

# INSIDE Samford

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Samford University will celebrate its 160th anniversary during the 2001–02 academic year. A 160th Anniversary Committee is working to assist schools/departments with planning events throughout the year.



## Beeson Bequest Provides Samford \$11 Million for Scholarships

Lucille Stewart Beeson had no children of her own, but she had a genuine interest in the future of young people. Over the years, she and her husband, Dwight, underscored this interest by helping numerous students pay for college.

Now, the college education of thousands of future Alabama students will be assured through a \$10 million bequest from Mrs. Beeson to establish a scholarship program at Samford University. Another \$1 million bequest will endow scholarships in Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

The program—thought to be the largest scholarship gift in Alabama history—will provide income to be used annually in perpetuity to assist outstanding Alabama high school graduates at Samford. It is modeled after a nationally known program at the

University of North Carolina.

Recipients must qualify for the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Exceptional Scholars Program, following a process of nomination and selection by a citizens committee. The gift is to Samford, which has responsibility for administering the program in accordance with Mrs. Beeson's wishes.

"She particularly wanted to inspire students to high achievement," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "And she hoped to keep top Alabama students here for higher education and their adult lives."

Mrs. Beeson envisioned a program at Samford modeled along the lines of the John Motley Morehead Scholarships at the University of North Carolina, said Dr. Corts. Established by the family of a former governor of

North Carolina, Morehead scholarships are highly competitive and involve nomination by high schools, an interview process and selection by citizens committees.

In the new Samford program, between 30 and 50 students per year will be studying as Beeson Exceptional Scholars by present standards, Corts noted. The hope is that the program could be ready for implementation by January of 2002, according to Richard J. Brockman, attorney for the Lucille Beeson estate.

Mrs. Beeson and her family members—husband Dwight, brother-in-law Ralph and sister-in-law Orlean—were all major donors to Samford over the course of their lives, and at their deaths. Dwight died in 1985, Orlean in 1986 and Ralph in 1990. The brothers were associated early with Frank Park

Samford, Sr., in Liberty National Life Insurance Company, which became Torchmark Corporation, now listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Lucille Beeson was a very modest person," said Corts, "and she would not appreciate my talking about money in specific ways. So let me just say that the gifts of this one family to Samford University exceed \$100 million, but the consequence and value of those gifts, great as they are, is far, far greater. Their interest and generosity have transformed this institution and made it better than most people ever thought it could be."

The Beeson Exceptional Scholars Program represents the latest—and one of the most far-reaching—examples of this transforming influence. ■

## Samford Names Georgia Southern's Gooding to Succeed Bellas as Business Dean

Dean Carl W. Gooding, who led the Georgia Southern University College of Business Administration to unprecedented growth, will become dean of the Samford University School of Business this summer.

Gooding will succeed Dean Carl J. Bellas, who will retire after five years as head of the Samford business school. During his



Gooding

tenure, Bellas led Samford to its accreditation by the AACSB: The International Association for Management Education.

Gooding, business dean at Georgia Southern since 1986, will join Samford July 1.

"Dean Gooding has led his school at Georgia Southern to consistently higher achievements, both in the size of the program and in its quality," said Dr. Joe O. Lewis,

Samford acting provost. "He has been instrumental in generating both friends and funds for his school. He is widely sought after as a consultant on accreditation issues—a fact that indicates that he knows how to meet high standards."

Under Gooding, Georgia Southern's business faculty increased from 45 to 95 members, enrollment almost doubled (to 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students), the college earned AACSB accreditation and the accounting program earned separate accreditation. In addition, the business college occupies a new

90,000-square foot building.

It was that growth which helped point Gooding toward Samford, where the business school has 525 students and 21 faculty members.

"This is an opportunity to serve in a high quality institution that is selective in its approach," Gooding said. "It's hard to know 95 faculty. I'm looking forward to getting back to a situation in which I can know everybody. I love being in the middle of things with students. I want to interact with students and faculty on a daily basis."

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## Out & About

**Janet Alexander** (Nursing) presented a workshop on PBL to teachers and administrators in the Huntsville and Madison City Schools Feb. 11. **Janet Alexander** and **Gretchen McDaniel** (Nursing) presented a program on PBL in undergraduate education to the Birmingham Regional Organization of Nurse Executives [BRONE] March 14 at The Club in Birmingham.

