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## Southern Baptist Group Names William Hull "Outstanding Educator"

*Hull*

William E. Hull, University Professor and former provost of Samford University, has received the Charles D Johnson Outstanding Educator Award presented by the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Hull was honored for his "significant contribution as author, lecturer and educator to Southern Baptist-related higher education" during the organization's annual meeting in June, held this year at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The award honors the memory of Johnson, who served as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission from 1932–53.

Bob Agee, executive director of the ASBCS, praised Hull's "invaluable contributions to the lives of countless educational and religious leaders," including his own. Agee is a former Hull student.

Hull served as Samford provost and University Professor from 1987 until 1996, when he retired as provost to teach full-time. He was instructor, professor, dean and provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., during 1954–75. ■

# Strong Running Game, Defense Keys to Fifth Consecutive Winning Football Season

The 1999 edition of the Samford University football team looks to achieve its fifth consecutive winning season as head coach Pete Hurt returns 41 letter winners and 15 starters from last year's campaign.

Hurt, entering his sixth year as the Bulldogs' head coach, saw his 1998 squad win five of its final seven games to finish 6-5 and post a fourth consecutive winning season, the first time that has been accomplished since the Bobby Bowden era of 1959–62.

Led by a potent ground attack, which averaged more that 180 yards per game last season, and a defense that was 22nd in Division I-AA in scoring defense, the Bulldogs are poised to make their first Division I-AA playoff appearance since 1992.

"I feel good about our football program, that it's on stable ground," Hurt said. "The big key will be in three areas. One, getting depth along the offensive and defensive lines. Two, how our quarterback situation develops, and three, staying healthy on both sides of the football."

Running the football should be no problem for Samford, as the top three rushers from last season return. Senior tailback Jerome Russell, who needs 482 yards to become the all-time leading rusher in Samford history, leads one of the best trios of running backs in Division I-AA. Russell will split time in the backfield with Rashad Brewer, who led the team in rushing as a freshman walk-on in 1997, and Kadell Wright, a bruising fullback, who finished third on the team in rushing.

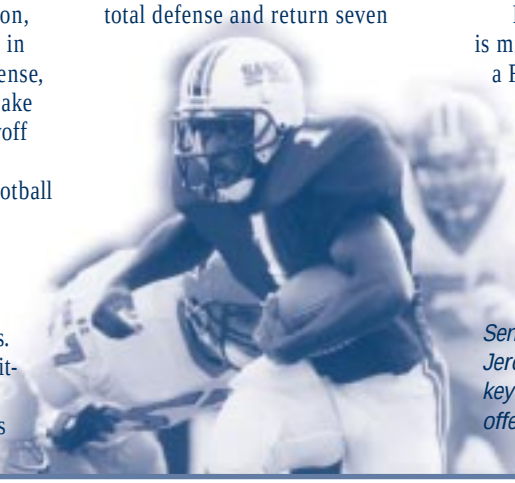
Defensively, the Bulldogs finished 31st in Division I-AA in total defense and return seven starters, including an impressive trio of linebackers.

Presiding over the linebackers is middle linebacker Fred Bishop, a First-Team Division I-AA All-Independent selection, who posted a career-high 136 tackles in 1998. Joining Bishop will be Alvin Garrett and Marquince Wilder. ■

### 1999 Football Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 2 | CHATTANOOGA (Thurs.) | 7:00 |
| Sept. 11 | at Austin Peay | 6:30 |
| Sept. 18 | at Tennessee-Martin | 3:00 |
| Sept. 25 | EASTERN KENTUCKY | 6:00 |
| Oct. 2 | JACKSONVILLE STATE | 1:00 |
| Oct. 9 | **Open Date** | |
| Oct. 16 | ELON | 1:00 |
| Oct. 21 | at Murray State* (Thurs.) | 6:00 |
| Oct. 30 | LIBERTY (Homecoming) | 1:30 |
| Nov. 6 | at Western Carolina | 1:00 |
| Nov. 13 | at Nicholls State | 3:30 |
| Nov. 18 | TENNESSEE TECH (Thurs.) | 7:00 |

HOME GAMES IN RED
*TV game on Fox SportSouth



*Senior running back Jerome Russell will play a key role in this year's offensive game plan.*

# Samford's PBL Initiative Gaining International Notice

An impressive contingent of faculty and administrators gained international attention for Samford's PBL Initiative at the Fifth International Conference on Problem-Based Learning in Montreal, Canada, in July.

