VP Relfe restructures University Relations

Perry Relfe, Samford's new vice president for University Relations, has announced a restructuring of the office effective immediately.

"We expect the restructuring to result in improved quality and delivery of all services by the University Relations staff," Relfe said.

Previously, 13 department directors reported to the vice president. These have been restructured into five departments whose directors report to Relfe. Three of the departments have new titles as well as some restructuring. These are:

• **Alumni Development** directed by Monty Hogewood. This department includes Alumni & Volunteer Programs, directed by Elizabeth Stanford, and Annual Development & Support, directed by Mary Jo Byrd

• **Gift & Estate Planning** directed by Stan Davis.

• **Endowment & Capital Funds** directed by Todd Heifner. This department includes Foundations & Research, directed by Frankie Tatum.

The two other department names remain the same. These are:

• **Development Systems** directed by Judi Aucoin.

• **University Communications** directed by Jack Brymer. Bill Nunnelley will direct Media and Public Relations, which will include News and Feature Writing, Mary Wimberley, and Photography, Caroline Baird. Lee Insko becomes Marketing and Online Communications Director, focusing on gaining national media attention for the University, managing online communications and publications via the Samford Web site, and church relations. Graphic Design, headed by Scott Camp, remains the same. Janica York serves as editorial assistant to the office. ■

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

• **Mike Hamilton** (Library), who will be getting married on June 12 to Jennifer Drumm.

• **Ken** and **Vicki Maddox** (Football) on their 25th wedding anniversary.

• **Dick Franklin** (Student Affairs), who marked 25 years as a Dean of Students May 1.

• **Ruth Hudson** (Financial Aid) on earning a Master of Science in Education degree from Samford May 22.

• **Gail Kemp** (Metro College) on the birth of her first grandson, Anthony Isaiah Kemp, April 22.

• **Milburn Price** (Music) on winning the Men's 55 singles division in the 1999 Alabama State Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

• **Deborah McNeal** (Business) in the death of her father.

• **Kathy Lounsbury** (Children's Learning Center) in the death of her father.

• The family of **Ruby K. May** (retired, Facility Services), who died on March 20.

• The family of **Thelma Hassley Pritchett** (retired, Art), who died March 27.

• **Vicki Maddox** (Football) in the death of her grandmother.

• **Adrienne O'Barr** (Education) in the death of her father.

• The family of **Connie Beddingfield** (Psychology), who died May 27.

• **Joellen Henson** (University Professor's Office) in the death of her father.

• **John Bowers** (Computer & Telecommunication Services) in the death of his mother.

Birthdays

JUNE 1–7

James Garrett (6/1) Gail Gough (6/1), Kevin Kozak (6/1), James Hubbs (6/2), Vanessa Gray (6/3), Diane Hopper (6/3), David Downing (6/4), Norma Garner (retired 6/4), Frances Owens (retired, 6/4), David Roberts (6/4), Langston Haygood (6/5), Jon Remley (6/5), Brian Beckett (6/7), Donald Duncan (6/7), Jennings Marshall (6/7), Keri Meredith (6/7), Heather Pinson (6/7), Becky Strickland (6/7)

JUNE 8–15

James Auchmuty (6/8), George Crocker (6/8), David Dedo (6/8), Nancy Hicks (retired, 6/8), Mike Howell (6/8), Ruth Hudson (6/8), Doris Miller (retired, 6/8), Metta Faye Street (retired, 6/8), Marjorie Walker (6/8), Parham Williams (retired, 6/8), Scott Camp (6/9), Mark Baggett (6/10), Donald Sweeney (6/10), Joey Duke (6/11), Lisa Foster (6/11), David Kulpe (6/11), Carolyn Edwards (6/12), Greg Jeane (6/12), John Killinger (retired 6/12), Alan Hargrave (6/13), Linda Vandiver (6/14)

