D.**, and **Alisha Basseen Thompson, J.D.**, of Fayetteville, Ga., a son, Samuel Baine, born March 10, 2006.

'02 **Jennifer Butler Acuff, M.S.N. '06**, and **Seth Allen Acuff '04** of Birmingham, a son, Zachary Hollings, born July 14, 2006.

Damian and **Kerrie Elizabeth Lambert Couchois** of Palmetto, Fla., a son, Caleb Robert, born April 29, 2006.

Joshua and **Joan Madonna Laxton** of Canton, Ga., a son, Caleb Daniel, born March 23, 2006.

**Tyler Drew** and **Lauren Jones Mayfield '03** of Claremont, Calif., a daughter, Livia Hattie, born July 12, 2006.

Jeremy and **Sarah Jane Thurman Raines** of Owensboro, Ky., a daughter, Emily Katherine, born March 25, 2006.

'04 **Brax** and **Kim Addington Watkins** of Newnan, Ga., a son, Thomas Braxton, born April 16, 2006. ■

# in memoriam

**Martha Virginia Ford**, age 82, of Gardendale, Ala., died July 2, 2006. She taught school in Tarrant for 41 years.

'46 **James Loyd Moon**, age 83, of Huntsville, Ala., died March 26, 2006. A retired Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, he served in the Amazon rain forest and later was president of Equatorial Baptist Seminary for 15 years.

'47 **Kenneth Wilton Jennings, J.D.**, age 80, of Montgomery, Ala., died May 7, 2006. A Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, he was a retired district manager of the Montgomery social security office.

'48 **Edward Davis**, age 90, of Trussville, Ala., died May 19, 2006. He was a pharmacist in Alabama and Virginia.

'50 **John William Key**, age 84, of Hoover, Ala., formerly of Montgomery, Ala., died June 9, 2006. He served with the Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II. He played college basketball, baseball and semipro baseball, and was inducted into the Alabama Amateur Hall of Fame. He retired from WCOV television station in Montgomery.

**Russell "Doc" Wellman**, age 83, of Lizella, Ga., died Feb. 4, 2006. A scientist, physical chemist and reliability engineer, he retired

'34 **Hazel Johnson Dean**, age 91, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died June 24, 2006. She was a member of Hypatia honor society and Phi Mu sorority.

**Mildred Brook Ogle**, age 93, of Birmingham, died June 5, 2006. She was secretary to Jefferson County commissioners for 25 years. At Howard College, she was a member of Hypatia honor society and was named the school's outstanding female athlete in 1934.

'39 **Sara Morris Cowart**, age 88, of Calera, Ala., and Birmingham, died July 20, 2006. A lifelong golfer, she was active in the Alabama Women's Golf Association.

**Hugh Weldon Smith, Sr.**, died June 30, 2006. He attended Samford on an athletics scholarship. While with the U.S. Army Air Corps, Second Air Force, during World War II, his crew was shot down on a bombing mission over Frankfurt, Germany. He was a prisoner of war for 16 months in the German camp Stalag III. He coached football at Vanderbilt University and in Birmingham area high schools, and was principal of North

Birmingham Elementary. After retirement, he was a Mason and volunteer clown. He also assisted the homebound with physical therapy.

'41 **Alfred Towson MacFarland, J.D.**, age 89, of Castalian Springs, Tenn., died June 7, 2006. He served at the Pentagon with the U.S. Marines. An attorney, he was a Tennessee state legislator and law professor at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., now Samford's Cumberland School of Law. He held state government posts and served on the Interstate Commerce Commission under three U.S. presidents.

'45 **Mildred Blankenship**, age 81, of Birmingham, died July 9, 2006. During 27 years with the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, she developed literacy missions programs and coauthored several books, including an ESL textbook for internationals. She retired as literacy director. In retirement, she was active at Ruhama Baptist Church and worked with conversational English classes.



- from Xerox in New York and Pitney Bowes in Connecticut. He worked on space suit fibers, solid rocket fuels and copier toners, and held patents on microencapsulating, pressure-fixing toners and thermal transfer. After retirement, he worked on environmental causes and was an adviser to presidential committees on global warming. A World War II veteran, he held a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Rochester.
- '52 John Logan Key**, age 78, of Clarksville, Tenn., died May 18, 2006. He was a retired pharmacist and pharmaceutical representative with Parke-Davis/Warner Lambert. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a Golden Gloves amateur boxing champion and an avid golfer.
- '55 Thelton L. Eubanks**, age 87, of Birmingham, died June 6, 2006. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration control tower and the Jefferson County Health Department.
- William Tolliver Squires**, age 86, of Dalton, Ga., died April 29, 2006. He was minister of music and associate pastor at Baptist churches in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.
- '56 Wilburn Sheldon Gibbs**, age 79, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died July 2, 2006. A pharmacist who owned several Birmingham area drug stores, including Tutwiler Drugs, he was president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
- '57 Joseph Youngblood, Jr.**, age 75, of Mobile, Ala., died May 23, 2006. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a retired Baptist minister.
- '58 Winell Sudduth Cole**, age 70, of Hackleburg, Ala., died June 17, 2006. She was teacher of the year at Hackleburg Elementary School in 1989.
- '62 Alif Guthrie Payne**, age 93, of Kimberly, Ala., died April 28, 2006. She was a retired Jefferson County teacher.
- '63 Bettye Branks Edgil Lee**, age 68, of Decatur, Ala., died May 19, 2006. She taught third grade at several Decatur schools and owned Austin Kindergarten.
- '68 Horace Levi Smith, Jr., J.D.**, age 79, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died April 14, 2006. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army, retiring as a colonel. He was a general sessions judge and judge of Red Bank.
- '69 Jerry M. Ferguson**, age 65, of Falkville, Ala., died May 7, 2006. He was pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.
- Steve D. Pugh, J.D.**, age 78, of Birmingham, died April 8, 2006. He practiced law in Birmingham before opening a sales company.
- '70 Tom B. Coggin, J.D.**, age 66, of Cullman, Ala., died July 24, 2006, in a plane crash. He was a former Morgan County circuit judge and writer of computer programs in accounting and tax reporting. He was an avid pilot.
- '72 Limmer Ruth Arnold**, age 76, of Hoover, Ala., died June 28, 2006. She was an operating room nurse in Birmingham and Houston, Texas.
- '73 W. N. "Sonny" Edwards**, age 70, of Selma, Ala., died July 1, 2006. He was a Baptist minister, most recently serving Pisgah Baptist Church.
- '74 James Paul Beckman** of Mobile, Ala., died May 15, 2006. He was a supervising pharmacist with Bruno's Pharmacy.
- '75 John Cosgrove, J.D.**, age 56, of Cutler Bay, Fla., died April 19, 2006, after having major surgery while vacationing in Africa. A state legislator for 20 years, he was the first mayor of Cutler Bay. He was known for his strong stand for consumers on insurance matters following Hurricane Andrew in 1992.
- '78 Bruce Larkin Jones, Sr.**, age 56, died July 22, 2006. A Jefferson County sheriff's deputy, he served in Vietnam and was retired from the Birmingham Police Department.
- '94 Lori Chastain Bell**, age 34, of Pell City, Ala., died July 12, 2006. She was a pharmacist.
- Debra Ann "Debbi" Bates**, age 34, of Dunwoody, Ga., died July 30, 2006. She was a property manager with Finger Companies. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority.
- '96 Mary Kathryn "Katie" Gailey, M.T.S./M.S.E.**, age 44, of Anderson, S.C., died April 8, 2006. She was a teaching assistant at T. L. Hanna High School.
- '98 Brian C. Key, J.D.**, age 35, of Jasper, Ala., died July 17, 2006. An attorney in Jasper, he was formerly a pro bono advocate for children with developmental disabilities in Las Vegas, Nev. He taught English as a second language to college students in Hungary after the fall of communism in that country. ■

# Welcome

**Samford University Homecoming  
October 19–22, 2006**



# Home!



For 140 years, the Samford University family has been coming home to remember days gone by, to celebrate friendships and memories that have stood the test of time, and to connect current and future generations to the spirit of the past. Join us for the renewal of some long-standing traditions, and some new and exciting activities as generations past, present and future celebrate together.

## Reunions

Do you ever wonder what happened to others who were at Samford at the same time as you but not in your graduating class? The Samford Alumni Association is hosting decade reunion gatherings to help you reconnect with friends and classmates. Alumni are invited to gather Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. under tents on the University Quadrangle to enjoy light refreshments and mingle with classmates. Key classes are those ending in 1 or 6. Look for the banner with your class year.

Other reunion tents will be reserved for fraternities, sororities and other groups to enjoy throughout the day.

The annual homecoming banquet for all alumni and friends is at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Wright Center. The program will include recognition of the 2006 Alumni of the Year: Bill Cash '69, Pat Courington '46, Martha Ann Cox '60 and Todd Crider '87.