Organized by the Australian Problem-Based Learning Assessment and Research Centre [PROBLARC], the conference registered participants from around the world. Samford will host a similar conference October 29–31, 2000, in Birmingham as partial fulfillment of the $1 million grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

The four presentations by Samford teams were well-received, according to Claire Major, coordinator of PBL research and communication. "Our faculty members and administrators were polished and professional presenters, and their enthusiasm about teaching and learning was evident," said Major. "We are quickly gaining international attention. More than one conference attendee told me that Samford is defining what PBL looks like in undergraduate education."

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# Out & About

**Alexander Bolla, Edward Martin,** and **Diane Wade** (Law) presented "Principles for Web Course Design and Retrofit" June 19 at Eugene, Ore., during the Computer Assisted Legal Instruction [CALI] conference. Course materials can be viewed at http://netlaw.samford.edu.

**Ed Cherry** (Library) attended the American Library Association annual convention and VTLS Users' Group annual meeting in New Orleans, La., June 25–29.

**Stephen Chew** (Psychology) has been named a Carnegie Fellow for "work that advances the practice and profession of teaching in support of significant student learning." Chew attended the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning June 21–July 1 in Palo Alto, Calif. He completed his year as a Pew Scholar, a program funded by The Pew Charitable Trust and administered by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to promote the scholarship in pedagogy. In the past year, he and students Leslie Nix and Darcy Dunbar have studied how to use examples effectively in teaching.

**Bill Collins** (History & Political Science) will be the chair for the panel on Classical Political Philosophy at the Southern Political Science Convention this fall.

**Stan Davis** (University Relations) represented the Alabama Chapter of the National Planned Giving Committee at the annual Assembly of Delegates in Indianapolis, Ind., July 11–12.

**Richard Dendy**'s (Art) students, Brian Keith Dorton and Ann Livingston, won scholarships from BAF for creating advertising materials for Alzheimer's of Central Alabama.

## ATTENTION FACULTY!

**Have a new photo made during the faculty workshop!**

Photos will be made each morning in the lobby of Harrison Theatre. Days are assigned by the first letter of last names:

| | |
|---|---|
| A-I | Mon., Aug. 23 |
| J-Q | Tues., Aug. 24 |
| R-Z | Wed., Aug. 25 |

**Hugh Floyd** (Sociology) presented a workshop on "The Role of Marriage and Family Therapy in the Context of Disability" at the American Board of Medical Psychotherapists and Psychodiagnosticians annual meeting, May 28–30 in Toronto, Canada. Floyd was honored as one of the pioneers in the field of clinical sociology at the 1999 annual meeting of the Sociological Practice Association June 10–13, in Atlanta, Ga. At the meeting, he made a presentation demonstrating the use of the sociological paradigm in bringing about adaptation in families with disabilities.

**Eric Fournier** (Geography) recently was appointed to the Editorial Board of *Southeastern Geographer*, the journal of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.

**Jane Hiles** (English) read her paper "Eve and Friends: Milton's Eve and the Spiritual Practice of Seventeenth Century Nonconformist Women" at the Eighth International Conference of the Centre for Seventeenth-Century Studies at Durham Castle, England, in July.

Davis

Kirk

Marler

Wilson

**Paul Holloway**'s (Religion & Philosophy) doctoral dissertation, "Disce gaudere: Paul's Letter of Consolation to the Church at Philippi," has been accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press without revision.

**Cindy Kirk** (Metro College) attended the Summer Board Meeting of the National University Continuing Education Association [UCEA] June 15–18 in Washington, D.C. Kirk serves UCEA as the national membership chairman.