JUNE 16–23

George Chappell (6/16), James Haley (retired, 6/17), Glenn McWaters (6/17), Kay Raley (6/17), Carole Webb (6/17), Kyle Bentley (6/18), Robert David (retired, 6/18), Ann Armstrong (retired, 6/19), David Little (6/19), Kelly Vornauf-Bryant (6/20), Evan Zeiger (retired, 6/20), Joe Dean (6/21), Charles Workman (6/21), Ed Cherry (6/22), Chris Gillespie (6/22), Michael Hammonds (6/22), Todd Heifner (6/22), Jeffrey Flaniken (6/23), Stephanie Jackson (6/23), Michelle Joiner (6/23), Bob Roller (6/23), Curtis Stephens (retired, 6/23)

JUNE 24–30

Charity Bryan (6/24), Carolyn Satterfield (6/24), Jim Netherton (6/25), Karen Whelan (6/25), Martha Alverson (retired, 6/26), Jacqueline Davis (6/26), Oliver Gilmore (6/26), Michael Aycock (6/27), Janet Carr (6/27), Betty Duncan (retired, 6/27), Donald Sloan (6/27), Georgia Traylor (retired, 6/27), Sara Eddings (retired, 6/28), Thomas Hines (6/28), Faye Shaffer (6/28), Grace Christian (retired, 6/29), Richard Gates (6/29) Francesca Hichcock (6/29)), Marie Holley (retired, 6/29), Jeannie McCutchen (6/29), Peter Neuberger (6/29), Willia Powell (retired, 6/29), Patsy Thomley (6/30), Daniel Tindall (6/29)

JULY 1–7

Kym Dale (7/1), Joel Landry (7/1), Susan Walden (7/1), Desiree Wayne (7/1), Betty White (retired, 7/1), Martha Brown (retired, 7/2), Ann Creasman (7/2), Yasuhiko Oyama (7/2), Bruce Winter (7/2), Patricia Clotfelter (7/3), Penny Marler (7/3), Roy Brigance (retired, 7/4), David Chapman (7/4), Patricia Handley (7/4), Bernice Harville (retired, 7/4), Thomas Rohling (7/4), Henry White (retired, 7/4), Sandra Craft (7/5), Jerome High (7/5), Kenneth Van Sise (retired, 7/5), Lois Roberson (retired, 7/6), Ken Brazil (7/7), Edward Cronin (7/7), Michael Rasmussen (7/7), Jack Sharp (7/7), Christopher Whatley (7/7)

JULY 8–15

Gladys Casanova (7/8), Leslie Ennis (7/8), James Hard (7/8), Sandra Hines (7/8), Eleanor Ousley (retired, 7/8), Iva Thomas (7/8), Ed Felton (7/9), Viola Jackson (retired, 7/9), Malcolm Marler (7/9), Daniel Mitchell (7/9), Barbara Thorn (7/9), Dennis Anderson (7/10), Gene Black (7/10), Jeanette Rader (7/10), Lewis Drummond (7/11), George Jackson (retired, 7/11), Connie Macon (7/11), Lance Richardson (7/11), Janica York (7/12), Rosemary Carnley (7/13), Susan Coan (7/13), Joyce Cox (retired, 7/13), Moya Nordlund (7/13), Jeff Shelley (7/13), Kimberly Voisard (7/13), Linette Rasheed (7/14), Todd Buczek (7/15), Rod Davis (7/15), Elsie Ray (retired, 7/15)

JULY 16–23

Angela Flaniken (7/16), Harold Hunt (retired, 7/16), Bruce Atkinson (7/17), Sonya Davis (7/17), Darlene Mathis (7/17), Robin Roberts (7/18), Clayton Fogg (7/19), Karen Hubbard (7/19), Brandon Little (7/19), William Rosenblum (7/19), Gene Calhoun (7/20), Sandra Fox (7/20), Mattie Beard (retired, 7/21), Betty Caterinichia (7/21), Elizabeth Clark (7/21), Deborah Strevy (7/21), Jill McCool (7/22), Jane Chism (7/23), James Evans (7/23)

