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University, Nature Conservancy Partner in Unique Program

Samford University and the Alabama chapter of the Nature Conservancy have joined efforts to further conservation planning, environmental education and stewardship efforts throughout the state.

In a unique partnership, biology students in Samford's Geographical Information Systems [GIS] program will create GIS maps of conservation sites around the state for use by the conservancy.

The maps will display topography, natural communities, rare species populations, soils, geology and other key components of natural areas. The data will enhance the conservancy's capacity to gather and manage key biological and land information to guide conservation decision-making.

"This is an exciting partnership for Samford and the conservancy," said Chris Oberholster, director of conservation planning and stewardship for the conservancy's Alabama chapter. "This project will provide Samford students hands-on training and experience in environmental management, GIS and conservation planning, while providing the conservancy with strategic information that is critical to our protection efforts."

The partnership is a "win-win situation" for both parties, says Samford biology professor Paul Blanchard, who serves as project coordinator.

"Samford students will have opportunities to confront real-world ecological and biological challenges through interaction

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New Photographic History Traces Samford's 160 Years

A new pictorial history, *160 Years of Samford University*, is off the presses this summer in time to help celebrate the school's 160th anniversary during the 2001-02 school year.

Written and compiled by Sean Flynt, a 1991 Samford graduate, the 128-page trade paperback tells the Samford story largely through vintage photographs from the school's three campuses in Marion, East Lake and Homewood.

The rarely seen photos from the Special Collection department of Samford's library are supplemented by informative, entertaining captions. They provide a chance to relive some of the most memorable moments in Samford history.

Images in the book range from informal to formal, routine

to remarkable and tragic to hilarious. Most of the approximately 200 photos focus on people.

"Photographs tell stories that make words pale in comparison," said Elizabeth Wells, Special Collection librarian who helped Flynt compile the volume.

Flynt, a news and feature writer at Samford, is a fourth-generation alumnus who is also a photographer, student of photographic history and collector of unusual antique photos. He relished the task of working on the book.

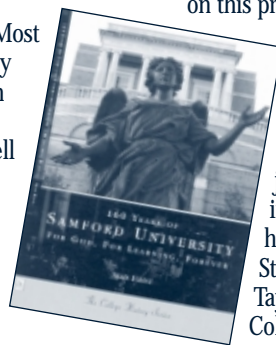
"I've always felt close to Samford because it has meant so much to my family, but working

on this project brought me even closer and gave me a historical perspective on my personal experience," he said.

Flynt said the project would have been impossible without the help of Wells, Becky Strickland and Jennifer Taylor of the Special Collection staff.

"They never failed to point me in the direction of what I was looking for, and they revealed many of the images that are the gems of this book," he said.

The book is part of the College History Series published by Arcadia Publishing of Charleston, S.C. It sells in bookstores (including the Samford Bookstore) for \$19.99. Book royalties will go to Samford. ■



Arts & Sciences Receives \$100,000 FIPSE Grant for PBL Project with Maastricht

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences has received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support a joint problem-based learning [PBL] project with the University of Maastricht (Netherlands).

The grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education [FIPSE] is designed to support cooperative work between U.S. and European Community schools. The grant will enable faculty at the two schools to develop 16 interdisciplinary PBL problems.

Project director is Dr. David W. Chapman, Samford arts and sciences dean.

Sample problem topics from the first year include "Forms of

Democracy," "Ethical Dilemmas," "Problems of Political Integration," "The Development of Modern Rationality and Its Critique" and "Mechanisms of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Sciences and Arts."

In the second year, the initial themes will be pursued and new topics added in "Mass Media and Culture" and "Visual Culture."

The project is an outgrowth of Samford's work in PBL funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts. In 1998, Samford received a \$1 million grant from Pew to explore the uses of PBL in undergraduate education. A follow-up grant of \$750,000 in 1999 was awarded to support documentation and review of teaching using PBL course portfolios.

As part of the original Pew grant, five Samford faculty visited Maastricht in 1999, and three Maastricht faculty led a workshop at Samford later the same year. Wim Gijsselaers of Maastricht was a keynote speaker at an international PBL conference hosted by Samford in the fall of 2000.

"Our work with Maastricht has been of great benefit to both schools," said Chapman. "Maastricht has been teaching PBL classes for a much longer period of time, but we feel we bring some strengths in mediated instruction and in program assessment."