The Class of 1956 will have their golden reunion dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Center for the Healing Arts.

## Welcome the Westmorelands

This will be the first Samford homecoming for new Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and his family. Alumni and friends will have several opportunities to see and hear

Westmoreland during the weekend, and everyone is invited to welcome the Westmorelands to Samford between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the University Quadrangle.

## Parade

Everyone loves a parade! The Student Activities Council is coordinating a parade around the campus Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. Enjoy floats, the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, Spike the mascot and the Homecoming Court as the parade winds through campus. The reunion tents on the University Quadrangle will provide a great viewing point as the parade travels through Sherman Circle and back through the quad.

## Registration and Tickets

Registration forms are available at [www.samford.edu/homecoming](http://www.samford.edu/homecoming), or call toll-free 1-877-782-5867 (SU ALUMS) to register and pay with a credit card.

**Admission is free to homecoming events unless otherwise noted on the Homecoming schedule.** Ticket prices are included online.

## Parking

Because of construction on the campus, parking will be limited in some areas, especially on Saturday. Overflow parking will be available at the Samford Soccer Field and *on Saturday* at Homewood High School. Shuttle service will be provided from overflow parking and around campus throughout the weekend.

## Accommodations

Some area lodging facilities offer special rates for Samford events. Mention Samford University Homecoming when making reservations. For options, go to [http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel\\_and\\_lodging.html](http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel_and_lodging.html).



# 2006 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

The following schedule is up-to-date as of Sept. 6. For additional information and schedule updates, go to [www.samford.edu/homecoming](http://www.samford.edu/homecoming).

## Thursday, October 19

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Concepts** by Nov Ontos, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall

Ontos is an Alabama native who has won numerous awards for his designs and art. "Ontos seeks beauty in the endless vistas of wisdom that lie within the purview of human intelligence," said Robin Snyder, gallery director.

6:15 p.m.

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy advisory board dinner**, The Club, *by invitation only*

7:30 p.m.

**Davis Lecture**, Wright Center Concert Hall

Juan Hernandez is founder of the Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas. A noted author and commentator, he is the first U.S.-born member of the president's cabinet in Mexico.

9 p.m.

**Movies on the Quad**

Bring your blanket to the University Quadrangle for a movie that will bring back memories.  
*sponsored by Student Activities Council*

## Friday, October 20

8:30 a.m.

**Dedication of Joseph O. Dean Executive Seminar Room**, Ingalls Hall

9 a.m.

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy advisory board meeting**, 208 Russell Hall, *by invitation only*

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Concepts** by Nov Ontos, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall

**Career Development Center Open**

**House**, Beeson University Center  
Alumni are invited to visit the Career Development Center [CDC] and find out about career counseling and job

search services, as well as how alumni can recruit employees using the CDC's services.

11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Advisory Board Luncheon and Meeting** (205) 726-2861, *by invitation only*

12–7 p.m.

**Registration**, Ralph W. Beeson University Center

Be sure to register so that classmates and friends can find you during homecoming. An updated and complete list of homecoming events and locations will be available at registration.

4–5 p.m.

**Samford Alumni Annual Meeting**, 101N Divinity Hall

All alumni are invited to attend the meeting of the Samford Alumni Association to elect officers, and discuss alumni involvement in networking, local club events and student recruitment.

5:30 p.m.

**Evensong**, Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel

This worship service is modeled after the British Evensong tradition, and is led by Samford students, faculty and alumni.

6:30 p.m.

**Homecoming Banquet**, Wright Center  
Everyone is invited to join in the decades-old tradition of the alumni candlelight dinner. Alumni of the Year Bill Cash '69, Pat Courington '46, Martha Ann Cox '60 and Todd Crider '87 will be recognized. This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets early.

Tickets: \$25 per person or \$160 for a table of eight

7 p.m.

**Soccer**: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois University, Samford Soccer Field  
Enjoy the best soccer atmosphere anywhere as the defending Ohio Valley

Conference champions play their most critical conference rival in a rematch of last year's conference championship match.

9 p.m.

**Homecoming Bash/Pep Rally/Bonfire/Fireworks**, Lower Wright Center Parking Lot (commuter)  
Enjoy refreshments and live music; the traditional bonfire and pep rally featuring the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, Spike the Mascot and presentation of the 2006 Homecoming Court; followed by a fantastic fireworks finale.  
*cosponsored by the Student Government Association and Samford Alumni Association*

## Saturday, October 21

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Registration**, Ralph W. Beeson University Center

Be sure to register so that classmates and friends can find you during homecoming. An updated and complete list of homecoming events and locations will be available at registration.

8 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Self-guided Tours of A. Gerow Hodges Chapel**, Beeson Divinity School  
Guidebooks will be available to help you enjoy and understand the beautiful artistry in this worship space.

8:30–10 a.m.

**School of Business Alumni Breakfast**, Dwight Beeson Hall  
This breakfast is for alumni and friends of the School of Business, (205) 726-2365 or [chdahlke@samford.edu](mailto:chdahlke@samford.edu).

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Concepts** by Nov Ontos, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall

8:30 a.m.

**Women's Basketball Scrimmage**, Seibert Hall  
Enjoy an open scrimmage featuring Coach Mike Morris and the Bulldogs,



who promise another exciting season in the Ohio Valley Conference.

**9–10:30 a.m.**

**Golden Bulldogs Brunch**, Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center Alumni from the Class of 1956 and earlier are invited for brunch and informal visiting with friends and former classmates. The Lockmiller Award will be presented to the oldest alumnus and alumna attending the brunch.

Tickets: \$5 per person

**9–11 a.m.**

**Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Alumni Reunions**, Center for the Healing Arts

Featured classes are: 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006, but graduates from all years are invited to participate, (205) 726-2047 or mwcarter@samford.edu

**9–11:30 a.m.**

**Hot-Air Balloon**, University Quadrangle \$1 per person per ride, payable on-site

**9:30 a.m.**

**Live @ the Library**, University Library All ages will enjoy his delightful presentation by author Charles Ghigna, a nationally known poet and author of *The Poems and Pranks of Father Goose* and other books.

**10 a.m.**

**Men's Basketball Team Scrimmage**, Seibert Hall Catch an early glimpse of Coach Jimmy Tillet's latest addition of Bulldogs' basketball as the men begin their drive for the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

**11 a.m.**

**Homecoming Parade**

Everyone loves a parade, and this year's homecoming parade will be a special treat with the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, floats and dignitaries winding through campus from Riley Road around Montague Drive and back through the University Quadrangle. Special guest will be the reigning Miss Alabama, Melinda Toole '06. Winning floats will be parked at Seibert Stadium following the parade and throughout the football game.

**11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Homecoming Festival**, University Quadrangle

Ever wonder what happened to others who were at Samford at the same time as you but were not in your graduating

class? Rather than single class-year reunions, the Samford Alumni Association and Student Government Association are hosting reunion gatherings by affinity groups and student generations. Featured classes are those from 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006, but graduates from all years are invited to participate. The Paralegal Studies Department and other organizations will have reunion activities on the quad. Enjoy the homecoming parade and reunions at the same time.

**11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Alumni Barbecue**

plaza and first floor, Center for the Healing Arts Tickets: \$5 per person, payable on-site (children 6 and under free), reservations requested, (205) 726-2047 or mwcarter@samford.edu

**11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.**

**Meet the Westmorelands**, University Quadrangle

Welcome new Samford President Andy Westmoreland, his wife, Jeanna, and daughter, Riley, to their new home at Samford. The Westmorelands will be in the Samford Alumni Association tent on the quad to meet and greet following the homecoming parade.

**11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Alumni Reunion Luncheon**

Enjoy lunch and reminiscing with friends, former classmates, former teachers, administrators and the entire Samford family. A limited number of picnic lunches will be available on a first-come, first-served basis as part of the Homecoming Festival on the University Quadrangle. Lunch also will be served in the Beeson University Center Dining Hall.

Tickets: \$6 per person, adults and children

**12 p.m.**

**Bulldog FunZone**, Seibert Stadium Children enjoy games, inflatables and other fun activities. The FunZone remains open throughout the football game. A football game ticket is required for admission to the FunZone for each adult and child.

**2 p.m.**

**Football**: Samford vs. the University of Tennessee–Martin, Seibert Stadium Cheer the Bulldogs to victory. Enjoy a halftime performance by the Samford Marching Band and other festivities. The

2006 Homecoming Court will be presented. Parade float winners will be announced. The reigning Miss Alabama, Melinda Toole '06, will sing the National Anthem. Stick around after the game as the Samford Marching Band presents their traditional postgame concert. Tickets: \$12 per adult, \$5 per child

**6 p.m.**

Class of 1956 **Golden Reunion Dinner**, Rotunda Club, Center for the Healing Arts.