JULY 24–31

Michael Floyd (7/24), Anita Murdock (7/24), Stephen Ruble (7/24), Edwin Cleveland (7/25), Pat Gardner (7/25), Kathey Gassner (7/25), Henry Hope (7/25), John Moss (7/25), Martha Ann Cox (7/26), Randall Hemphill (7/26), David Sanderson (7/26), Michael Stock (7/26), Linda Ables (7/27), Lisa Dodd (7/27), Marian Ferguson (retired, 7/27), Rob Hensarling (7/28), Carl Whirley (retired, 7/28), Tom Woolley (7/28), Kristi Fortenberry (7/29), Kellie Johnston (7/29), Fred Shepherd (7/29), Ralph Yeilding (7/29), Paul Aucoin (7/30), Carl Bellas (7/31), Jacqueline Goldstein (7/31), Martha Hearn (retired, 7/31), Michael Kendrach (7/31), Leonard Nelson (7/31), Dennis Sansom (7/31), Corinne Stockton (7/31)

Congratulations to the following faculty members for their recent promotions!

From Associate Professor to Professor:

Ruth Ash (Education)
Karon Bowdre (Law)
Joe Dean (Pharmacy)
Paul Kuruk (Law)

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Edwina Chan (Pharmacy)
Michael Kendrach (Pharmacy)
Trisha Olson (Law)
Robert Riggs (Pharmacy)
Bill Service (Business)
Michael Janas (Speech Communication & Theatre)
Ginger Frost (History)
Chris Metress (English)
James Reburn (Business)
Fred Shepherd (History)

Don Sandley (Speech Communication & Theatre) and Nancy Whitt (English) have been named department chairs.

Congratulations to Harold Hunt (Speech Communication & Theatre) and Lawrence Iannotti (Law) on receiving emeritus faculty status.

NEWFACES

David Glenn *(Wright Center)*
Jessica Kryger *(Student Records)*
Donna Majors *(Law)*
Deborah McNeal *(From Business to Student Affairs)*
Vickie Nichols *(Athletics)*
Patricia Renae Owen *(Library)*

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Bob Roller Named New Athletics Director

Samford University has named Bob Roller as Director of Athletics. He began his duties June 1.

Roller succeeds Stephen C. Allgood, who retired after serving as the school's athletics director since 1988.

Roller joined Samford in 1997 to create the Samford Athletic Foundation and to serve as the chief fund-raiser for the intercollegiate athletics programs. Since that time, the athletic department has experienced record growth in fund-raising for the school's 17 sports.

"Bob Roller has demonstrated his ability to raise funds for university athletics, to organize major athletic events, and to interpret the athletic enterprise to the public," Dr. Corts said. "We have given him a good deal of authority and have asked him to maintain a balance weighted in favor of academics, while building and maintaining winning traditions in all sports."

Bob Roller

"It's an honor to be given this opportunity to work with the quality coaches, student athletes, and staff at Samford," Roller said.

Roller came to Samford after seven years as vice president of AdCraft Sports Marketing of Louisville, Ky. During that time, he helped create the Sears Collegiate Champions program, the most comprehensive trophy and scholarship program ever designed for intercollegiate athletics.

He was director of communications for the Orange Bowl Committee in Miami, Fla., from 1988 to 1991, handling national championship games in 1990 and 1991. He has worked in intercollegiate athletics for the past 18 years, including stops as sports information director at UNC–Wilmington and East Carolina University from 1983 to 1988. ■

Pharmacy to Build Wellness Lab with $100,000 from Rite Aid, PCS

The coming thing in community pharmacies is for people to check the onset of certain medical conditions at desktop centers in the pharmacy. There, with the help of a pharmacist, they will be able test the elasticity of their arteries, their bone density, glucose and cholesterol levels and other conditions.