Maastricht, located in the southern Netherlands, enrolls 11,000 students. ■

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Robert Hoover** (Admission) on the July 11 birth of his daughter, Hannah Grace Hoover.
- **Verna Madrid** (University Relations) on the June 26 birth of her son, Samuel Christian Madrid.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **William Collins** (Political Science) in the death of his son, Matthew.
- **Jackie Davis** (Nursing) in the death of her son, Brooke.
- **Jane Hiles** (English) in the death of her mother, Emma Jane (Peg) Hiles.
- **Ruth Holt** (Education) in the death of her husband, Mabry.
- **Bill Kolar** (Computer & Telecommunication Services) in the death of his mother, Ruth Kolar.
- **David Langum** (Law) in the death of his son, John.
- **Richard Rodgers** (Computer & Telecommunication Services) in the death of his mother, Agnes May Falls Hassett.
- **Bob Schrimsher** (Pharmacy) in the death of his wife, Diana.
- **Dennis Self** (Computer & Telecommunication Services) in the death of his sister, Eunice Dutton.

Dear Dr. Cortis & Samford family,

The family of Theo Theodore acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for sending the lovely plant in memory of my father.

Irene Grubbs

Dear Dr. Cortis,

Thank you for the lovely plant sent in memory of my stepfather Jean-Michel Perreault. It will serve as a reminder of the kindness and concern of the Samford community. My stepfather loved birds and gardening, so the little bird amongst the ivy was very appropriate.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Donna K. Fitch

Dr. Cortis:

Thank you for your care and prayers. I consider myself very blessed to have such friends as yourself and Mrs. Cortis.

Thank you for the potted plant. Every time I see it, I think of the blessing of being a part of the Samford University Family.
Richard C. Rodgers



FYI

The Samford Career Development Center encourages faculty and staff to share with students of all classifications the opportunities available in Career Development, including assistance with major/career decisions, jobs (part-time and career), internships, graduate/professional school, resumes, interviews, career library and networking. For more information, call extension 2980 or E-mail career@samford.edu.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in a national satellite teleconference entitled "Maximum Tax Savings in the Tax Reform Act of 2001." The Oct. 11 event, hosted by Samford's Office of Gift and Estate Planning, will be held in Brock Forum, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. In a "Before TRA 2001 and After TRA 2001" format, three nationally known speakers will present case studies of three donor families. The presentations will feature clear and simple graphics of favorite tax-saving ideas for giving assets twice, to themselves and then to favorite charities. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive packet of the material presented. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Brenda Morris at extension 4266 or E-mail giftplan@samford.edu.

NEW FACES

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| Fred Bishop (<i>Athletics</i>) | Kynon Ingram (<i>Admission</i>) |
| Sandra Bowden
(<i>Children's Learning Center</i>) | Christopher Kouns (<i>Athletics</i>) |
| Vickie Castello (<i>Campus Safety</i>) | George Kustos (<i>University Library</i>) |
| Mark Caton (<i>Campus Safety</i>) | Lori Beth Lewis (<i>Controller's Office</i>) |
| John David Chatta (<i>Computer & Telecommunication Services</i>) | Martha Martin (<i>Law</i>) |
| Brad Creed (<i>Associate Provost</i>) | Mark Mathieu (<i>Campus Safety</i>) |
| Deborah Crowson (<i>Student Records</i>) | Sandra McDonald
(<i>from Divinity to Metro College</i>) |
| Jennifer Erwin
(<i>Children's Learning Center</i>) | Renee Pelfrey (<i>Bursar's Office</i>) |
| John Lee Fortner (<i>Divinity</i>) | Natalie Reliford
(<i>Children's Learning Center</i>) |
| Jennifer Gassner (<i>From Student Records to Paralegal Studies</i>) | Bridget Rose (<i>Divinity</i>) |
| Gail Gough
(<i>from Divinity to University Relations</i>) | Chris Scott (<i>Athletics</i>) |
| Jennifer Graham
(<i>Children's Learning Center</i>) | James Ray Stanfield (<i>Athletics</i>) |
| Corrie Harris (<i>Residence Life</i>) | Patricia Stanfield (<i>Student Affairs</i>) |
| Jill Hickey (<i>Budget & Audit</i>) | Iva Thomas (<i>from Law to Education</i>) |
| | Leah Trigg (<i>Children's Learning Center</i>) |
| | Cathleen Wheatley
(<i>University Library</i>) |

Samford Joins Campus Compact to Promote Service

Samford University recently joined Campus Compact, a national coalition of more than 750 colleges and universities committed to making community service an integral part of undergraduate education.