**Jonathan Bass** (History & Political Science) was interviewed March 5 by host Bob Edwards on NPR's *Morning Edition* concerning his new book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*.

**Tom Berg** (Law) recently published articles on "Religious Conservatives and the Death Penalty" in the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*; on "The Alabama Religious Freedom Amendment: An Interpretive Guide" in the *Cumberland Law Review*; and "Too Good to Be True: The New Era Philanthropy Scandal and its Implications" in a book from Eerdmans Publishing entitled *More Money, More Ministry: Money and Evangelicals in Recent North American History*. Berg also published entries in the *Encyclopedia of Law and Religion* (Garland Press), *The Encyclopedia of the Constitution* (Macmillan) and the *Oxford National Biography*. Berg spoke at the Association of American Law Schools 2000 annual meeting on gay-rights laws and religious freedom; at the Natchez Literary Festival in June 2000 on the Scopes evolution trial; at the Christian Law Professors' Fellowship annual meeting in San Francisco in January 2001 on "Stewardship, Creativity, and Intellectual Property"; and at Loyola Law School in Chicago in February 2001 on "Anti-Catholicism and Modern Church-State Relations."

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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.

**David Chapman** (English), **Elizabeth Dobbins** (Biology) and **Hugh Floyd** (Sociology) attended a seminar, "Academically Based Service-Learning: Transforming Teaching, Scholarship and Community" at Calvin College March 7-10, as part of the Lilly Fellows Network Exchange Program.

**David Chapman**, **Bryan Johnson**, **Lynette Sandley**, **Dave Dedo** and **Dana Basinger** (English) presented a session at the 52nd annual convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Denver. The session was entitled "What Do You Want on this Assignment? How a Problem-Based Classroom Affects Students' Composing Processes."

**Stephen Chew** (Psychology) was an invited speaker at a conference entitled "Enhancing Teaching Through Scholarship" that was sponsored by the Office of Professional and Instructional Development of the University of Wisconsin System. The conference was held March 30-31 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Chew was co-presenter of a session entitled "Scholarly Investigations into Teaching and Learning: Strategies for Design and Implementation" with Dennis C. Jacobs of the Department of Chemistry at Notre Dame. He also took part in panel and roundtable discussions on disciplinary and college-wide issues involved in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

**Thomas E. Corts** (President) and **Jim Eck** (Institutional Research) had their paper "Seaworthiness: Ten Critical Measures" accepted for inclusion in *Trusteeship*, a magazine published by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

**Susan Dean** (Mathematics & Computer Science) attended the Association for Computing Machinery's Symposium on Computer Science Education in Charlotte, N.C., February 21-24. While there, she also attended the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium for Computing in Small College's Southeastern Conference, of which she is program chair.

**Jim Eck** (Institutional Research) and **Archie Lockamy** (Business) will present a paper entitled "Library Improvements at Samford University: Listening to the Voice of the Customer" April 2 at the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in Chicago, Ill. Lockamy was an invited presenter at the 2001 Atlantic Coast Symposium in Charlotte, N.C., sponsored by the American Production and Inventory Control Society. The presentation was entitled "Managing Supply Chains Using The Theory of Constraints." Lockamy was quoted in the March 9 edition of the *Birmingham Business Journal* regarding economic growth in Shelby County.

**Mike Floyd** (Law) gave a lecture on current electronic transactions legislation at a banking law program sponsored by the



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Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

**David Finn** (Education) gave a presentation entitled, "ABCD, ASD: Asperger's Disorder in Children," to Council for Exceptional Children's Birmingham chapter February 27. He was the keynote speaker at the 17th annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities March 5 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The topic of his address was "Autism Spectrum Disorders: Fables, Facts and Families." He was also the post-conference workshop presenter on "Autism Spectrum Disorders [ASD]: An Overview of Characteristics and Intervention Strategies" March 7-8. Finn was appointed to the Phi Delta Kappa, Birmingham Chapter, Scholarship Committee.

**Eric Fournier** (Geography) recently attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New York, N.Y., February 28-March 3. He was a panelist in a session dedicated to exploring issues of concern for small geography departments and was also reappointed for a three-year term on the Association's Commission for College Geography.