Tickets: \$15 per person

**Sunday, October 22**

**10 a.m.**

Samford Family **Homecoming Worship Service**, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School

Speaker: Frank Lewis '81, senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Worship Leaders: Ken Berg '77, minister of music, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, and founder/director, Birmingham Boys Choir; and Sara Pate Bryan '62, organist, Shades Crest Baptist Church, Birmingham Samford family from all generations come together for a worship service climaxing homecoming weekend. The Samford Student Ministries Choir will sing, and other Samford students and alumni will help to lead this worship service.

**11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Brunch**, Dining Hall, Beeson University Center. \$6.25 per person, payable on-site

**2 p.m.**

**Soccer**: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri State University, Samford Soccer Field The Bulldogs complete their OVC regular season with a home match against the Lady Redhawks. The exciting atmosphere of Samford Soccer Field is a great way to end homecoming weekend.

All activities are free unless otherwise noted.

To purchase tickets, go to [www.samford.edu/homecoming](http://www.samford.edu/homecoming).

Other events will be added until homecoming weekend. Watch for updates at [www.samford.edu/homecoming](http://www.samford.edu/homecoming) and in the *Belltower*, as times and locations are subject to change. ■

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June 1–August 15, 2006

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Samford University expresses gratitude to the following alumni who made financial gifts to the university during the most recent fiscal-year quarter to sustain and enhance the university's mission "for God, for learning, forever." These graduates represent only a portion of thousands of alumni who contribute during each year. A complete roster of Samford's contributing alumni is published annually in the President's Report.

When (L) follows a name, it represents a law graduating class; (P) denotes pharmacy; and (D) represents divinity. A class year after one of these letters indicates a subsequent degree conferred in that year for the corresponding specialty.

Between June 1, 2006, and Aug. 15, 2006, the following alumni made contributions:

## 1935

Dr. William J. Williams

## 1397

Mrs. Mary Louise L. Crowley

## 1939

Mrs. Rose W. Sutley

## 1940

Mrs. Mary W. Cooney  
Mrs. Marjorie M. Meredith

## 1941

Mrs. Jane D. Dorn

## 1943

Mrs. Kathryn M. Newell

## 1944

Mr. John R. Cannon  
Dr. Cecil G. Culverhouse  
Rev. Fred E. Halbrooks, Jr.  
Dr. Milton L. Wray

## 1945

Mrs. Frances D. Sharman

## 1946

Mr. Pat M. Courington  
Mr. William S. McGinnis, Sr.

## 1947

Mr. Roy L. Bates  
Mr. Abe Epsman  
Dr. Leven S. Hazlegrove  
Dr. William D. Peebles, Jr.

## 1948

Dr. David A. Nelson  
Mrs. Jo Griffin Nelson  
Mr. Harold D. Patton  
Dr. William Allen Poe

## 1949

Mr. R. Russell Donaldson  
Dr. Henry Raymaker, Jr.  
Mr. Cecil H. Reid  
Dr. George F. Scofield  
Mrs. Patricia T. Scofield

## 1950

Mr. Charles H. Apperson  
Mr. James E. Brake  
Mr. Winston E. Chapman  
Mr. R. Howard Foote (P'64)  
Rev. John G. Green  
Mr. Malcolm K. Miller, Jr.

## 1951

Dr. William E. Hull  
Mr. Harold E. Parks  
Rev. Charles B. Smith  
Mr. John D. Stewart  
Dr. Robert W. Youngblood

## 1952

Mr. Langley B. Creighton  
Hon. John P. DeCarlo (L'65)  
Mr. Joseph L. Goode  
Mr. Darwin C. Hardison (P)

## 1953

Mrs. M. E. Hardison  
Mr. James L. Holland, Jr.

## 1954

Mr. Clifton C. Hinds  
Mr. Harold L. Hunt  
Dr. Marvin L. Mann  
Mrs. Sarah J. Smith  
Mr. Larry O. Wilson

## 1955

Mr. Joe R. Dean  
Mrs. Patricia B. Gillespie  
Mr. William E. Jones (P)  
Rev. Donald A. Phillips  
Mrs. Katie F. Phillips  
Mrs. Jane D. Wright  
Mr. W. Howard Wright

## 1956

Dr. Wilmer E. Baker  
Mr. Roy J. Chandler, Jr.  
Mrs. Mary Jo P. Grant  
Mr. James I. Harrison, Jr. (P)  
Col. Charles F. Hill  
Dr. Jerry K. Medlock  
Dr. Charles T. Workman

## 1957

Dr. James A. Auchmuty, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Brown  
Dr. Charles H. Chandler, Sr.  
Mr. Gerald K. Faight  
Mr. William R. Lankford, Jr.  
Mr. J. T. Lindsey (P)  
Dr. Billy T. Marsh  
Dr. Lowell C. Vann

## 1958

Mrs. Betty H. Barnett  
Rev. David M. Blackburn  
Mr. Richard H. Botters  
Mrs. Betty H. Chandler  
Dr. J. Rudolph Davidson

Mrs. Evelyn V. Freeman  
Mr. Trenyon H. Gamble  
Dr. Raymond L. King  
Mr. Waymon C. Reese, Jr.  
Mrs. Charleen N. Sims  
Mr. William O. Smith, Jr. (P)  
Mr. H. Dale Splawn  
Mr. Albert M. Wade, Jr.  
Mr. Don U. York

## 1959

Mr. Marvin E. Breeding  
Ms. Gayle S. Colley-Calderwood  
Rev. Jerrold F. Parker  
Dr. Peggy A. Swoger

## 1960

Rev. Ronald F. Euler  
Mrs. Dorothy S. Flynt  
Mrs. Carolyn Y. Robinson

## 1961

Dr. Myralyn F. Allgood  
Mr. Stephen C. Allgood  
Dr. Robert F. Crider  
Dr. J. Wayne Flynt  
Mr. Kirby R. Howell  
Rev. William P. Roberts  
Col. Michael N. Robinson

## 1962

Mrs. Mary L. Baker  
Mrs. Kay M. Botters  
Mrs. Robbie T. Brandt  
Mrs. Barbara W. Crider  
Dr. Joseph O. Dean, Jr. (P)  
Mrs. Martha Green Isom

## 1963

Mr. William A. Nunnelley  
Mrs. Starla G. Yeager

## 1964

Mrs. Charlotte A. O'Barr  
Mrs. Sherron M. Pritchett  
Mrs. Mary Jean B. Thomason  
Mrs. Charlene C. Vaughn (P)  
Mr. J. Lamar Vaughn (P)

## 1965

Mrs. Jane W. Bearden  
Mr. Roger A. Brown (L'70)  
Mrs. Ozilene S. Cartee  
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Crowther  
Mr. Ed Holcombe (P)  
Mr. J. Bruce Hoven (P)  
Rev. J. Dewayne Lasseter

Dr. Janice M. Lasseter  
Ms. Sidney Martin  
Mrs. Dianne B. Nash  
Mrs. Carol F. Nunnelley  
Dr. Sharron P. Schlosser  
Dr. Joy H. Whatley

## 1966

Mr. Charles Y. Boyd (L'71)  
Dr. Charles D. Cole (L)  
Mr. Wayland Elliott  
Dr. Patrick B. Ryan (P)  
Col. John G. Yeager

## 1967

Dr. J. Norfleete Day (D'93)  
Mr. Thomas E. Hamby  
Mr. Warren W. Hilson  
Mr. Hewlett C. Isom, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Sybil B. Reese

## 1968

Mr. Lynn W. Easterling  
Mrs. Vivian H. Howard  
Mrs. Nancy W. Ryan  
Mrs. Leigh T. Schniper

## 1969

Dr. Jerry W. Chandler  
Mrs. Vickie M. Chandler  
Mr. John T. Coleman  
Mr. William P. Crowther (P)  
Dr. David W. Friedman (P)  
Mr. James V. Gaines  
Rev. Dr. Gerald C. Hallmark  
Mrs. Charolette Hamby  
Dr. Calvin M. Howard (L)  
(D'94)  
Mrs. Betty Hurtt  
Mr. Claude D. Hurtt  
Dr. Betty Lou Land  
Mr. Raymond A. Moore, Jr.  
Mrs. Lynn G. Ray  
Mrs. Mary B. Van Tassel  
Mr. John W. Vick

## 1970

Mr. Jesse M. Bates III  
Mrs. Mary Lynn Bates (L'78)  
Mr. L. Tem Blalock  
Miss Ann Cochran  
Mrs. Charlotte L. Coleman  
Mr. J. Wilson Dinsmore (L)  
Dr. John A. Fincher, Jr.  
Mrs. Barbara C. Friedman  
Ms. Kathy R. Grissom  
Mrs. Mary R. Guffin  
Mr. Wayne M. Kendrick

Mrs. Patricia E. Lambert  
Mrs. Raymond Moore, Jr.  
Mrs. Catherine B. Morrison  
Mr. Pierre R. Tournay  
Mr. William L. Van Tassel