The pharmacist will counsel customers on whether to seek further medical attention and refer them to their primary care physician. The pharmacist also will forward results of screenings to the physician.

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy soon will begin offering hands-on training in these new screening and referral techniques in the first health and wellness diagnostic laboratory of its type at any of the nation's more than 80 pharmacy schools.

Construction of the laboratory will begin this summer with the help of a $100,000 gift from the Rite Aid Corporation and PCS Health Systems. The facility will be located in the newly named Rite Aid/PCS Pharmaceutical Care Center.

"These diagnostic and screening tools for use within a community-based pharmacy are on the cutting edge of future practice models," said Dr. Joseph O. Dean, Jr., Dean of McWhorter School of Pharmacy. "This addition to the Rite Aid/PCS Pharmaceutical Care Center will provide a preview of what can be expected as new and expanded roles unfold for community-based pharmacists."

The diagnostic and screening laboratory will have the latest high-tech, high-touch screening equipment for arterial elasticity, bone density, skin damage, body composition, visual field, asthma, glucose and cholesterol.

"Samford is grateful for the support of Rite Aid and PCS in providing this innovative state-of-the-art facility, which will be a significant and critical tool in providing students the fundamentals for their pharmacy careers," said Dean. ■

Youth revivalists of late 1940s to reconvene at Samford

What started as a student-led revival by Baylor University students in April, 1945, quickly spread throughout Texas and the South and became a youth revival movement that had a major impact on the life and growth of Southern Baptists.

One-half century later, 15 of the original evangelists, now in their 70s, will gather for Revival Revisited, a public symposium on the movement, at Samford June 18–20. The three-day event is open to the public and will feature the personal perspectives and insights of each of the leaders of the movement and dialogue with the audience, according to Bill O'Brien, director of Beeson Divinity School's Global Center and coordinator of the event.

On Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., the symposium will convene in Harrison Theatre. A fellowship banquet, fee and reservation required, will be held on Friday evening. Most of the guests will preach or sing in area churches on Sunday morning, and the symposium will end with a worship service on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Wright Center. ■

Out & About

Janet Alexander, Geri Beers and **Gwen Carlton** (Nursing) were selected to be part of 40 nursing educators from across the nation to participate in the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Program for Nurse Educators April 24–26 in Atlanta, Ga. The program was sponsored through a grant from the National Cancer Institute and Oncology Nursing Society with a specific concentration on the issues and challenges of cancer in African-Americans.

Janet Alexander (Nursing), **David Chapman** (English), **Eric Fournier** (Geography), and **Gretchen McDaniel** (Nursing) conducted a one-day workshop on Problem-Based Learning for the faculty of Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Miss., May 17.

Janet Alexander and **Gretchen McDaniel** (Nursing) presented two papers, "Herbal Therapies Commonly Used by Lay Persons" and "Achieving Educational Outcomes in Nursing Through Problem-BasedLearning," at the Alabama State Nurses Association's "Clinical Education Sessions: F.A.C.E.S." held in Montgomery in April.

Rita Balaban (Business) and co-author James Harrigan have had their 48-page article, "U.S. Wages in General Equilibrium: The Effects of Prices, Technology, and Factor Supplies, 1963–1991" published as Working Paper 6981 of the *Working Paper Series* by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

Gerald Bray (Divinity), **Jim Brown** (History & Political Science), **Greg Jeane** (Geography), **Dennis Sansom** (Religion & Philosophy), **Bob Sharp** (Library) and **Don Wilson** (History) participated in a Phi Kappa Phi seminar, "The Origins and History of Conflict in Kosovo," May 12. Sansom serves as president of Phi Kappa Phi.

Scott Camp, Bill Nunnelley and **Mary Wimberley** (University Relations) received the top award in the Periodicals (limited audience magazine) category of the Baptist Communicators Association's national Wilmer C. Fields Awards for their work on *Seasons* magazine.