**Clara Gerhardt** (Education) presented four papers in South Africa during March. She spoke at the Technikon Natal on the PBL Parenting course. At the Faculty of Health Sciences of the Technikon Pretoria, her topic was "The ABC of PBL: Getting started using a problem-based learning approach." She presented a third paper on PBL entitled: "Problem-Based Learning: Challenges and Solutions" at the Medical University of Southern Africa [MEDUNSA]. This paper was co-authored by **Dan Sandifer-Stech** (Education). She also attended an inaugural lecture in the Department of Psychology, by Dr F. J. van Staden, at the University of South Africa [UNISA].

**Chris Gillespie** (Exercise Science & Sports Medicine) and **Wayne Kendrick** (Athletics) are receiving the Athletic Trainer Service Award from the National Athletic Trainer's Association and will be recognized at NATA's annual meeting and clinical symposia in Los Angeles in June. The award is given for significant contributions to the profession and for being role models for future leaders in the profession.

**Ron Jenkins** and **Mike Howell** (Biology) coauthored a paper with a Samford graduate, **Heather McNatt**, entitled "Ecology of

*Arctosa sanctaerosa* on Dauphine Island, Alabama" in the *Journal of the Alabama Academy of Science*. One of Howell's night photographs of the spider on the beach was featured on the cover.

**Jeannie Krumdieck** (Education) and her husband, Alex, recently received three awards for interior design projects. The Krumdieck Residence Renovation project received the *Southern Living Magazine* Home Awards for Best Renovation and was recognized in the magazine's February issue. The Krumdieck's project was selected over 500 entries from across the country. The Alabama Chapter of the International Interior Design Association also awarded their 2001 "Best of Show" Progression Award to the home renovation project. The Krumdieck's work on the renovation of a private gallery and artist studio at the 1814 First Avenue North Building received a "Silver Award" Progression Award from the same group.

**Paul Kuruk** (Law) accepted an invitation from the assistant director general of the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organization [WIPO] to participate in a conference in April in Geneva, Switzerland, to formulate international policy regarding access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, protection of traditional knowledge and protection of expressions of folklore. He has also been working with Chuck Grainger, general counsel of the Office of the Secretary of State of Alabama, for the adoption of civil law notary legislation in Alabama. Kuruk co-authored the relevant legislation that was filed in March in the Alabama House of Representatives as House Bill 440. The bill proposes changes to Alabama's current notary public system to facilitate its use in international commercial transactions. When adopted, the legislation will be the first of its kind in the United States.

**Janice Lasseter** (English) has an article in the recently published *Dictionary of Literary Biography: American Women Prose Writers, 1820-1870*. Her article is an in-depth literary biography of Rebecca Harding Davis.

**Darlene Mathis** (Nursing) published an article, "Hope as a Predictor of Health Promoting Behavior among Rural Southern Early Adolescents" in the Fall 2000 issue of *The Journal of Multicultural Nursing and Health*.



## April Calendar

Birthdays listed in red.

### Sunday, April 1

Thomas Lee Oliver, Joy Whatley

### Monday, April 2

Patricia Hodge

### Tuesday, April 3

Sandra Willis

- 10 a.m. Chapel: Davis Special Speaker: *Fred Luter, Jr.*
- 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel
- 3 p.m. Softball: SU vs. Georgia State
- 6 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Auburn

### Wednesday, April 4

Sarah Elizabeth Lyman, Joelle Rule, Louise White (ret.)

- 6 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. UAB
- 6 p.m. Samford Film Series Women in Film presents *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, Divinity N302

### Thursday, April 5

Jeanette Campisi, Patricia Jean Pilon, Ralph Stone

- 10 a.m. Chapel: *Charles Bugg*

### Friday, April 6

Lynette Sandley, Erik Dale Sateren, Ervin VanSlambrouck

- 3 p.m. Softball: SU vs. Stetson
- 3 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, DBH 216
- 6 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Central Florida
- 7:30 p.m. A Cappella Choir Concert, Reid Chapel

### Saturday, April 7

Francesco Iannuzzi, Pamela Nelson, Mary Rees

- 1 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Central Florida
- 7 p.m. Samford Musical Theatre Troupe presents *Diva!*, Harrison Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Wind Ensemble Concert, Wright Center

### Sunday, April 8

Brenda Jones, Jimmy Tillette

### Monday, April 9

Milburn Price, Richard Dale Wallace

- 11 a.m. Cordell Hull Speakers Forum: *Michael J. Beloff*, president, *Trinity College, Oxford University*, Robinson Hall Moot Court Room

### Tuesday, April 10

John Coleman, Alan Furr, Fred Hendon, Roger Lander, Sandra O'Brien, Gloria Russell, Jeanette Thompson, C. Alan Verlander, Arthur Walker (ret.)