## 1971

Dr. Betsy E. Box  
Dr. H. Marguerite Kelley  
Dr. Marlene H. Rikard  
Dr. Nancy G. Terrel  
Miss Sandra J. Terry

## 1972

Mr. Anthony W. Allen  
Dr. W. Randall Richardson  
Mrs. Gloria T. Russell  
Mr. David L. Thomas, Sr. (L)  
Mr. David T. Whitt

## 1973

Mrs. Donna G. Covey  
Dr. Kim R. Crockard  
Dr. Robert B. Hanks  
Mrs. Marion E. Nance  
Miss Etta M. Waldrep  
Mrs. Linda K. Young

## 1974

Dr. Timothy P. Banks  
Mrs. Wanda Banks  
Hon. John L. Carroll (L)  
Mr. Theodus Jordan

## 1975

Mrs. Emma E. Cerice  
Mr. Phillip T. Farrar  
Mrs. Marcia L. Hamby  
Mr. John M. Paty  
Ms. Elizabeth K. Reese  
Mr. Jack G. Slover, Jr. (L)  
Dr. Billy J. Strickland

## 1976

Mrs. Mary Ann B. Moon  
Mr. Anthony R. Nelson  
Mrs. Madelyn B. Olson  
Mr. Dale L. Skelton  
Mr. James J. Stevenson, Jr.  
Dr. Ron Wilson

## 1977

Hon. Karon O. Bowdre (L'81)  
Mr. Stan Graves  
Mrs. Debra S. Josof  
Mr. Rickie D. Moon  
Mr. William H. Satterfield (L)



- 1978**  
Mrs. Dorothy G. Brice  
Hon. H. Dean Buttram, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Jane W. Calvert  
Miss Shirley D. Cary  
Mr. Stan Davis (L)  
Rev. Jim C. Griffin  
Ms. Bridgett A. Junkin  
Mrs. Melinda M. Mathews (L)  
Mr. Joseph R. Pitard  
Mrs. Patricia Treadway Reeder  
Ms. Belle H. Stoddard (L)  
Hon. Dean S. Worcester (L)
- 1979**  
Mr. Dexter R. Alexander  
Mr. J. Birch Bowdre, Jr. (L)  
Mr. James A. Clement  
Mrs. Mary J. Clement  
Mrs. Barbara V. Money  
Mr. Hubert G. Pair  
Mrs. Melanie F. Smith  
Mr. Kie N. Westby (L)  
Mr. Charles D. Williamson  
Mrs. Kathryn M. Woodruff
- 1980**  
Mrs. Rebecca K. Lander (P'94)  
Ms. G. Elaine Marshall
- 1981**  
Mrs. Marian W. Carter  
Mrs. Tammy Graves  
Compagno (L'85)  
Mr. François Coutu (P)  
Mr. Mark Fuller  
Mr. Charles W. Norton  
Mrs. J. Riley O'Connor
- 1982**  
Dr. Jacqueline L. Goldstein  
Mrs. Le-Ann S. Little  
Ms. Patricia Baldone Naro (P)  
Mr. Glenn T. Schneider
- 1983**  
Dr. James R. Barnette  
Ms. Mary S. Carroll  
Mrs. Diane H. Jensen  
Mrs. Constance H. Macon  
Dr. Rachel K. Russell  
Mrs. Diane S. Waud  
Mr. Douglas E. Wilson
- 1984**  
Mr. David L. Manz (L)  
Mr. W. Mark Meadows  
Mrs. Faith L. Watson
- 1985**  
Mr. Alan T. Burr  
Mr. Annesley H. DeGaris (L'88)  
Mr. Alan T. Drennen III  
Mr. John M. Floyd (L'88)  
Mrs. Cheryl A. Kidd  
Mr. J. Frank Martin  
Mr. Tom J. Sanders
- 1986**  
Mr. Clark W. Berry (L)  
Mrs. Jennifer C. Fuller  
Mrs. Beth H. Gerwin (L)
- Mrs. Ann Carol Mann (D'91)  
Mrs. Leonard Nelson III  
Rev. Peggy Sanderford Ponder  
Mrs. Angela N. Schatz
- 1987**  
Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Fuller  
Mrs. Stacia Gaines  
Mrs. Mary Ann Tomlinson
- 1988**  
Mr. Chris B. Blackerby  
Ms. Linda D. Connor (L)  
Mr. James E. Dusek (L)  
Mr. Brian E. George  
Mrs. Felice Ann S. Goldstein (L)  
Mr. David M. Jenkins  
Mrs. Julie E. Jenkins  
Mr. D. Lee Pitisci (L)
- 1989**  
Mrs. Linda M. Brown  
Ms. Lissa R. Burleson  
Mrs. Sherri C. Friday (L)  
Mr. Paul J. Moseley  
Mr. James T. Wallace  
Mrs. Jill J. Wallace
- 1990**  
Mr. David L. Corts, Jr.  
Mrs. Julie Darnall  
Mrs. Joy D. Reeves  
Mr. Timothy B. Reeves  
Mrs. Laurie B. Sharp (L'93)  
Mr. James R. Vann (L)
- 1991**  
Mrs. Linda S. Brown  
Mr. John W. Butler (L)  
Mr. Sean A. Flynt  
Mrs. Shannon R. Flynt  
Mrs. Anethia A. Reliford  
Mr. Worrick G. Robinson IV (L)  
Mr. Thomas P. Rohling  
Mr. Carl J. Roncaglione, Jr. (L)  
Mrs. Gina S. Sanford  
Mr. John M. Whitcomb
- 1992**  
Mr. Johnny M. Barthel  
Ms. Daphne R. Carr  
Mr. Tim Donlon  
Mr. James C. Hamil  
Mrs. Dea G. Mathews  
Mr. Jason R. Pierce  
Mrs. Tawney L. Pierce  
Mrs. Christine F. Rohling  
Mrs. Jennifer J. Sands  
Ms. Anne R. Strickland (L)  
Dr. Paula A. Thompson (P) (P'93)
- 1993**  
Ms. Gina D. Coggin (L)  
Mrs. Christine M. Jones  
Ms. Lisa A. McNeal  
Mr. M. Andy Parrish  
Rev. April L. Robinson  
Dr. Charles D. Sands IV  
Dr. Wayne R. Satterwhite  
Mrs. Kimberly M. Sims  
Mrs. Barbara W. Snyder  
Mr. Ian Thompson
- 1994**  
Mr. Scott G. Carter (D'97)  
Mrs. Barbara H. Cartledge  
Mrs. Carolyn P. Cohen  
Mrs. Anne S. Covington  
Mrs. Connie M. Hogewood  
Mrs. Susan B. Little  
Mr. Christopher C. Newton  
Mr. Robert E. Sharp  
Mr. Alan Verlander, Jr.  
Mrs. Bonnie S. Verlander  
Dr. Bruce A. Waldrop (P)  
Mrs. Debra R. Whitcomb
- 1995**  
Mrs. Carol W. Barthel (P) (P'96)  
Dr. Kimberley W. Benner (P) (P'96)  
Ms. Anna M. Benton  
Mr. David J. Fuerst  
Mrs. Janet T. Goodwin  
Dr. Heather B. Hogue (P) (P'96)  
Dr. Michael D. Hogue (P) (P'96)  
Mrs. Karen H. Hubbard  
Mrs. Johna S. Ledlow  
Mr. Justin M. Petty  
Mrs. Adrienne R. Pitts (D'98)  
Ms. Stephanie D. Zito
- 1996**  
Ms. Leslie H. Black  
Mrs. Allison Lee Dearing (L'00)  
Mrs. Jennifer E. Hall  
Mr. Brian C. Pitts (D'99)  
Mr. Aaron M. Young  
Mrs. Myer B. Young
- 1997**  
Mr. Peter S. Baumberger (L)  
Rev. Hunter T. Brewer  
Mr. Andrew M. Covington  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Floyd (L'02)  
Ms. Marguerita Parish Hardy  
Mr. Steven B. McKinney  
Mr. Philip A. Pruitt (D)  
Mr. Howard G. Richards
- 1998**  
Mrs. Dawn M. Burgess  
Ms. Jennifer J. Coleman  
Mrs. Darlene P. Mathis  
Ms. Emily S. McDaniel (L)
- 1999**  
Mrs. Kristina R. Bradley  
Mrs. Vicki L. Brewer  
Mrs. Ashley H. DeGaris (L)  
Ms. Josie M. Emerson  
Mrs. Reble A. Foy  
Mrs. Olivia B. Jackson  
Mr. Joel J. Landry
- 2000**  
Mrs. Janet G. Alexander  
Mrs. Christy L. Allen  
Mr. Thomas P. Barnett (L)  
Dr. Geri W. Beers  
Ms. Jonetta M. Bryant  
Ms. Mary C. Burrett  
Mr. Chad E. James  
Mrs. Tabitha S. Moore  
Ms. Anna L. Nabors
- Mr. James C. Pounds, Jr. (D)  
Mr. Robert L. Roller  
Mrs. Bridget C. Rose (D)  
Mr. Dennis L. Self  
Mrs. Angela H. Trantham
- 2001**  
Mr. Ronald L. Burgess III  
Mr. Donald W. Crowson  
Mrs. Corri A. Edwards  
Mr. Nathan D. Edwards  
Mr. David A. Hedges  
Mrs. Allison B. Hooks  
Mr. Ryan H. Hooks  
Mr. Derrick D. Jones  
Mrs. Rebecca M. Jordan  
Mrs. Elaine Y. Moody  
Mrs. Paula M. Polinski  
Ms. Dianna E. Sanders  
Ms. Melissa K. Ward
- 2002**  
Mr. Daniel N. Craft  
Mrs. Adrian H. Fitchpatrick  
Mrs. Jacqueline J. Green  
Mr. James A. Kling  
Mrs. Stephanie R. Kling  
Mr. Drew Lasater  
Ms. Natalie A. Lochridge  
Ms. Ginger N. McCarthy  
Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw (D)  
Mrs. Audrey M. Oyama  
Ms. M. Lauren Sheehan  
Ms. Natasha Snow  
Ms. Michaelle E. Wells
- 2003**  
Dr. Mary Sue Baldwin  
Ms. Tina M. Coker (L)  
Mrs. Mary M. Craft  
Mr. Chris Elerick  
Mrs. Jill M. Hedges  
Mr. Aryvia P. Holmes  
Dr. Jeffrey A. Kyle (P)  
Dr. Langley R. Kyle (P)  
Mr. Brad Lewallen  
Mrs. Julia B. Lewallen  
Mrs. Carlissa Strong  
Mr. Frank J. Tapley (L)  
Ms. Amanda G. Ward
- 2004**  
Mr. Dustin T. Allen  
Ms. Amy L. Carrington  
Mrs. Kimberly L. Catlin  
Mr. Mark T. Catlin  
Mr. Michael H. Estes  
Ms. Ashley L. Floyd  
Ms. Tommie A. Fridy  
Dr. Clara Gerhardt  
Mr. William S. Grogan  
Mrs. Lindsey A. Henry  
Mr. Ty Neil  
Mr. Matthew S. O'Hern  
Ms. Emily M. Richardson  
Mr. Ralph N. Sams  
Ms. Freddie M. Sims  
Mr. Hendrik S. Snow (L)  
Ms. Alexandra J. Soffronoff  
Mrs. Naomi B. Wade  
Mrs. Tomika L. Webb  
Mr. Louis E. Wilson (D)
- 2005**  
Ms. Elizabeth Bickerstaff  
Ms. Kristin L. Carter  
Ms. Alisha D. Damron  
Dr. Sarah E. Elerick (P)  
Ms. Noel Forlini  
Ms. Ryan M. Gentry  
Mr. Michael Giles, Jr.  
Ms. Megan A. Gladden  
Ms. Mary-Wilkes Harris  
Mrs. Patricia C. Harris  
Ms. Connie S. Hataway  
Ms. Lee A. Ketcham (D)  
Mrs. Evin S. Krehbiel  
Ms. Erica J. Littleton  
Ms. Meredith D. McFarland  
Mr. Andrew R. Patterson  
Ms. Rachelle S. Richardson  
Mrs. Allison L. Sams  
Ms. Christen L. Sloderbeck  
Ms. Kathryn A. Stogsdill  
Mrs. Kate St. Clair Thompson  
Mr. Ryan D. Thompson  
Mr. Matt Wilson
- 2006**  
Mr. Adam B. Bateman  
Mr. Jeremy K. Brannan  
Mr. R. Stephen Briggs  
Mr. Jordan A. Ciervo  
Ms. Lauren E. Colwell  
Mr. Brian C. Cook  
Ms. Charissa D. Cowart  
Mr. Patrick R. Crandall  
Mr. Robert M. Culpepper  
Ms. Sarah D. Dockrey  
Ms. Madeleine A. Goresch  
Mr. Zachary A. Harter  
Ms. Sommer L. Hawthorne  
Ms. Kristen H. Howard  
Mr. Joshua R. Jacobs  
Mr. Thomas J. Jones  
Ms. Ellen M. Kiel  
Mr. John A. Lucas  
Ms. Julia I. McNeese  
Ms. Sarah M. Milner  
Ms. Emily D. Morris  
Mr. John R. Ogorek  
Mr. Ian D. Owens  
Ms. Allison D. Provine  
Ms. Rebecca K. Sanders  
Ms. Telicia C. Shaeffer  
Ms. Rebecca E. Shores  
Mr. Jacob K. Simmons  
Mr. Jeffrey D. Smith  
Ms. Jenna M. Smith  
Ms. Stephanie N. Snyder  
Ms. Meredith L. Toomey  
Ms. Elizabeth S. Tripp  
Ms. Ann C. Vaughn  
Ms. Elena J. Vournakis  
Ms. Lauren M. Woodburn ■