William Collins' (History & Political Science) paper, "Hobbes and Hilbert's Tenth Problem," has been accepted for presentation at the Southern Political Science convention in November.

Jo Dohoney (Sociology) is attending a course this month at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, where she will be trained with other members of the Southern Anti-Racism Network [SARN]. During August, Dohoney will chair a paper session entitled "Are the Poor Really Citizens? Evidence For and Against . . ." at the Society for the Study of Social Problems [SSSP] meetings in Chicago.

Jo Dohoney (Sociology), **Mary Monk-Tutor, Andrew Webster** (Pharmacy), **Karen Whelan** and **Tom Woolley** (Business) will present a poster, "The Impact of the Family and Medical Leave Act on Hospital Pharmacy Practice Management," at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Meeting in Reno, Nev., June 6. **Scott Denaburg,** a recent Pharmacy alumnus, will also participate in the presentation. This interdisciplinary project was funded by a Samford Faculty Development Grant and the McWhorter School of Pharmacy Pharmacokinetics Center.

Jim Eck (Institutional Research) and **Claire Major** (PBL) presented papers, "Addressing Students' Critical Thinking Skills at the Core: An Innovative Curriculum Design that Makes Promises and Delivers Outcomes" and "Partnering with Institutional Research to Assess the Effectiveness of an Instructional Strategy: A Three-Pronged Approach," June 1–2 at the annual meeting of the Association for Institutional Research in Seattle, Wash. Eck and Major will present a workshop, "Assessing Problem-Based Learning," in Denver, Colo., June 14 at the 1999 American Association for Higher Education [AAHE] Conference on Assessment.

Jeffrey Flaniken (Music) served as adjudicator for the 22nd annual All-City Orchestra Contest of the Birmingham Public Schools at Parker High School May 5.

Eric Fournier (Geography) presented a talk entitled "Innovations in Problem-based Learning in Higher Education" June 2 at the annual meeting of the Council of Independent Colleges in St. Louis, Mo.

Joyce Thompson Heames (Business) participated in a panel discussion May 1 on "Women in the Marketplace: The Challenges" for the fourth annual Birmingham Women's Studies Consortium Conference held at the University of Montevallo. **Jane Hiles** (English) accompanied English majors **Morgan Amick** and **Leslie Poole** to read papers at the conference. Amick's paper was entitled "Growing Up: A Study of Laura Sheridan in Katherine Mansfield's 'The Garden Party.'" Poole's paper was entitled "Domestic Violence and Financial Dependence." **Nancy Whitt** (English) was an organizer of the conference.

Dohoney

Lasseter

Price

Sims

Greg Jeane (Geography) presented "Landscapes of the Dead: Origins and Culture of Southern Cemeteries," to the AlabamaGermany Partnership May 20 at the Mercedes-Benz Institute in Vance. He presented a UAB Special Options class on "Alabama's Cemeteries: Clues to the Past" June 5.

William J. Keller (Pharmacy) has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Phytotherapy Research [PTR]*, a British-based journal about herbal medicines. He was a featured speaker at a symposium entitled "Botanical Dietary Supplements: State of the Science" at a meeting sponsored by the American Society of Pharmacognosy and hosted by the University of Mississippi April 29–May 1. Keller's presentation focused on "The Role of the Pharmacist in Herbal Medicine."

James King, Lee Knight, Marlene Reed and **John Venable** (Business) served as judges for the 1999 Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Small Business Persons of the Year Awards.

Janice Lasseter's (English) essay "Hawthorne's Stories and Rebecca Harding Davis" has been published in the Spring 1999 issue of *The Nathaniel Hawthorne Review.*

Gretchen McDaniel (Nursing) completed the International Parish Nurse Resource Center course, "Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nursing" held in Park Ridge, Ill., in March. She will attend the "Faculty Advanced Preparation Course for Parish Nursing" in June. She is also working with the Alabama WMU in planning and presenting a program, "Introduction to Parish Nursing," to be held in July at Shocco Springs.