Housed at Brown University, Campus Compact promotes community service that develops students' citizenship skills and values, encourages collaborative partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate public and community engagement into their teaching and research.

In 1985, the presidents of Brown, Georgetown and Stanford universities, along with the president of the Education Commission of the States, formed Campus Compact to support the growing number of college students involved in community service and to issue a call for more students to serve.

Lynette Sandley (Co-neXus) attended the recent Campus Compact Intermediate Institute for the Engaged Department workshop.

Sandley, along with David Chapman (Arts & Sciences), Bryan Johnson (English), Jennifer Dunn (Student Involvement) and Sharon Fenstermaker, executive director of Bread and Roses Women and Children's Shelter, attended last year's institute. The group composed the mission statement for the service-learning component

within the Communication Arts 101 classes and formalized a relationship with Bread and Roses, only one of 20 service organizations with which the Communication Arts classes partnered.

The program is based upon the implementation of service-learning within courses from the past year, Sandley served at this year's institute as an adviser, along with other returning team members, to nine universities in the composition of their mission statements for implementing service-learning into courses.

The Communication Arts 101 classes at Samford will again engage in service learning this fall as part of the Problem-Based Learning Initiative.

For more information, contact Sandley (extension 4046, lmsandle@samford.edu) or Dunn (extension 2345, jedunn@samford.edu), or visit the organization's Web site at www.compact.org. ■

Samford 2001 Football Schedule

Aug. 30	Chattanooga*	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Tennessee Tech	11 a.m.
	FOX Sports South TV	
Sept. 22	at Gardner-Webb	6 p.m. EDT
Sept. 29	at Nicholls State	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Jacksonville State	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Alcorn State	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Charleston So.	1:30 p.m. EDT
Oct. 27	UT-Martin**	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	Elon	1 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Eastern KY	1 p.m. EST
Nov. 17	at VMI	1 p.m. EST

*Thursday game **Homecoming



Out & About

Robert Angus, Mike Howell, Ron Jenkins (Biology) and Samford alumna **Heather McNatt** authored "Identification of Androstenedione in a River Containing Paper Mill Effluent" in a recent issue of *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*.

David Bains (Religion) attended a conference on "Teaching the New American Religious History" at Vanderbilt Divinity School June 5-7. The conference was sponsored by the Material History of American Religion project.

Jonathan Bass' (History) book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize by LSU Press. Bass also received one of the annual Thomas Jefferson Awards from the Jefferson County Historical Commission in June. This award is presented to individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the study of the history of Birmingham and Jefferson County or who have made significant contributions in the area of historic preservation.

Dana Basinger (Communication Arts) attended the Institute for Transforming Undergraduate Education at the University of

Delaware June 18-22. The institute's focus was integrating problem-based learning with online resources.

Sigurd Bryan (Religion) is writing the weekly Family Bible Study commentary for *The Alabama Baptist* this summer.

Jack Brymer (University Relations) was elected to the Corner High School Alumni Hall of Fame in May.

Stephen Chew (Psychology) spent June 1-8 in Daytona Beach, Fla., as a faculty grader for the College Board Advanced Placement Exam for Psychology. He and approximately 170 other psychology instructors from across the country graded 143,500 essays written by high school students trying to earn college credit for general psychology. (Chew says, "Even though the hotel was on the beach, the intrepid graders spent 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day grading essays.")

Charlotte Coleman and Heather West (World Languages and Cultures) accompanied a group of Samford students to France, where they participated in a five-week French-immersion program at the Université Stendhal—Grenoble III.

An article in the July issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine on generic drugs referenced research conducted by the McWhorter School of Pharmacy's Managed Care Institute. **Tim Covington** is director of the Institute.

Joe Dean (Pharmacy) was installed as chair of the Council of Deans of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy July 9 in Toronto, Canada. At this meeting, he chaired a session and presented survey data on international pharmacy education, as chair of the International Pharmacy Education Advisory Committee of AACP. Dean is also the incoming chair of the private colleges group of AACP.

Jennifer Dunn, Suzanne Martin, K. C. White (Student Involvement) and **Lynette Moore Sandley** (ConeXus) attended "Colleges Partnering with Communities: Celebrating Successes," sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Hess



Bains



Dean



Lawhon



Prince

Center for Leadership and Service at Birmingham-Southern College June 18-19.