## Samford to Build 600-Car Parking Pavilion



This architectural rendering of Samford's new parking deck shows its location across from Mamie Mell Smith and Lena Vail Davis residence halls.

Samford University has announced plans to build a four-level parking deck on the north side of its campus designed to accommodate about 600 automobiles. The new pavilion will provide parking for students living in Lena Vail Davis and Mamie Mell Smith halls, as well as for some commuter students.

Construction of the \$10 million project is scheduled to begin in late 2006, with anticipated completion for the fall 2007 semester. When the pavilion is completed, Samford will have added about 750 new parking spaces since January 2006. A new 320-space lot was opened in the spring south of Seibert Stadium.

The facade of the new parking pavilion will complement Samford's nationally recognized Georgian-Colonial architecture. It will be built on a hillside of Samford property that slopes toward Saulter Road in Homewood. The university will maintain a 50-foot buffer zone between the parking facility and Saulter, and there will be no access to Saulter or Windsor Boulevard from Samford other than an emergency exit. All normal deck traffic will come from the interior of the Samford campus.

The new parking project also will include relocation of some physical plant facilities that will be displaced by the new construction. ■

## Business Dean Taylor, Six Samford Grads Named to Birmingham Top 40 Under 40

Samford School of Business Dean **Beck A. Taylor** was named one of Birmingham's "Top 40 Under 40" by the *Birmingham Business Journal* in its annual listing of up-and-coming community leaders. The top 40 were recognized at a luncheon at the Wynfrey Hotel Aug. 24.

Dr. Taylor joined Samford during the summer of 2005 from Baylor University, where he had been associate dean of the business school and the W. H. Smith Professor of Economics.

Six Samford alumni joined Taylor on the honor list, including five graduates of

Samford's Cumberland School of Law. They are: **Thomas A. Davis, J.D. '92**, managing member of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, L.L.C.; **Michael R. Griffin, J.D. '03, M.B.A. '04**, vice president, retirement plan consultant for Merrill Lynch; **Robert R. Maddox, J.D. '00**, attorney with Burr & Forman, L.L.P.; **Robert G. Methvin, J.D. '94**, partner with McCallum, Methvin & Terrell, P.C.; **Curt Stokes '95, M.Acc. '99, M.B.A. '00**, manager of Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, L.L.C.; **Kile T. Turner '94**, attorney with Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner. ■

## Jason Skelley Receives First Martha Myers Memorial Scholarship

A premedical student with a heart for missions is the first recipient of the Martha Myers Memorial Scholarship at Samford University.

Jason Skelley, a junior biology major from Jacksonville, Fla., spent January working with doctors in Cameroon, Africa, in a medical missions effort sponsored by Bread for Life.

"We treated over 1,000 people, and over 1,200 gave their lives to Christ through the medical outreach and nightly crusades," said Skelley, who hopes to return to Cameroon with Bread for Life in January 2007.

"I believe that God has called us to fight for the oppressed and forgotten people in this world, pursuing them out of love just as he pursued us," said Skelley, a church ministry and missions minor. "There is so much we can change if we just invest our time and efforts into it."

The Myers scholarship honors the late Baptist medical missionary whose decades of service in Yemen ended violently in late 2002. Dr. Myers, an Alabama native and 1967 Samford graduate, was murdered when a gunman attacked the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen.

The scholarship was established for premed students who express a calling to medical missions. ■

## Samford Senior Named 2006-07 UPS Scholar

Samford senior Crystal Lorraine Arbo of Hueytown, Ala., was selected to receive a 2006-07 UPS Scholarship valued at \$2,750. The scholarships are funded annually by the UPS Educational Endowment Fund.

Recipients are chosen based on excellence in academic achievement and worthiness. Arbo, an exercise science and sports medicine major, is the daughter of Catherine Arbo Cook. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Hypatia and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority, and the Student Recruitment Team. ■



## Corts Takes on a New Mission

Samford President Emeritus Thomas Corts was not looking for a new job, but when one with a mission came his way, he could hardly turn it down.