- 10 a.m. Chapel: *Lowell Vann*
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Health Fair, Flag Colonnade

- 7:30 p.m. Samford Steel Drum Concert, Wright Center

### Wednesday, April 11

Janice Teal (ret.)

- 3:30 p.m. Faculty Shoptalk: *The King's Highway: From Damascus to Aqaba*, Jim Brown, Greg Jeane, Dennis Sansom, Randy Todd, Burns 202

### Thursday, April 12

Glenda Valdmanis, Mary Wimberley

- 10 a.m. Chapel: Easter Silent Service
- 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Divinity Chapel

### Friday, April 13

GOOD FRIDAY

- 12 p.m. Administrative Team Meeting, Flag Colonnade
- 6 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Jacksonville

### Saturday, April 14

Jae Dedo, Sherry Ford, Bill Nunnelley, Stanley Susina (ret.)

- 1 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Jacksonville

### Sunday, April 15

Andrew Benson, Cheryl Cecil, Seth Gibree, Heather West  
EASTER

### Monday, April 16

Lee Allen, Robert Douglas, Catherine Evans, Raymond King, Alan Lyons, Frankie Tatum

EASTER HOLIDAY—NO CLASSES

### Tuesday, April 17

David Ball, Amy Broesecker, John Whittington

- 10 a.m. Chapel: *Hayne Griffen*

### Wednesday, April 18

John Cousins (ret.), John Harris

- 6 p.m. Samford Film Series, Women in Film, presents *Kramer vs. Kramer*, Divinity N302

### Thursday, April 19

Heather Burk, Richard Esposito, W.D. Peoples (ret.), Terry Pickett

- 10 a.m. Honor and Recognition Convocation, Reid Chapel
- 2 p.m. Address by *NASCAR Driver Dale Jarrett*, Reid Chapel
- 4 p.m. Softball: SU vs. Jacksonville State

### Friday, April 20

Renee Hancock

- 4 p.m. Softball: SU vs. Campbell

### Saturday, April 21

Leon Davis (ret.), Scott Joines, Sandra Pickard, Robert Riegert (ret.)

### Sunday, April 22

John Bowman, James Haggard, David Hartley, Mary Martin, Timothy Mullins

- 3 p.m. Chamber Music Society presents *Amadeus Trio*, Reid Chapel

### Monday, April 23

Charlotte Coleman, Martha Ralls, Jennifer Taylor

- 7 p.m. Corts Family Leadership Forum, Divinity Chapel

### Tuesday, April 24

Judi Aucoin, Kristofer Dorn, James Felton, Patricia Harris, Johnny Jacobs, Brent Kinman, Cynthia Lohrke, William Nelson

- 10 a.m. Chapel: *Fahed Abu-Akel*
- 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Corts Family*
- 7:30 p.m. Tracy Wiggins Faculty Recital, Recital Hall

### Wednesday, April 25

Karon Bowdre, Jim McDowell, Julia Diane Warren

LAW SCHOOL SPRING CLASSES END

- 3:30 p.m. Faculty Shoptalk: *On the Trail of Adoniram and Ann Judson to Burma and Thailand, Rosemary Fisk and Carol Ann Vaughn*, Burns 202
- 4 p.m. Softball: SU vs. Middle Tennessee State

### Thursday, April 26

Eric Alan Greene

- 10 a.m. Chapel: International Student Convocation
- 7 p.m. Donor Appreciation Night, Scrushy Center
- 7:30 p.m. Ellis Piano Ensemble, Wright Center
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Floyd Collins*, Harrison Theatre

### Friday, April 27

Jan Baird, Lurla Dennis (ret.), Deborah Fly, Tim McRae

- 6 p.m. Relay for Life, Seibert Stadium Track
- 6 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Mercer
- 12 p.m. Faculty/Staff Devotional Led by *Stephen Chew*, Flag Colonnade
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Floyd Collins*, Harrison Theatre

### Saturday, April 28

Frank Glascock  
SPRING FLING

- 1 p.m. Baseball: SU vs. Mercer
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Floyd Collins*, Harrison Theatre

### Sunday, April 29

Karen Carlisle, Catherine Moore, Cathryn Tanner

- 2 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Floyd Collins*, Harrison Theatre

### Monday, April 30

Jewell Riffe (ret.)