Jim Eck completed 12 weeks of Dale Carnegie training and received the Dale Carnegie Courses Highest Award for Achievement. Eck also contributed definitions for 25 words as part of a revision of *Good's Dictionary of Education*.

Paul Holloway (Religion) presented a paper, "Consolation in First Peter," at the International Society of Biblical Literature meeting July 8-12 in Rome, Italy.

Randolph Horn (Political Science) presented a paper at the National Conference of Christians in Political Science entitled, "The Ceilingless Classroom: Everyday Evaluation and Research in Undergraduate Instruction." The conference was held June 7-10 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif.

Mike Howell's (Biology) research on masculinized fish was highlighted in the May issue of *Field & Stream* magazine.

George Keller (Biology) directed the annual Alabama Governor's School during July at Samford.

Paul Kuruk (Law) participated at the annual meeting of the Alabama State Bar at Destin, Fla., July 15-19. At the meeting, he was elected secretary of the International Law Section of the Alabama State Bar. He also commented on pending state legislation at a program on civil-law notaries organized by the International Law Section.

Sherrie Lawhon (Performing Arts) was guest lecturer for the 2001 Summer Chinese Christian Church Music Institutes held in Nyack, N.Y.,

and San Raphael, Calif. She was a soloist and taught classes in voice and English diction.

Morgan Ponder (Chemistry) will have an article titled "Structural Studies on Conformationally Defined 6-*s-trans* UAB Retinoids" appear in the *Journal of Molecular Structure* (THEOCHEM) in July. His co-authors include Tracy Hamilton and Don Muccio of UAB and two former Samford undergraduates, Lester Williams and Alan Long.

Valerie Prince (Pharmacy) recently presented "Chemical Dependency in Health-Care Professionals" at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies in Salt Lake City. This conference is conducted to educate professionals such as pharmacists, physicians, dentists, criminal justice experts, counselors, educators, employee assistance program personnel and others. Prince also presented "Detection and Management of Substance Abuse in Pharmacy Personnel" at the Bruno's Continuing Education Retreat at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.

Lynette Moore Sandley (ConeXus) attended the Intermediate Institute for the Engaged Department sponsored by Campus Compact June 7-8 in Portland, Ore.

Becky Strickland (University Library) serves on the Homewood Public Library's Long-Range Planning Committee.

Carla Waddell (Library) attended the ACRL [Association of College and Research Libraries] regional Institute for Information Literacy in Madison, Wisc., June 3-8. The Wisconsin Immersion was hosted by Edgewood College, Madison, Wisc.

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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.

Howard Walthall (Law) recently participated in the taping of an instructional video entitled *State Constitutions in the Twentieth Century*, in which he and Alan Tarr of Rutgers University's Political Science Department were interviewed by Bailey Thomson of the University of Alabama Journalism Department. The tape will be one of several that will be used in connection with an undergraduate course on the Alabama state constitution to be offered at Samford as well as at other Alabama universities. **Randolph Horn** (Political Science) will be the on-site instructor for the Samford course offering. Another tape in the series will feature an interview with Samford President **Thomas E. Corts** and Law Professor **Albert P. Brewer**. Walthall spoke to the July 18 annual meeting of the Alabama Law Institute on revising the Alabama constitution through re-compiling and consolidating its provisions.

Doug Wilson (University Relations) was named president of the Vestavia Hills Rotary club for the 2001-02 year. He was also selected to be in this year's class of Leadership Vestavia Hills.

A summer episode of National Public Radio's program *With Heart and Voice* included two pieces from the recent recording of the Samford A Cappella Choir, *O Magnum Mysterium*. Performing Arts Dean **Milburn Price** conducts the choir. *With Heart and Voice* is a nationally syndicated program of sacred choral and organ music hosted by Richard Gladwell that originates from WXXI in Rochester, N.Y.

The University of Alabama Press recently released *Alabama Governors: A Political History of the State*. Samford historians contributing chapters included **Lee Allen**, **Marlene Rikard**, **Jonathan Bass** and **John Mayfield**. Former faculty contributing to the volume included Hugh Bailey, Leah Atkins, and Wayne Flynt. The book—co-authored by Samford alumna Margaret Armbruster—is the one millionth addition to the Samford library collection.