In only his second month of retirement after 23 years as Samford president, Dr. Corts was named interim chancellor of the troubled Alabama College System. The system is comprised primarily of Alabama's 26 two-year colleges but also includes four-year Athens State, and industrial training and adult education units.

"I would consider accepting this responsibility a fulfillment of a sense of civic duty, and I would do it out of a desire to help," Corts said. He added that he did not need a job and was not "building a second career."

The Alabama State Board of Education appointed Corts July 27 following a strong recommendation from Alabama Governor Bob Riley, who serves on the nine-member board. The board had recently fired Chancellor Roy Johnson amid concerns over a corruption probe and nepotism issues, according to the Associated Press. The system is the focus of a joint federal and state investigation on allegations of wrongdoing, *The Birmingham News* reported.

Corts was appointed to provide stable leadership over the duration of a search process for a permanent chancellor.



Thomas Corts

"In Dr. Corts, we have a proven and trusted leader from outside the system," said Governor Riley. "Dr. Corts will insist on a culture of accountability from the very start, and I believe that he can rebuild the public's trust in the two-year system while a thoughtful and very deliberate search takes place."

Corts is a lifelong educator who was president of Wingate College in North Carolina for nine years before coming to Samford. While at Samford, he served as chairman of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS], the accreditation agency for 11 Southern states, and later as president of SACS.

Corts assumed his new duties Aug. 15. He said he did not consider taking the post until he read numerous newspaper reports during July about problems in the system.

"Call it my sense of civic duty or a moral obligation to help, but those stories went to the heart of the kind of thing I have complained about in government for years, the kind of activities that lead citizens to question what their leaders are doing and who is benefiting," Corts told *The Birmingham News*.

"Education is a noble calling, and this kind of thing should not go on," he said. "I know I am an honest man, and I owe no political debts. If I can help, I think it's my duty to try." ■

## Jenkins Receives National Award

Dr. Ron Jenkins of the Samford biology department was chosen as one of four national recipients of the Daniel W. Martin Award given annually by the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith.

The award was presented during the 217th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA in June. Dr. Jenkins is a member of Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood.

The award "recognizes scientific and technological professionals who demonstrate in their lives that scientific endeavor, science teaching and technological development are all part of God's calling."

Jenkins joined Samford in 1988 and served nine years as biology department chair before stepping down last year to return his focus to the classroom. He holds the bachelor of science degree from Carson-Newman College and the master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Auburn University. ■

## Divinity Student Writes Spurgeon Biography

Christian George '03, president of the Beeson Divinity School student body, has written a biography of 19th-century English preacher Charles Spurgeon. The book, *Charles Spurgeon: Prince of Preachers*, is published by Christian Focus Publications.

Spurgeon was one of England's best-known preachers in the 19th century. He was noted for "his hunger for evangelism, his creative handling of the world of God and his ability to preach," said George. The pocket paperback book was released in the United Kingdom in July and the United States in September.

George is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Beeson. He is also the author of a second book, *Sacred Travels: Recovering the Ancient Practice of Pilgrimage*, to be released by InterVarsity Press in December. ■

## Biggio Directs Samford in Mission Program

Dr. Nancy C. Biggio, a member of the Samford in Mission [SIM] team since January 2005, has been named director of the SIM program. She succeeds Dr. Dan Sandifer-Stech, who left Samford to become pastor of an interdenominational church in Beijing, China.

The SIM program provides opportunities for students to work with faculty and staff in programs of service and work while engaging in reflection on vocation and mission. It is funded by the \$2 million Lilly Endowment grant to Samford in late 2002.

Biggio, who teaches cultural perspectives in Samford's core curriculum program, has been involved in a variety

of SIM activities during the past year. She planned and executed the Faith in Action national student conference, established the Perry County Study Center, began initial planning for the Inter-School Symposium and launched the Samford Corps.

"Because of the consistent work of the SIM team and close collaboration between Dan and Nancy, we are confident that SIM will move smoothly through this transition and continue this important work," said Samford Associate Provost Mark Bateman. Biggio holds a bachelor of arts degree from Drew University and master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Alabama. ■

# Volleyball Set To Continue Upward Surge

Samford volleyball Coach Michelle Durban saw some bright spots on her youthful team last season, and she thinks the year's experience will begin to pay dividends this fall. The 2006 team returns nine players, including six sophomores who were members of one of the South's stronger recruiting classes two years ago.

The Bulldogs were 9-21 last year, relying heavily on the six freshman recruits, and that performance improved the victory total by four over the previous season.

"We are definitely looking forward to having a little older team this year," said Durban. "There was some success at times last year that we need to continue to build on."

Three sophomores—setter Jackie Jasczc, and outside hitters Sara Sears and Ashley Klare—lead the way for the Bulldogs, along with junior Angela Dempski. Jasczc paced last year's team with 1,245 assists, while Sears and Klare led the way in kills with 426 and 320, respectively. Dempski was third with 244 kills.

Durban counts on three new freshmen and one redshirt freshman for added depth.

"We should have some depth at each position," she said, "and that should help us in terms of having some flexibility and giving us some more options."

Sarah Gardner, a transfer from Butler University, is the redshirt. The coach said she brings "a new intensity to our program" and predicts she will earn a lot of playing time this fall.

Samford opens its 16-game Ohio Valley Conference season Sept. 22 against Austin Peay after 14 preconference outings against a variety of competition. ■

Sara Sears



## 2006 schedule

Aug. 26 vs. Belmont†  
 Aug. 26 vs. Lipscomb†  
 Sept. 1 at UCF††  
 Sept. 1 vs. Utah Valley State††  
 Sept. 2 vs. Furman††  
**Sept. 6 CHATTANOOGA**  
 Sept. 8 vs. Auburn†  
 Sept. 9 at South Alabama†  
 Sept. 9 vs. Southeastern Louisiana†  
 Sept. 12 at Birmingham-Southern  
**Sept. 15 CHARLOTTE##**  
**Sept. 16 LOUISIANA-MONROE##**  
**Sept. 16 UNC ASHEVILLE##**  
**Sept. 19 KENNESAW STATE**  
 Sept. 22 at Austin Peay\*  
 Sept. 23 at Tennessee State\*  
 Sept. 27 at Jacksonville State\*

Sept. 30 at Tennessee Tech\*  
**Oct. 6 TENNESSEE STATE\***  
**Oct. 7 AUSTIN PEAY\***  
**Oct. 13 MOREHEAD STATE\***  
**Oct. 14 EASTERN KENTUCKY\***  
 Oct. 20 at Eastern Illinois\*  
 Oct. 21 at Southeast Missouri\*  
**Oct. 25 JACKSONVILLE STATE\***  
**Oct. 27 TENNESSEE TECH\***  
 Nov. 3 at Murray State\*  
 Nov. 4 at Tennessee-Martin\*  
**Nov. 10 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI\***  
**Nov. 11 EASTERN ILLINOIS\***  
 Nov. 17 OVC Tournament  
 Nov. 18 OVC Tournament  
 Nov. 19 OVC Tournament

\*Ohio Valley Conference match

†Magic-Music City Classic

††UCF Tournament

‡South Alabama Tournament

‡‡2006 Samford Barber's Classic

Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

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# Soccer Team Seeks Repeat of '05 Championship

With all 11 starters back from an Ohio Valley Conference champion team, Samford soccer prospects are extremely bright. The Bulldogs won their third consecutive regular season title last year and then captured their first OVC tournament. That advanced Samford to the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] tournament for the first time, where the Bulldogs beat 19th-ranked Vanderbilt, 5-4, before losing to Pepperdine in the round of 32.

The team finished with a school-record 15-4-4 win-loss-tie record, and Coach Todd Yelton followed that performance by recruiting another highly regarded class of six freshmen.

So, what does the coach fear, heading into his fifth year at Samford with a 50-22-11 record?

"The biggest fear for a coach after coming off a season of great success is that your team will become complacent," Yelton said before the 2006 season. "During our spring season, our players worked very hard. They've also trained hard throughout the summer. They want bigger and better things in 2006."

Yelton said the '06 team differs from last year's squad in that it has depth at every position.

"In years past, we didn't have the capabilities to go extremely deep in some spots, but I have a lot of confidence in our reserves this season, because they are that good," he said.

Team leaders are Heather Birdsell and Rebecca Bohler, who led scoring with 20 points each last year, and stingy goalkeeper Cayley Winters, who allowed only eight goals in 18 games and posted six shutouts. Sharon Young and Devon Paris are strong backline defenders.

"Reaching the tournament [last year] has definitely motivated our players for this season," Yelton said. "Advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament was a phenomenal thing for this program, and the taste of success has motivated our players even further."