## NEW FACES

Karen Bost (*Education*)  
 Frank Glascock, Jr. (*Printing*)  
 Sherry Gotlieb (*Metro College*)  
 Richard Roper  
 (*Computer & Telecommunication Services*)

## NASCAR Driver Dale Jarrett to Speak at Samford April 19

NASCAR driver and 1999 Winston Cup Points Champion Dale Jarrett will speak in a chapel service at Samford April 19. The service begins at 2 p.m. in Reid Chapel.

Jarrett will share his Christian testimony and experiences from the NASCAR circuit in a service that falls just days before race weekend at the Talladega Superspeedway.

As the son of a NASCAR legend, many expected Jarrett to follow in his father Ned's footsteps. However, the younger Jarrett excelled in a variety of sports in high school, including football, basketball, baseball and golf. Racing eventually captured Jarrett's interest. He and his father are one of only two father-son combinations to win championships in NASCAR's elite series.

Jarrett earned 2000 "True Value Man of the Year" honors for his charity work, including his position as national spokesperson, with wife Kelley, for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. It was the second time he has been cited with the award. ■

Samford University Theatre presents



# Floyd Collins

April 26—29

For more information  
or tickets,  
call 726-2853.

# “Tidy-up” Campus Projects Total \$153,000

During the faculty workshop last August, Samford President Thomas E. Corts offered a one-time, “reasonable” request for items and repairs that would help faculty immediately to work more effectively. Following is a list by school/department of the amount (rounded to nearest thousand) and requests that were granted:

**Biology:** \$11,000 for 12 handheld instructional global positioning units, two research quality global positional units, one professional, sub-meter accurate GPS system for publishing quality data, and software upgrade for mapping

**Chemistry:** \$9,000 for software upgrade on six faculty and 14 Brooks Hall computer lab computers, six ChemDraw Ultra

software for faculty

**Journalism/Mass Communication:** \$27,000 to replace missing and nonfunctioning computers in computer lab, portable PowerPoint projection system for classroom and competition, editing bay for broadcasting facilities in Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall, portable Smartboard projection system for teaching in lab and classroom, new backdrop for SNN news set to replace one that would not fit in new facility, cable television installation into JMC classrooms for instructional use, TV monitor and VCR installation in JMC computer lab, six new desk chairs for JMC faculty and department secretary

**Psychology/Sociology:** \$10,000 to upgrade seven

computers and workstations in lab in Burns 304

**Speech, Communication and Theatre:** \$16,000 for performance laboratory equipment, including two each videocassette recorder/player units, digital video cameras, high definition monitors, Dell laptop computers equipped for digital recording and playing, one digital projector

**World Languages and Cultures:** \$25,000 for podia and maps for five classrooms, blackboards for two rooms, new carpet and chairs in Chapman Hall computer lab, new desk chairs for full-time faculty, signs for doors

**School of Music:** \$10,000 for repairs to the building, including 40 new desks for classrooms, wheelchair ramp for handicap

access at stairs from lower level of Wright Center to first floor Buchanan Hall, replace ceiling tiles in first floor hallway, repair or replace warped light fixtures in first floor hallway, provide sound insulation stripping around door of Buchanan 205, add five-line staffs to half of the dry-erase board in Buchanan 204, replace water fountain, repair two holes in Buchanan 309 above piano and next to heating/air conditioning unit, remove two sinks and counter in Buchanan 310

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy and Arts and Sciences:** \$43,000 shared for a high-performance liquid chromatograph. ■

## Corts Siblings To Gather for Leadership Forum April 23–24

Samford President Thomas E. Corts and his five surviving siblings will offer their perspectives on leadership during a two-day event at Samford April 23–24, “A Family of Leaders Looks at Leadership.”

The event grew from an invitation to the Corts siblings to speak to Beeson professor Charles Carter’s class on pastoral leadership.