**Janice Lasseter**'s (English) essay, "Hawthorne's Legacy to Rebecca Harding Davis," has been published in the book, *Hawthorne and Women: Engendering and Expanding the Hawthorne Tradition*, edited by John L. Idol, Jr. and Melinda M. Ponder, published by the University of Massachusetts Press at Amherst.

**Sherrie Lawhon** (Music) was guest lecturer, vocal pedagogue, and soloist for the 1999 summer session of the Music Department of the Russian Evangelical Christian Baptist Union's Bible College in Moscow, Russia, in June. She also taught and sang at the Second Baptist Church of Moscow. In August, Lawhon will be guest lecturer for the 1999 Chinese Church Music Institute held at Santa Rosa, Calif. She will teach voice and conducting, and will be the conference soloist.

**Robin McLendon** (Law) attended the Modern Archives Institute for 1999 in Washington, D.C., in June. The Institute is sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration, in cooperation with the Library of Congress.

**Darlene Mathis** (Nursing) has opened the Childersburg Family Health Care Center, a unique clinic in which nurse practitioners are the primary health care providers.

**Penny Marler** (Religion & Philosophy) co-authored an article, "Testing the attendance gap in a conservative church," in the July issue of *Sociology of Religion*.

**Marione Nance** (Biology) participated in the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Department tabletop exercise, a paper and film simulation with state emergency personnel, in preparation for a hazardous material accident in Birmingham. Nance has approval to run a mock bioterrorism disaster at Samford Nov. 3.

**Bill O'Brien** (Divinity) participated in a Human Rights Consultation in London July 8–10. Co-sponsored by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the focus of the meeting was "Beyond Mere Toleration." Speakers from Africa, Europe, England, Canada and the USA included **Chriss Doss** (Law). O'Brien proceeded to Dresden, Germany, for the General Council meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

**Milburn Price** (Music) was guest lecturer for the Brazilian National Convention for Choral Directors in Brasilia, leading daily sessions on choral techniques, July 26–30.

**Marlene Reed** (Business) and **Amanda Borden** (Speech Communication & Theatre) made a presentation at the Noel Levitz National Conference on Student Retention in San Francisco, Calif., July 10. The title of the presentation was: "Freshmen Retention at Samford: A Joint Effort Between the Office of the Dean of Freshmen, Student Affairs and a Restructured Core Curriculum."


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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.

**Fred Shepherd** (History & Political Science) represented Samford at the Pew Foundation's summer retreat, in his capacity as Samford's Pew College Society Coordinator. The meetings took place in Whitehall, Mich., July 16–19.

**Pamela Sims** (Pharmacy) presented a program on "Drugs and Drug Interactions" to the Alabama Dental Society Eightieth Annual State Convention and the National Dental Association District IV convention June 4 in Destin, Fla. Sims provided a program on "Important Considerations for the Pharmacist in Drug Product Selection" to the 118th annual Alabama Pharmacy Association Convention and Trade Show, also in Destin, June 28.

**Condit Steil** (Pharmacy) received the Distinguished Service Award at the Alabama Pharmacy Association annual meeting June 30.

**Don Wilson** (History & Political Science) presented a program to the Vestavia Hills Rotary Club June 4 on "Analysis of the Air War in Kosovo."

**Victor Wu** (Geography) participated in the 1999 Conference on Remote Sensing Education, held July 5–9 at the University of Colorado at Boulder Conference Center. Wu also gave a presentation, "Individual Differences in Learning Remote Sensing Imagery Interpretation," and served on the panel of remote sensing education.