The Department of Psychology sent 21 students to present their research at the 16th Southeastern Undergraduate Psychology Research conference April 20 at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. The research projects were sponsored by **Sandra Willis** and **Stephen Chew**. ■

2001 Faculty Workshop Set for Aug. 20-22

The annual Pre-School Faculty Workshop is scheduled for Aug. 20-22 in Harrison Theatre. Coffee and pastries will be available at 8 a.m. Aug. 20, with the program starting at 8:30 a.m.

Samford President Thomas E. Corts will address the faculty at 9 a.m. Aug. 20. A dialogue time with the president will be held at 11:45 a.m.

Susan Howard, executive secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa

Society, will address the workshop on "The Liberal Arts and the University" Aug. 20 at 10:45 a.m.

Afternoon opportunities include new faculty orientation, Horizons faculty workshop, technology seminars and school/department meetings.

A 6 p.m. banquet for full-time faculty and their spouses will be held Monday night at the Richard M. Scruschy Conference Center. ■

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with the conservancy's holdings that will act as 'living classrooms,'" said Blanchard. "This type of education is totally consistent with the biology department's strong commitment to holistic, problem-based learning." Maps will be created for all 16 conservancy preserves in Alabama, including the high priority Mobile-Tensaw Delta,

Paint Rock River and Talladega Mountains, which have been deemed critical for protection. The first focus, beginning this fall, will be the conservancy's properties in the area of Little Cahaba River. The project will involve students in Samford's field zoology, plant taxonomy, biological sciences and GIS environmental courses. ■



August Calendar

Birthdays are listed in red.

Wednesday, August 1

Paula Ballard, Mickey Naro, Katherine Robinson

Thursday, August 2

Metro College Final Exams

Friday, August 3

Roger Parker
Metro College Final Exams

Saturday, August 4

Bob Hatfield, Mattie Kelley, Paul Richardson, Vicki Robbins
Metro College Final Exams

Sunday, August 5

Robert Pacienza, William Robbins, Julie Sims Steward

Monday, August 6

Judy Martin
1st Fall Session Metro College Registration, Validation & Classes Begin

Tuesday, August 7

Stephen Chew, James Harris

Wednesday, August 8

William Hodge, Jim Lewis, Joyce Terry
2nd Summer Term Classes End

Thursday, August 9

2nd Summer Term Final Exams

Friday, August 10

Sandra McDonald, Lloyd Taylor
• 10 a.m. Administrative Team Meeting, Divinity N302

Saturday, August 11

Dorothy Brice, Janet Chestnut, Margo Rene' Golden, Monty Hogewood, Marlene Rikard

Sunday, August 12

Larry Davenport, Wallace Williams

Tuesday, August 14

Donna Vann, Theresa Millender, Lavone Warren

Wednesday, August 15

Gretchen McDaniel

Thursday, August 16

Joyce Chapplelear, Donna Hester, Vicki Maddox, Stacy Waldrep Miner

Friday, August 17

Scott Deken, Paul Kelly, Steven McKinney, Ellen McLaughlin

Saturday, August 18

Tom Berg, Dan Connell, William Kolar, Mark Wadley

Sunday, August 19

Ginger Frost, James King, Debi Whitcomb

Monday, August 20

Debra Atchison, Ben Bingham, Abdullah Birdsong
Law Registration/Validation Faculty Workshop

Tuesday, August 21

Nathan Davis, Jo Dohoney, Charlotte Freeman
Law Classes Begin Faculty Workshop

Wednesday, August 22

Kimberley Benner, Caroline Gowins, Hubert Hocutt, Wayne Satterwhite, Nancy Whitt
Faculty Workshop

Thursday, August 23

Lisa Black, Glenn Waddell, Michelle Wales

Friday, August 24

Tabitha Moore, Ann Waller
Validation for Fall Semester

Saturday, August 25

Reba Clark, Crystal Dodd, Michael Naro, Lisa Wienhold
Validation for Fall Semester

Monday, August 27

Gary Furr
Fall Semester Classes Begin

Tuesday, August 28

Billye Currie, Ed Landers, Calvin Miller, Donna Seibels
• 10 a.m. University Convocation, Seibert Hall

Wednesday, August 29

Jennifer Erwin, Kay Hambrick, Monica Slater

Thursday, August 30

Jennifer Beall, Dara Trotter, Janice Vaughn, Jonathan Waddell, NaTasha Worthy
• 7 p.m. Football: SU vs. Chattanooga, Seibert Stadium

Friday, August 31

Hugh Floyd



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