Each of Corts’ siblings also serves in a leadership capacity. Naomi Corts White is an eighth-grade science teacher in East Brunswick, N.J., who was selected as one of the top 100 public schoolteachers in the state. John Corts is president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis. Mark Corts is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a former president of the Baptist State Convention of North

Carolina. David Corts is associate pastor of Christ Church of the Valley in Phoenix, Ariz., and past president of the North American Christian Convention. Paul Corts is president of Palm Beach Atlantic College and past president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

A public forum will be held Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Divinity Chapel. Each sibling will share thoughts on a different aspect of leadership, including “What Makes a Leader?” “The Spiritual Capacity of the Leader,” “The Leader as Visionary” and “Attributes and Characteristics of the Effective Leader.”

Corts family members will also lead the weekly chapel service of Beeson Divinity School Tuesday, April 24, at 11 a.m. They will speak to the divinity class later that afternoon. ■

## Relay for Life Planned April 27–28 at Samford

The American Cancer Society’s signature fund-raising event, Relay for Life, will be held at Samford April 27–28. The University is the first school in Alabama to host the event.

The relay will take place at the Seibert Stadium track beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, with participants taking turns walking during the 12-hour overnight event. The event includes an opening lap walked by cancer survivors and a 10 p.m. luminary ceremony in which candles are lit in honor or memory of those who have battled cancer. The relay concludes at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

Throughout the relay, participants and observers will enjoy entertainment, food,

games and camaraderie.

Currently, more than 60 teams of Samford students have enrolled to participate in the relay to help the fight against cancer. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate as well.

Informational packets about the Relay for Life are available in the Office of Student Involvement in the University Center. A meeting of team captains will be held April 5 at 6 p.m. in Divinity N302.

For more information about the Relay for Life, contact Jennifer Dunn (jedunn@samford.edu) at extension 2031 or Joelle Rule (jlrule@samford.edu) at extension 2907. ■

**Out & About** *cont. from page 2*

**Mary Monk-Tutor** (Pharmacy) was approved as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists [FASHP] by the ASHP Commission on Credentialing and will be honored in a special ceremony at the ASHP Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in June.

**Gregg Morrison** (Divinity) presented a paper entitled "Romans 4 in Paul's Argument: The Place of Abraham in the *Pistis Iesou Christou* Debate" at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature [SBL] meeting March 17 in Charlotte, N.C.

**Karen Newman and Susan Rice** (Nursing) will present a paper entitled "Meeting the Health-Care Needs of Culturally Diverse Populations" April 26 in Denver, Colo., at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's 2001 Master's Education Conference. They will also present a paper on "Emerging Issues in Caring for Culturally Diverse Populations" at the Alabama State Nurses' Association's Annual Clinical Education Sessions Conference April 24 Montgomery.

**Valerie Prince** (Pharmacy) presented a continuing education program, "ABCs of Addiction," at the February Alabama Pharmacy Association Midwinter Meeting in Montgomery.

**Jon Remley** (Music) traveled to Forney, Texas, during spring break to work as a consultant/clinician with the instrumental music program there.

**Paul Richardson** (Music) will lead a workshop at the April 20-22 convocation of the Alliance of Baptists in Decatur, Ga. The session is entitled "A House of Prayer for All People: Planning for Inclusive Worship." Co-leader will be Deborah Loftis Schoenfeld, a former adjunct faculty

and member of the library staff at Samford, who is now on the faculty of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

**Randall Richardson** (Music) was featured soloist in a Lenten Concert at Northside United Methodist Church in March. In April, he will sing the tenor role in "The Passion" by Greg Nelson at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Richardson's former students, John Autry (baritone soloist), Chris Owens (Jesus) and Clay Campbell (conductor) will also perform in the concert.

**William Ross** (Law) was invited by the Senate Judiciary Committee to submit written testimony concerning the factors that the Senate should consider in confirming Cabinet nominees in connection with its deliberations on the nomination of John Ashcroft to serve as Attorney General. Ross published a law review article on the subject two years ago.

**Joelle Rule** (Athletics) was invited to attend the Relay for Life Youth and Young Adult Summit March 30-31 in Dallas, Texas, as a community volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Rule attended the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Orientation and Continuing Education conference in Long Beach, Calif., February 8-13. CHAMPS/Life Skills is a program that provides educational experience and services to help student-athletes develop well-balanced lifestyles, define personal and career goals, and enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience in the university setting.