Marione Nance (Biology) participated in four Emergency Medical Service [EMS] Responders courses, "Responder Awareness," "EMS," "Responder Operations" and "Incident Command," May 24–27. Birmingham Fire and Rescue Department sponsored the courses.

Adrienne O'Barr (Education) assisted in the construction of this year's *Princeton Poets*, a book that is published annually containing the poetry and creative writing of the students of Princeton Elementary School in Birmingham.

Bill O'Brien (Divinity) is the keynote speaker for the Southern Baptist Church Musicians Conference in Nashville, Tenn. He will also lead a case teaching workshop in Minneapolis for deans and professors from 15 colleges and universities in the Minnesota area. O'Brien will conduct the annual Case Teaching Institute for the Association for Case Teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Milburn Price (Music) will travel to Rotterdam to attend the World Symposium of Choral Music sponsored by the International Federation of Choral Music [IFCM] July 7–14. When Price becomes president of the American Choral Directors Association [ACDA] July 1, he also becomes one of two representatives from ACDA to the Board of Directors of IFCM. Price will be guest lecturer and adult choral clinician for the 1999 Green Lake (Wisconsin) Music Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians July 17–24.

Marlene Reed and **Ed Felton** (Business) published an article, "Critical Human Asset Issues for Churches," in *The Journal of Ministry Marketing and Management*.

Paul Richardson (Music) and **Gary Furr** (Religion & Philosophy) compiled and edited *The Journey Is Our Home*, a booklet of worship resources for retreats on spiritual growth being held by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Richardson led a hymn service at First Baptist Church, Union Springs, May 16, as a part of that congregation's Sesquicentennial. His article on Eben Tourjée, founder of the New England Conservatory of Music and Methodist church musician, appears in the 24-volume *American National Biography*, published by Oxford University Press under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies.

Joelle L. Rule (Campus Recreation) will attend the NASPA/SACSA Region 3 "Mid-Managers Institute" at Clemson University June 14–20. NASPA is National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and SACSA is the Southern Association for College Student Affairs.

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Samford University is an Equal Opportunity Institution and welcomes applications for employment and educational programs from all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

Donald Sanders (Music) gave the pre-concert lecture for the April 30 performance of the Alabama Symphony.

Carolyn Green Satterfield (History) gave a paper on James Madison to the Sons of the American Revolution. She was a recent history evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Satterfield joined **Lee Allen** for the Board meeting and conference of the Alabama Historical Association, which met in Montgomery.

Bob Schrimsher (Pharmacy Librarian) is the chair of the Pharmacy & Drug Information Section, Medical Library Association [MLA]. He has recently completed a book entitled *Health Data on the Internet: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide,* which will be published by the MLA. He is also a member of the MLA Books Panel.

Pamela Sims (Pharmacy) was an invited speaker to the 18th annual conference of the Alabama Geriatric Society on "Pharmacologic Considerations in the Elderly" April 6 in Birmingham. Sims was a panelist to the 75th anniversary conference of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy April 9 on "Pharmacy through the Decades." Sims, as the only academician on the panel, shared the Samford PBL initiative and changes in the demographics of pharmacy students. Sims also provided a continuing education program for dentists for the University of Alabama School of Dentistry on "Controlling Pain and Behavior in the Dental Patient" April 16. She provided a course and internship with the Department of Oral Maxilofacial Surgery at the University of Alabama for dentists concerning IV sedation April 17. Sims attended the third annual Conference on Over the Counter Dental Products as a sponsored guest by the University of the Pacific April 23–25 in San Francisco, Calif. She was an invited speaker at the Visiting Faculty Program on "Hypothyroidism: The Pharmacist's Role," sponsored by Knoll Pharmaceuticals May 14–16 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Jean Thomason (Library) was elected Secretary of the Alabama Library Association at their annual convention in April.