Students from the Language Study Abroad programs of the Department of World Languages and Cultures are engaged in immersion language learning as they study and live with local families in Germany, France, Spain, Ecuador and Costa Rica. **Heather West** accompanied 12 students during July to Stendhal University in Grenoble, France. Students in Spain for up to 10 weeks were accompanied by **Barbara Crider** in Madrid, **Myralyn Allgood** and **Linda Ables** in Salamanca and **Lynda Jentsch** in El Puerto de Santa Maria. Parents and friends joined the students for a total of 35 on the week's tour of Andalucia, led by **Robert Crider.**

***PBL** cont. from page 1*

*Samford faculty members (left to right) Dan Sandifer-Stech, Clara Gerhardt and John Harris chat during a break at the International PBL Conference in Montreal, Canada.*

Major told of one person during the last plenary session of the conference discussing the work in PBL going on around the world, and citing as examples Australia, Denmark, The Netherlands, and Alabama.

"Because of our efforts at Samford, Alabama was ranked with countries that have several universities that have been using PBL for quite some time," she said. "We made a good showing for Samford University, and I think the conference attendees from all over the world will remember us and the good work we're doing here."

School of Business professors Karen Whelan and Jennings Marshall presented a paper titled "Introductory Business Statistics: and Experiment with Problem-Based Learning."

In a Case Study presentation, three Arts & Sciences faculty members shared experiences related to PBL courses in their field of study: David Chapman on Communication Arts, Eric Fournier on World Geography; and Sonya Stanley on Precalculus.

School of Education professors Dan Sandifer-Stech and Clara Gerhardt did a workshop on their development of a PBL course title, "Blueprint to Grade Sheet: Life Cycle of PBL Course."

During a second Case Study presentation, History professor Jim Brown demonstrated his Nationalism Spreadsheet Simulation PBL course, while President Thomas E. Corts, John Harris, Claire Major and Jack Brymer explained "Samford's PBL Initiative in Supporting Pedagogical Change."

Three other PBL components continue to attract international attention as well. One is *PBL Insight*, a newsletter which provides in-depth coverage into PBL practices nationally and internationally. Circulation has increased from 8,500 to 22,000 and has earned such responses as:

". . . one of the first newsletters I've read cover-to-cover in a long time. Very informative and well done!"

"I just finished reading *PBL Insight* and also looked at your Web page. Samford has embarked on an exciting new adventure that should be of real value to students and faculty alike. What an exciting time you all must be having."

"Congratulations on an ambitious project and a carefully written and edited newsletter."

The second PBL component attracting international attention is a Web site (www.samford.edu/pbl) that serves as a national register for faculty members and their institutions that are using PBL.

A third component is an international conference on Problem-Based Learning in Undergraduate and Professional Education October 29–31, 2000, at the Sheraton Birmingham, co-sponsored by Samford and The Pew Charitable Trusts. ■

## Russia, Eastern Europe Specialist To Head Global Center

Mark Elliott, a specialist on evangelical Christians in Russia and Eastern Europe, has been named director of the Global Center at Beeson Divinity School. Elliott has served as professor of history and director of the Institute for East-West Christian Studies at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., since 1986.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Mark Elliott as the new director of Beeson's Global Center," said Beeson Divinity School Dean Timothy George. "From his base at Wheaton's Billy Graham Center, he has done ground-breaking research on evangelical Christians in Russia and Eastern Europe. He has a passion for sharing the gospel and will help us build bridges to other Great Commission believers around the world."

*Elliot*

Elliott will succeed William R. O'Brien, who is retiring as center director. O'Brien, who has served in that position since the center opened in 1992, was previously with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

A unique bridge to the 21st Century, the Global Center supports and assists cross-cultural Christian outreach through the collection and dissemination of reliable information on the church and ministry worldwide. It provides hands-on, interactive experiences for encountering global realities.

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# Joys & Sorrows

**Congratulations to . . .**

• **Matt Sullivan** (Athletics) on the June 26 birth of his son, Robert Matthew Sullivan II.

• **Gregg Morrison** (Divinity) on the July 17 birth of his son, Gregg Scott Morrison, Jr.

• **Becca Williamson** (President's Office) on the July 9 birth of her grandson, Charles Tyler Russell.

• **Jim** (Institutional Research) and **Wendy** (Student Records) **Eck** on the July 26 birth of their son, Harrison James Eck.