**Corky Strickland** (Law) spoke to the Charter Property Casualty Underwriters (a professional insurance organization) in February about arbitration and arbitration law in Alabama. ■

## Interior Design Program to Celebrate FIDER Accreditation

Samford's interior design program will celebrate its accreditation by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research [FIDER] with a reception April 18 at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Stanley Abercrombie, FAIA, of Sonoma, Calif., editorial director and vice president of *Interior Design* magazine, will be the keynote speaker at the by-invitation event. A noted editor, author, teacher, lecturer and curator, Abercrombie is an architect and contributing editor of *Preservation* magazine.

The reception will also feature an exhibition of project presentation techniques on loan from

professional interior design and architectural firms across the U.S. Exhibits will range from preliminary artistic sketches to advanced computer graphics and models.

Samford officials received word of the FIDER accreditation in May. The designation makes the Samford program one of about 130 in the U.S. and Canada to have the agency's stamp of approval. FIDER is the specialized accrediting agency for interior design programs at colleges and universities in North America. Its mission is to "promote excellence in interior design education through research and accreditation of academic programs."

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## Distinguished Speakers Highlight Spring Semester in London

Three distinguished speakers have visited Daniel House, Samford's London Study Centre, in recent weeks. The guest lecturers have participated in Tom Woolley's course on the implications of chance for traditional Christian theology, "Chance!"

John Polkinghorne met with Samford students March 16 at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Divinity. A retired elementary particle physicist at the University of Cambridge and former president of Queen's College, Cambridge, Polkinghorne was knighted in 1997 by the Queen.

Arthur Peacocke, recently announced recipient of the distinguished Templeton Foundation

Prize for Progress in Religion, spoke to Samford students March 23. A retired biochemist and pioneering researcher at Oxford University, Peacocke is also an Anglican priest and former Dean of Clare College, Cambridge.

David Bartholomew visited with Samford students in London March 30. Bartholomew is a retired statistician from the London School of Economics and has written extensively on the topic of chance and Christianity.

To learn more about Woolley's course, visit his Web site at <http://faculty.samford.edu/~twwoole/>. ■

## Gooding to Succeed Bellas *cont. from page 1*

Gooding listed two high priorities at Samford as increasing graduate school enrollment and fund-raising for the business school.

"But first, I want to spend some one-on-one time with faculty and get to know the other deans, to see where the business school fits in with the mission of the University," he said.

Gooding, 57, previously served business programs at East Carolina University (1980-86), Clemson University (1975-80) and the University of Georgia (1972-75). At each institution, he held administrative as well as teaching responsibilities.

The Maryland native holds Ph.D. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Georgia and the B.S. in mathematics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, which he attended on a Naval ROTC scholarship.

An active participant in AACSB, Gooding serves on the organization's board of directors and was a member of its Initial Accreditation Committee and Candidacy Committee. He has visited more than 30 schools as accreditation team chair, member,

adviser or consultant.

Gooding also served as president of the Southern Business Administration Association and for five years was program chairman of the group's summer workshop, "Managing the School of Business." He has written numerous articles for scholarly journals.

Retiring Dean Bellas joined Samford in 1996 after 13 years as business dean at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. In addition to leading Samford's AACSB accreditation effort that culminated in 1999, Bellas stressed incorporating the international aspect into business courses and underscored the need for communication and people skills as well as computer and management expertise for business majors.

"Dean Carl Bellas has done a wonderful job of leading the School of Business to achieve AACSB accreditation," said Dr. Lewis. "He has also contributed significantly to the development of this faculty and to creating a climate of achievement that has served us well. Moreover, Dean Bellas has been a valued colleague to his fellow deans." ■

# Banquet Set for April 24 To Honor Rod Davis

A banquet honoring Rod Davis in recognition of his upcoming retirement will be held at Vestavia Country Club April 24 at 6:30 p.m. The occasion will salute his 10 years of service as dean of the Howard College Arts and Sciences. Although stepping down from the dean's position, Davis will continue to teach in the Department of English.

Under Davis' leadership, the faculty of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences increased in both size and reputation. He spearheaded major new programs, such as the Co-neXus curriculum and the BACHE consortium, and helped broaden offerings in Arts and Sciences, including programs in Environmental Science, GIS and a new Department of Classics.