Elizabeth Wells (Library) completed the Leadership Vestavia Program in May, graduating with 15 civic leaders in the fields of technology, health care and business.

Mary Worthington (Pharmacy) was awarded Children's Hospital's "Sergio Stagno Friend of the Housestaff Award." The award is presented to an individual who is an advocate for the children by providing support to the hospital housestaff and is voted on by the residents. The award reflects Mary's hard work and dedication and indicates the positive effect that Samford co-staff positions are having on the practice of pharmacy at Children's Hospital.

Victor Wu (Geography) has been invited to teach a GIS course, "GIS and Marine Research," at Dauphin Island Sea Lab [DISL] for the third time. DISL is a consortium among all the higher education institutes in Alabama for marine research. This year, the course is expanded to a three-credit hour course spanning two weeks. Wu will incorporate both PBL and hands-on projects into the course.

White Named Associate Dean for Student Involvement

Samford University has named Kathleen C. "K.C." White as Associate Dean for Student Involvement, according to Richard H. Franklin, Vice President for Student Affairs. White will begin her work at Samford July 1.

Currently on the Student Affairs staff at Florida State University, White will complete a doctorate in Higher Education/Educational Leadership there this summer. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Stetson University and a master's degree in Student Personnel Services from the University of South Carolina.

Previously, White has worked in Student Affairs at the University of Miami (Fla.) and Mercer University.

"K.C. White comes to us well prepared experientially and academically for the position," said Franklin. "Samford is the place where her preparation, training and values converge."

At Samford, White will have program and staff oversight for SGA activities, Leadership Education, clubs and organizations, campus recreation and community service. She will have direct responsibility for Greek life. ■

Samford Granted Chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha

Samford University has become the 92nd institution to be granted a chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, national society honoring scholarship in journalism and mass communication.

Qualifications for chapter status are quality of the student body, scholarly productivity and qualifications of the faculty, adequacy of facilities, the curriculum and the level of campus administrative support.

Individual KTA membership is granted through invitation only and is earned through excellence in academic work. Only juniors and seniors majoring in journalism and mass communication who rank in the upper 10 percent of their class and have completed nine hours of upper-level journalism and mass communication courses are eligible for membership.

Founded at the University of Missouri in 1910, KTA joined the Association of College Honor Societies in 1951. It is the only journalism and mass communication society recognized by ACHS.

Jon Clemmensen will serve as chapter adviser. ■

Olson Leads Design Technology for Theatre Conference

Samford Theatre's Director of Design, Eric Olson, began serving as Chair of the Design Technology Committee of the Southeastern Theatre Conference in March.

"Eric has had an extraordinary school year," says Don Sandley, Associate Professor and Chair of Speech Communication & Theatre. "In addition, Eric was invited to interview the world-renowned theatrical designer Ming Cho Lee. These are both exceptional honors."

Olson developed the impressive scenic design for Samford's production of *Guys and Dolls* in April.

In May a Southern theatrical design display at the Kentuck Museum in Tuscaloosa featured some of Olson's work, including his designs and model for the Samford Theatre production of *KINDERTRANSPORT.* "Olson is an example of Samford's developing national, even international profile," says Sandley. ■

Borden Named Dean of Freshmen

Amanda Borden has been named Dean of Freshmen at Samford. Borden, a faculty member since 1989, will also continue some of her duties as assistant professor in the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre.

Amanda Borden

In her new post, she will be the "chief faculty advocate" for student success, according to Provost James S. Netherton.

Responsibilities include Samford's summer orientation sessions, freshman seminar, advising of all "undecided" students, the S.U.ccess program and numerous other student adjustment, mentoring and academic support programs.

Borden has been involved in restructuring Samford's core curriculum and expanding the Communication Resource Center. She has also been an active participant in the university's nationally recognized Problem-Based Learning initiative.

Borden holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the Uniersity of Alabma, and a Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of Illinois. ■