After a tough preconference schedule that included six of eight games on the road, Samford is set to defend its OVC title with nine straight conference matches beginning Sept. 22 at Tennessee Tech. ■



Heather Birdsell

## 2006 schedule

Aug. 17 at Southern Miss (exhibition)  
 Aug. 19 at Alabama (exhibition)  
 Aug. 25 at Florida International  
 Aug. 27 at Miami  
 Sept. 2 vs. Arkansas State<sup>1</sup>  
 Sept. 4 at Memphis<sup>1</sup>  
**Sept. 8 BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN<sup>11</sup>**  
**Sept. 10 WINTHROP<sup>11</sup>**  
 Sept. 15 at Auburn  
 Sept. 17 at Baylor  
 Sept. 22 at Tennessee Tech\*  
 Sept. 24 at Austin Peay\*

**Sept. 29**  
**Oct. 1**  
 Oct. 6  
 Oct. 13  
 Oct. 15  
**Oct. 20**  
**Oct. 22**  
 Oct. 27  
 Oct. 31  
 Nov. 3  
 Nov. 5

**EASTERN KENTUCKY\***  
**MOREHEAD STATE\***  
 at Jacksonville State\*  
 at Tennessee–Martin\*  
 at Murray State\*  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS\***  
**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI\***  
 at Belmont  
 OVC Tournament First Round  
 OVC Tournament Semifinal Round  
 OVC Tournament Championship

\*Ohio Valley Conference match

<sup>1</sup>Memphis Soccer Tournament

<sup>11</sup>2006 Bulldog Soccer Tournament

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# Tillette Signs Through 2013, Readies for Last Season in Seibert



**M**en's basketball Coach Jimmy Tillette recently signed a three-year contract extension that will have him coaching the Samford Bulldogs through 2013. The school's winningest basketball coach (149-113) said he planned to retire at 63, and the extension will enable him to end his career at Samford.

"I've been so fortunate to spend my time at a university with so many first-rate people," said Tillette. "It's also been great to work at a place where I've been able to coach and recruit so many character-first kids. I feel like I have one of the best jobs in the country."

Tillette said he was looking forward to the new Pete Hanna Arena to open for the 2007-08 season. But first, he said, he eagerly anticipates the upcoming final season in Seibert Hall, Samford's basketball home since 1961.

Four starters return from last year's 20-11 team, one of Tillette's best. It finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference and second in the conference tournament, and ranked fourth nationally in three-point goals (9.6 a game) and 22nd in defense (allowing 60.1 points a game).

The missing starter will be hard to replace: OVC Player of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year J. Robert Merritt. "J. Robert had an amazing career and is really irreplaceable," said Tillette. But, he expects good things from the 2006-07 squad. For one thing, "we'll be more athletic," he said.

Returning starters are guards Randall Gulina and Jerry Smith, center Travis Peterson, and forward Joe Ross Merritt. Lettermen Curtis West and Jason Black return at guard. Also on hand are red-shirts Savoy Fraine, Bryan Friday, Jim Griffin and Trey Montgomery. Freshmen Gabriel Bermudez, Andy King and Matt Roberson round out the squad. ■

## 2006-07 schedule

**Nov. 6**

**NORTH GEORGIA  
(Exhibition)**

Nov. 10

at Florida

**Nov. 14**

**TENNESSEE TEMPLE**

Nov. 16

at Towson University

Nov. 22

at Arizona

**Nov. 28**

**OHIO**

Dec. 2

at South Alabama

Dec. 7

at Jacksonville State\*

Dec. 19

at Southeast Missouri\*

Dec. 21

at Murray State\*

Dec. 27

vs. Mississippi Valley State<sup>1</sup>

Dec. 28

vs. Wright State<sup>1</sup>

Dec. 29

at LSU<sup>1</sup>

**Jan. 2**

**TENNESSEE TECH\***

**Jan. 4**

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN\***

**Jan. 7**

**JACKSONVILLE STATE\***

Jan. 11

at Tennessee State\*

Jan. 13

at Tennessee Tech\*

**Jan. 18**

**Jan. 20**

Jan. 25

Jan. 27

**Jan. 29**

**Feb. 1**

Feb. 3

**Feb. 10**

Feb. 13

Feb. 15

**Feb. 17**

**Feb. 22**

**Feb. 24**

Feb. 27

March 2

March 3

**MOREHEAD STATE\***

**EASTERN KENTUCKY\***

at Tennessee-Martin\*

at Austin Peay\*

**MURRAY STATE\***

**TENNESSEE STATE\***

at Eastern Illinois\*

**AUSTIN PEAY\***

at Eastern Kentucky\*

at Morehead State\*

**BRACKETBUSTER**

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI\***

**EASTERN ILLINOIS\***

OVC Tournament First Round

OVC Tournament Semifinal

Round

OVC Tournament

Championship

\*OVC game

<sup>1</sup>Hispanic College Funds Classic

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# Women Hope to Build on Success of Last Year's Best Record Ever

Samford posted the best season in the nine-year history of its women's basketball last year, going 21-8 and finishing third in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Bulldogs went to the semi-final round of the OVC tournament, and Coach Mike Morris was named the conference Coach of the Year.

With four starters and seven other letterwinners back, Samford figures once again to be one of the league favorites in 2006-07. Morris' team has improved steadily during his four seasons as coach, and as he observed, last year's squad thoroughly enjoyed their "taste of success."

The coach described that team as "a close group" with superb character. "Different people stepped up time and again to contribute," he said. "We played a lot of people, and that helped team morale."

Fans should expect more of the same, given last year's success.

All-OVC second-team forward Alex Munday leads returnees. She paced last year's team in scoring (14.7 points a game) and rebounding (5.6). Other starters back are guards Chelsee Insell, Taryn Towns and Tish Pilkerton.

Morris must replace last year's assist leader, Cora Beth Smith, a three-year starter, and reserve Andrea Ward.

Other letterwinners returning are forwards Veronika Pike, Chika Okoli, Courtney Alvey and Jennifer Elkins, and guards Megan Wilderotter, MaKenzie Spruiell and Karmen Smith.

Three new players join the team—transfer Sara Nuxols, a guard, and freshmen Jessica Roden and Julie Ann Lackey, forwards. ■

Alex Munday



## 2006-07 schedule

Nov. 6	<b>North Alabama (Exhibition)</b>	Jan. 13	at Tennessee Tech*
Nov. 10	at Alabama	<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>MOREHEAD STATE*</b>
Nov. 17	at Memphis	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>EASTERN KENTUCKY*</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN</b>	Jan. 25	at Tennessee-Martin*
Nov. 24	vs. Alabama A&M <sup>1</sup>	Jan. 27	at Austin Peay
Nov. 25	vs. Centenary <sup>1</sup>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>MURRAY STATE*</b>
Nov. 28	at Georgia State	<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE*</b>
Dec. 3	at Iowa	Feb. 3	at Eastern Illinois*
Dec. 7	at Jacksonville State*	<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>AUSTIN PEAY*</b>
Dec. 9	at Troy	Feb. 15	at Morehead State*
Dec. 19	at Murray State*	Feb. 17	at Eastern Kentucky*
Dec. 21	at Southeast Missouri*	<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*</b>
Dec. 28	at South Carolina	<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS*</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH*</b>	Feb. 27	OVC Tournament First Round
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>TENNESSEE-MARTIN*</b>	March 2	OVC Tournament Semifinal Round
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>JACKSONVILLE STATE</b>	March 3	OVC Tournament Championship
Jan. 11	at Tennessee State*		

\*OVC game

<sup>1</sup>Samford/BSC Classic

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# Huge Crowd Enjoys Miles Win, New Scoreboard

Samford unveiled its new football scoreboard before the third-largest crowd in Bulldog history Aug. 31. The overflow crowd of 10,386 was treated to a visual introduction of the starters before Samford's 37-7 win over Miles College, along with welcomes from Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, and famous Bulldog alumnus and former coach Bobby Bowden.

The new Daktronics scoreboard includes a Prostar Video Plus display with the capability to show live and recorded video, colorful animation and vivid graphics. Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Company contributed to the scoreboard to enhance the overall game-day experience for Samford football.

Samford fans enjoyed an offensive outburst that produced 29 first downs and 438 yards of offense. Quarterbacks Jefferson Adcock, Dante Williams and Alex Mortenson passed for 290 yards and three touchdowns. Placekicker Shannon Fleming earned Ohio Valley Conference Specialist of the Week honors by kicking three field goals and four extra points.

Samford, with nine starters back on both offense and defense, was picked fourth in OVC preseason predictions. "We shouldn't be wide-eyed when we go out on the field," Coach Bill Gray said.



Samford receiver Jeff Moore introduces himself to fans on the new Seibert Stadium scoreboard before Samford's opening win over Miles College.

Gray liked his team's performance in the opener. "I thought we did some positive things on both sides of the ball, and I thought our kicking game was really good as well," he said.

Last year's leading receiver, Jeff Moore, picked up where he left off in 2005, catching three passes for 105 yards and scoring on a 53-yard pass play from

Williams. Moore caught 53 passes for 669 yards last year.