**Sympathy is expressed to . . .**

• **Felisa Hsu** (Library) in the death of her father.

• Friends and family of **Martha Quinn** (Retired, Student Records), who died June 21.

• **Beth Gilbert** (Provost's Office) in the death of her father.

# Birthdays

**AUGUST 1–7**

Mickey Naro (8/1), Kenneth Brooks (8/2), Pamela Lohr (8/2), Roger Parker (8/3), Denise Scardino (8/3), Gilda Speegle (retired, 8/3), Edwin Hall (retired, 8/4), Domingo Martinez (retired, 8/4), Paul Richardson (8/4), Julie Sims Steward (8/5), Robert Ratagick (8/5), Andrew Dooley (8/6), Chemaine Butner (8/6), Stephen Chew (8/7), Amanda Haddin (8/7), James D. Harris (8/7), Lillian Hilburn (retired, 8/7), George Irons (retired, 8/7)

**AUGUST 8–15**

Kathryn Green (retired, 8/8), Melody Hemphill (8/8), Iantha Jones (retired, 8/8), James Lewis (8/8), Richard Traylor (retired, 8/8), Ursula Hendon (retired, 8/9), Sandra McDonald (8/10), Betsy Wright (8/10), Dorothy Brice (8/11), Monty Hogewood (8/11), Frank Minter (retired, 8/11), Marlene Rikard (8/11), Emma Bouyer (retired, 8/12), Larry Davenport (8/12), Wallace Williams (8/12), Iris Christopher (retired, 8/14), Lora Shelton (8/14), Lavone Warren (8/14), Gretchen McDaniel (8/15)

**AUGUST 16–23**

Joyce Chappelear (8/16), Vicki Maddox (8/16), Paul Kelly (8/17), Ellen McLaughlin (8/17), Tom Berg (8/18), Dan Connell (8/18), Lea Dutton (8/18), Ginger Frost (8/19), James King (8/19), Debra Whitcomb (8/19), Benjamin Bingham (8/20), Holly Adams (8/20), Jo Dohoney (8/21), Charlotte Freeman (8/21), Kimberley Benner (8/22), Lelton Cobb (retired, 8/22), Caroline Gowins (8/22), Hubert Hocutt (8/22), Nancy Whitt (8/22), Martha Bowman (retired, 8/23)

**AUGUST 24–31**

Lawrence Iannotti (retired, 8/24), Kathy Lounsbury (8/24), Tabitha Moore (8/24), Connie Morris (retired, 8/24), Ann Peeples (8/24), Witold Turkiewicz (retired 8/24), Reba Clark (8/25), Michael Naro (8/25), Lane Powell (retired 8/25), Jane Ellen Watkins (8/25), Lacy Nance (retired, 8/26), Ed Landers (8/28), Calvin Miller (8/28), Donna Seibels (8/28), Kay Hambrick (8/29), Valerie Ragland (8/29), Monica Slater (8/29), Rosemary Traylor (retired, 8/29), Robert Dean (retired, 8/30), Patsy Puchta (retired, 8/30), Dara Trotter (8/30), Janice Vaughn (8/30), Jonathan Waddell (8/30), NaTasha Worthy (8/30), Hugh Floyd (8/31)

# Welcome to Samford! New Faculty Appointments

***Howard College of Arts and Sciences:***

*David R. Bains, Assistant Professor, Religion and Philosophy*
*Benjamin B. Coulter, Debate Coach and Instructor, Speech Communication and Theatre*
*Elizabeth G. Dobbins, Assistant Professor, Biology*
*L. Manning Garrett, Assistant Professor, Religion and Philosophy*
*Patricia A. Goodman, Instructor, Chemistry*
*Bryan M. Johnson, Assistant Professor, English*
*Marjorie A. Walker, Assistant Professor, History*

***School of Business:***

*Randy I. Anderson, Assistant Professor*
*Edward J. Coyne, Sr., Visiting Professor*
*Michael D. Hartline, Associate Professor*