"All of us in Arts and Sciences owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his selfless devotion to the college," noted David Chapman, associate dean of Arts



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and Science. "His caring for individual faculty goes far beyond what his job might have required."

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 for faculty and staff. A discount is available for full-time students. Contact Glenda Martin at extension 2771 for more details. ■

## Joys & Sorrows

### Congratulations to . . .

- **Jonathan Bass** (History & Political Science) on the March 1 birth of his daughter, Caroline Grace Bass.
- **Linda Connor** (Law) on the Feb. 20 birth of her daughter, Shelby Dukes Connor.
- **Janice James** (Law) on the Feb. 20 birth of her granddaughter, Kaitlyn Renae James.
- **Tony McBride** (Pharmacy) on the March 10 birth of his granddaughter, Meredith Rebecca McBride.
- **Jon and Rebecca Remley** (Music) and **Dan Sandifer-Stech** (Education) as their children, Lian Remley and Lily Sandifer-Stech became U.S. citizens Feb. 27. The Child Citizenship Act of 2000 was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton last fall.

### Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **Bill Bugg** (Music) in the death of his mother, Francene Bugg.
- **Janet Jones** (Athletics) in the death of her mother, Carolyn Jones.
- **Jan Baird** (Education), **Mary Hudson** (Mathematics & Computer Science) and **Ruth Hudson** (Financial Aid) in the death of Jan's brother, Mary's brother-in-law, and Ruth's uncle, Terry Kirkland.

I can never express how deeply I love and appreciate the Samford Community for the support you gave me during my years of full-time employment, for the love and concern shown me and my family during my recent illness and subsequent disability, and for the wonderful reception. God bless all of you for the wonderful experience and cherished memories.

Your servant,  
John Hunt



An exhibit of original oil paintings by local artist and part-time Beeson Divinity School student Adele Northington will be on display in Beeson's Gallery for the Visual Arts (in the student commons of the divinity school) during April. The exhibition features a series of paintings of butterfly wings, close up, that expresses the theme of transformation. The symbol of the butterfly has long been a symbol of transformation in church history. It has also become a symbol of transformation in the artist's own life as she came to experience a burst of creativity in response to events of faith and healing in her life.

A group of Beeson Divinity students will help sponsor a cleanup of Shades Creek on Saturday, April 7. Co-sponsors include the Friends of Shades Creek and the Cahaba River Society. Other Samford students, faculty and staff are welcomed and encouraged to join the group April 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m. They will meet at the entrance to Jameson Park on Cahaba Road in Mountain Brook.

The Samford Wind Ensemble, the concert band of the University, will be in concert Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Center. The program will feature *Festive Overture* by Dmitri Shostakovich, *March from Symphonic Metamorphosis* by Paul Hindemith, *Be Thou My Vision* by David Gillingham, *Incantation and Dance* by John Barnes Chance, and *Lincoln Portrait* by Aaron Copland. The concert is free.

Student Health Services will host the fifth annual Health Fair, Tuesday, April 10, in the Flag Colonnade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps [AFROTC] is offering a new One-Year College Program for those students who have either one year left with their undergraduate program or are planning to attend graduate school starting in fall 2001.

The One-Year College Program [OYCP] is designed to give college juniors the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degrees within one year, enroll in AFROTC and receive commission in the United States Air Force as second lieutenant.

Students who enroll in the OYCP will take AFROTC in addition to their normal class load. The academic class meets on Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., with a Leadership Lab on Thursday, 3-5 p.m. During these times, they will receive the necessary training to help them succeed as officers in the USAF.

For more information about the OYCP or other opportunities available, including law and medical school scholarships, contact AFROTC Detachment 012 at extension 2859. ■

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FIDER cited the Samford program especially for its close academic relationship with the school's art department. Samford students majoring in interior design must also receive a strong foundation in art courses, and they receive a minor in art. FIDER also noted that the program's faculty members have significant prior experience in commercial design and professional practice.

Samford's interior design program is part of the Department of Human and Sciences and Design, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. The faculty includes associate professors Jeannie Krumdieck, director, and Ken Brazil. Patricia Hart is chair, human sciences and design.

The interior design program enrolls 40 students from Alabama and 10 other states. ■