Joe Jones led receivers in the opener with five catches for 88 yards and a touchdown. Running back Justin Ray was the leading rusher with 75 yards and a touchdown in 14 carries. ■

## Samford Wins Second Straight OVC Sportsmanship Award

For the second consecutive year, the Ohio Valley Conference presented its annual Sportsmanship Award to Samford University. The award goes to the conference institution selected by its peers to have exhibited best standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct outlined by the OVC and NCAA. It was presented at the league's annual honors luncheon in Nashville, Tenn., in June.

"Sportsmanship is a core value of the Ohio Valley Conference," said OVC Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher. "This award provides us with the opportunity to recognize excellence in sportsmanship as well as reinforce and celebrate the importance of ethical behavior in how our institutions conduct their programs.

"Winning is certainly important—it is why we keep score," continued Dr. Steinbrecher. "But equally as important is how our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans conduct themselves. As a conference, we believe it is important to win with humility and be magnanimous in defeat. The administrators, coaches, student-athletes and fans at Samford are to be commended for their diligence in maintaining the high standards set forth by the OVC and NCAA."

Samford has won two of the three sportsmanship awards since the program was implemented in 2003. ■

## Roller Named Chairman of Director's Cup Committee

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics [NACDA] named Samford Director of Athletics Bob Roller chairman of the United States Sports Academy Director's Cup committee.

Roller will oversee a committee of 18 athletics administrators around the country in the management and implementation of Director's Cup activities.

The Director's Cup is the first-ever all-sports national recognition award for both men and women. It was developed in 1993 by NACDA and *USA Today*.

"The Directors' Cup has become the measuring stick by which colleges and universities evaluate their athletics programs, and it is symbolic of athletics excellence," Roller said. ■



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<b>Sept. 15–19</b>	Greek Life recruitment, (205) 726-2028	<b>Sept. 30</b>	LSAT test, 8:30 a.m., (205) 726-2561	<b>Oct. 16–17</b>	Fall Break
<b>Sept. 16</b>	M-POWER Ministries Learning Disability Conference, 101N Divinity, 7:30 a.m., (205) 595-5991		Kick-off event for the Mercedes Kids Marathon, Seibert Stadium track, 10 a.m., (205) 870-7771 or (205) 823-9262	<b>Oct. 16</b>	“God’s Potters” Conference, sponsored by the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, 8 a.m., (205) 726-4064
<b>Sept. 17</b>	6th-Annual Pharmacy Law Seminar, Wright Center Concert Hall, 1 p.m., (205) 726-2722	<b>Oct. 2–31</b>	Sculptural and Architectural Concepts by Nov Ontos Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, (205) 726-2508	<b>Oct. 18</b>	McWhorter School of Pharmacy Residency Conference, Brock Forum, (205) 726-2820
<b>Sept. 21, 23, 29, Oct. 1</b>	Samford Theatre presents <i>Restoreth My Soul</i> , Harrison Theatre, 7:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, (205) 726-2853	<b>Oct. 3</b>	Dedication of Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall, Wright Center Concert Hall Lobby, 6 p.m.; Faculty Gala, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., (205) 726-2778	<b>Oct. 19</b>	Society of Alabama Archivists Annual Meeting, Brock Forum, 12:30 p.m. (205) 726-4103
<b>Sept. 22, 24, 28, 30</b>	Samford Theatre presents <i>Electra</i> , Harrison Theatre, 7:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 24, (205) 726-2853	<b>Oct. 4</b>	University Ministries Theological Education Day, Ben Brown Plaza, 9 a.m., (205) 726-2927	<b>Oct. 19–22</b>	Homecoming 2006
<b>Sept. 22–24</b>	Family Weekend, (205) 726-2345, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/parents">www.samford.edu/parents</a> or <a href="http://www.samford.edu/groups/sga">www.samford.edu/groups/sga</a>	<b>Oct. 5</b>	Majors Fair 2006, Ben Brown Plaza, 8:30 a.m., Career Development, (205) 726-2980, rain date: Oct. 10	<b>Oct. 24</b>	Guest Artist Recital: Leon Fleisher, piano, Brock Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Preview Day, coordinated by the Office of Admission, (205) 726-3673, <a href="http://www.samford.edu/admission">www.samford.edu/admission</a>	<b>Oct. 10</b>	Samford Orchestra Concert, Brock Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 25–29</b>	Samford Theatre presents <i>Feliciana Feydra LeRoux</i> , a Theatre for Young Audiences production, Harrison Theatre, (205) 726-2853
<b>Sept. 24</b>	Old-Song Sing-Along, Reid Chapel, 2 p.m., (205) 726-2483	<b>Oct. 13–15</b>	The Alabama Ballet presents <i>Dracula</i>	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Admission Preview Day, (205) 726-3673
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Faculty Recital: Jeffrey Flaniken, Angela Flaniken, Donald Sanders and Jim Sullivan, Brock Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Dedication of Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall, Harrison Theatre, 9 a.m., (205) 726-2483		ACT test, 8 a.m., (205) 726-2561
<b>Sept. 29–Oct. 1</b>	Leadership Samford weekend, Office of Student Involvement, (205) 726-2031			<b>Oct. 29–Nov. 4</b>	Presidential Inauguration Week
				<b>Oct. 31–Nov. 2</b>	Reformation Heritage Lectures: Frank A. James III, guest lecturer, Hodges Chapel, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
				<b>Nov. 10</b>	Miss Samford University Scholarship Competition, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7 p.m.
				<b>Nov. 22</b>	University offices open, no classes meet
				<b>Nov. 23–24</b>	Thanksgiving holidays; university closed



<b>Nov. 28</b>	Hanging of the Green, Reid Chapel
<b>Nov. 30</b>	<i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i> , Wright Center Concert Hall, 10 a.m.
<b>Dec. 1</b>	Festival of Christmas Music, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., (205) 726-2778
<b>Dec. 2</b>	Admission Preview Day, (205) 726-3673  LSAT test, 8:30 a.m., (205) 726-2561
<b>Dec. 8–10, 13–17</b>	The Alabama Ballet presents <i>The Nutcracker</i> , Wright Center Concert Hall, (205) 975-2787
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Fall semester classes end
<b>Dec. 9–15</b>	International Baptist and Catholic Dialogue, Beeson Divinity School, (205) 726-2632
<b>Dec. 9</b>	ACT test, 8 a.m., (205) 726-2561
<b>Dec. 11–14</b>	Fall semester exams
<b>Dec. 16</b>	Fall commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall, 10 a.m.  School of Business Hooding Ceremony, Brock Forum, (205) 726-2040
<b>Dec. 22</b>	University offices close at 2 p.m.
<b>Dec. 26–29</b>	Christmas holidays; University offices closed 2 p.m., (205) 726-2863

For schedules and information on Samford athletics, go to [www.samfordsports.com](http://www.samfordsports.com).

For a listing of Samford After Sundown classes, go to [www.samford.edu/sundown](http://www.samford.edu/sundown).

Information is compiled from the University calendar as of Aug. 31, 2006. Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please go to [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu) for updated information. ■

## New IRA Law Provides Tax-Free Features for Those 70 1/2

The law has changed regarding your individual retirement account [IRA]. Thanks to a new pension bill passed in August 2006, you now can make direct transfers to qualified charities such as Samford University.

People must begin taking disbursements from their IRAs when they reach age 70 1/2. That income is normally taxable. The new law provides a great new option—the IRA charitable rollover. Such rollovers are not taxable up to \$100,000.

A charitable rollover has several advantages to IRA holders:

- It is a simple and easy way to make a gift.
- Because it is not reported as income, it does not increase your taxes.

- Because it is not reported as income, the rollover won't increase the tax you pay on Social Security.
- You may give more than the normal deductible amount of 50 percent of income.
- It may lower your income and save taxes.

People over 70 1/2 should discuss the benefits of an IRA rollover with their tax adviser.

For more information about IRA gifts to Samford, contact Stan Davis, director of gift and estate planning, at [csdavis@samford.edu](mailto:csdavis@samford.edu), (205) 726-2807 or toll-free 1-877-782-5867 (SU ALUMS). ■

## Has Your IRA Benefited from Years of Growth?

### New Law Allows Simple, Easy Gifts to Samford

If you are over age 70 1/2, you now can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA this year. It is easy to do by directing your IRA custodian to make a direct transfer to Samford. The gift counts toward your required minimum distribution but does not count as income.

Contact the Samford University Relations Office to:

- Talk with someone about an IRA charitable rollover
- Receive more information on this new opportunity
- Subscribe at no cost to Samford's e-newsletter with financial planning news

Go to [www.sugift.org](http://www.sugift.org) or call University Relations toll-free at 1-877-782-5867 (SU ALUMS). ■





The Samford Bulldogs charge onto Seibert Field for the 2006 opener against Miles College. Samford won, 37-7. See page 56.