***Beeson School of Divinity:***

*Mark Elliott, Professor and Director of the Global Center*

***Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies:***

*Charles D. Sands IV, Instructor, Exercise Science and Sports Medicine*

***Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing:***

*Jennifer J. Coleman, Assistant Professor*
*Dorothy Leonard, Assistant Professor*
*Karen D. Newman, Associate Professor*

***McWhorter School of Pharmacy:***

*Jay W. Gilbreath, Assistant Professor*

# Connections Service Project Introduces New Students to Faculty and Staff

Samford's joint student, faculty and staff service project, Birmingham Connections, is planned for Aug. 27. Samford faculty and staff will join groups of new students to help perform volunteer work at various community agencies.

Students have consistently rated the service project as a favorite aspect of the orientation experience. The project allows for informal interaction between students, faculty and staff.

"Research shows that retention rates increase when students bond quickly with a faculty or staff member. The Connections service project is the starting point for these important relationships," said Joelle Rule, Connections Coordinator.

At least 40 faculty/staff volunteers are needed for Birmingham Connections. Horizons teachers are strongly encouraged to participate, as Horizons' class rosters will be used to form small groups.

The project begins with lunch and concludes with dinner Aug. 27. There is no cost for faculty and staff to participate.

To register for Connections or for more information, contact Rule via E-mail (jlrule) or phone (2194). ■

# NEW FACES

***Emily Ann Baker*** *(Pharmacy)*
***Willie Brown*** *(Law Library)*
***Andrew B. Dooley*** *(Campus Safety)*
***Glen Fanelli*** *(Athletics)*
***Martha Godwin*** *(Children's Learning Center)*
***Sherrell I. Hallquist*** *(Divinity)*
***Steven Hood*** *(Residence Life)*
***Janice O. Jones*** *(Law)*
***Donna Jordan*** *(Children's Learning Center)*
***Melodie King*** *(Music)*
***Aleesa J. Naish*** *(Music)*
***Mary Kay Olks*** *(Athletics)*
***Valerie Ragland*** *(Children's Learning Center)*
***Ernest Rozier*** *(Athletics)*
***Denise Scardino*** *(Nursing)*
***James David Senter III*** *(Computer & Telecommunication Services)*
***Clarke Skelton*** *(University Ministries)*
***Theresa Stringer*** *(Children's Learning Center)*
***Marla Taylor*** *(Children's Learning Center)*
***Janice Tennyson*** *(Law)*
***Dean Vance*** *(Athletics)*
***C. Alan Verlander, Jr.*** *(Athletics)*
***Anita L. Wallace*** *(Pharmacy)*
***Kathleen C.*** *(K.C.)* ***White*** *(Student Affairs)*
***Shane G. Williams*** *(Campus Safety)*

## *Global Center* cont. *from page 3*

The Center includes displays, audio tracks, interactive PCs, a continually advancing population clock, foreign language news programs and workstations housing massive databanks.

Elliott earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969 from Asbury College. He received a Master of Arts degree in 1971 and a doctoral degree in 1974 from the University of Kentucky. A prolific author, Elliott has written scores of articles, books and reviews, including the highly esteemed volume, *Pawns of Yalta*.

Elliott is the founding director of Wheaton's Institute for East-West Christian Studies, and edits the quarterly publication, *East-West Church & Ministry Report*. The Institute seeks to encourage an understanding in the West of Christianity in the former Soviet Union and East Central Europe, and facilitates Christian ministries in these areas.

The *Report* serves as a clearinghouse for information concerning the status of Christianity and evangelical ministries in the former Soviet Union and East Central Europe, and encourages cooperation and coordinated efforts among such ministries working in the East. The *Report* recently received its third award of merit from the Evangelical Press Association.

Elliott is a member of the board of advisors, International Institute for Christian Studies, and is an advisory council member, Peter Deyneka Russian Ministries. He serves on the board of directors of Asbury College Scope Evangelistic Ministries and Russian-American Christian University. ■