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In 1867, the ladies of Marion presented Howard College a much-needed telescope valued at $1,000, placing the school in the front rank of colleges in the nation. Samford's new SCIENCENTER houses a $1.7 million planetarium, allowing complex study of heavenly bodies. Again, Samford is on the forefront in science education.

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Randall Balmer to Speak at Samford Nov. 6

Religion scholar and award-winning author Randall Balmer will speak at Samford Nov. 6. His 10 a.m. lecture will be held in Reid Chapel.

Balmer is the Ann Whitney Olin Professor of American Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University. During 2001–02, he is a senior research fellow at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale University.

Balmer is author of six books, including *A Perfect Babel of Confusion: Dutch Religion and English Culture in the Middle Colonies*, *Protestantism in America* and *Religion in Twentieth-Century America*.

Balmer's study of evangelicalism, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey Into the Evangelical Subculture in America*, is now available in its third edition from Oxford University Press. This book was made into a three-part documentary for PBS, and Balmer was nominated for an Emmy for writing and hosting that series.

His second documentary, *Crusade: The Life of Billy Graham*, was aired on A&E's Biography series. *In the Beginning: The Creationist Controversy*, a two-part documentary on the creation-evolution debate, was first broadcast on PBS in May 1995.

Balmer's commentaries have appeared in such newspapers as New York *Newsday*, the *Des Moines Register*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *The New York Times*. He lectures frequently to audiences around the country, ranging from the Smithsonian Associates and the New York Council for the Humanities to the Chautauqua Institution.

Balmer is the only scholar invited to deliver Samford's Dotson M. Nelson Lectures twice, having served as lecturer in 1996 and 1998. His latest book, *Growing Pains: Learning to Love My Father's Faith*, grew from the lectures he delivered at Samford. ■

Administrative Restructuring in Samford Plans

The administration of Samford University will change with a restructuring scheduled within the next several months, President Thomas E. Corts announced Oct. 29.

Joseph W. "Bill" Mathews, Jr., will become the University's first full-time attorney with the title of vice president and general counsel, devoting his time to legal matters. Corts said that even while having only a portion of his time to Samford legal matters, Mathews saved the University substantial sums.

The University will seek a full-time vice president for business affairs to handle the financial and business side of the administration, without responsibility for the buildings and grounds.

The University also will seek a vice president for physical plant. The top position in physical plant maintenance has been vacant for some time. Some of these duties and responsibilities were taken up by Rick Stephens before his illness last spring.

Corts noted that making the position a vice-presidency will designate one person with top concern for buildings and grounds, a vital part of Samford's distinction. As many higher education finance experts have pointed out, deferred maintenance and regular upkeep of buildings will be a crucial point in the financial future—and even survival—of some private colleges, he added.

In addition, a full-time investment manager will be selected to act as liaison with Samford's investment managers. The investment manager will give full attention to reviewing performance, seeking opportunities and regular accounting for investable funds.

Samford chose to operate with some unfilled positions the past couple of years, Corts noted, adding, "There are some economies we probably should never have afforded." He said that he and Mathews had been considering appropriate personnel moves since Mathews came on board in March of 2000, knowing that Samford was not at full force in terms of business area personnel, and that the future would place even more significant strains on the business side of the University.

The new positions will be posted and advertised in the beginning of November. ■

Samford Again Cited as Family-Friendly Company

For the third consecutive year, Samford University has been selected as one of Birmingham's Best Companies for Working Families by *Birmingham Family Times* magazine. The award was presented at an Oct. 24 recognition luncheon at the Scrushy Conference Center.

Samford made the list of 26 companies cited as Birmingham's Friends of the Family for excellence in family-friendly policies and benefits.

"Samford University is a complicated place with a lot of different demands on our lives," said Vice President Bill Mathews. "While we can't duplicate home or family life on campus, we try to be sensitive to family needs and to be open to ways to accommodate family and home."

Samford policies listed as family-friendly included tuition reimbursement for employees and dependents, computer loan assistance and flexible work scheduling. The study also noted the convenience of the nearby care sites for the young and old—Samford Children's Learning Center and Somerby at University Park.

Carraway Methodist Medical Center was cited as Birmingham's Family Champion. Four companies were recognized as Best of the Best: Sain & Company, Ernst & Young, BE&K and Children's Hospital. ■

Out & About

Janet Alexander (Nursing) served as reviewer for the book prospectus, *Caring Science: A Core Science for Health Professions,* by Jean Watson, published by F. A. Davis.

Gary Barkley (Religion) will lead three conferences on Islam at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Nov. 3 as a part of "A Women's Christmas Celebration."

Judy Bourrand and **Sharron Schlosser** (Nursing) received the Transcultural Nursing Society Research Award for qualitative research on "The Lived Academic Experience of African-American Nursing Graduates While Enrolled in a Private, Religious-Affiliated Majority University" at the annual Transcultural Nursing Society Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 10–13. They have also received a Samford Faculty Development grant for this research. Lynn Fleming, a graduate nursing student, also attended the conference. Schlosser presented research entitled "The Perceived Self-Efficacy of Undergraduate Nursing Students Enrolled in a Foundations Nursing Course" at the same meeting. **Rebecca Warr** (Nursing) was co-investigator for the project.

Jean Ann Box (Education) attended a Technical Assistance Workshop Oct. 4–5 in Washington, D.C., regarding the MPR Center for Curriculum and Project Development.

Jim Brown (History) attended the Southeastern section of the World History Association's annual meeting in Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 4–7. He gave a workshop on teaching modern world history using interactive 3-D maps and a "great roads" approach.

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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.

Janet Cone (Athletics) was selected as this year's recipient of the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance [ASAHPERD] Service Award. The award will be presented to Cone at the ASAHPERD fall conference awards luncheon Nov. 13 at the Wynfrey Hotel.

Martha Ann Cox (Business Affairs) was elected executive vice president of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham.

Robert and Barbara Crider (World Languages & Cultures) were honored in October by the Spanish Baptist Union for their 26 years of service to the Spanish people. On this occasion, a building at the Baptist Camp in the Mediterranean coastal town of Denia was named for them and dedicated in their honor. Robert served as the first full-time director and administrator of the camp, and led in the development of year-round programs and staffing by students, including Samford graduates. During his tenure at the retreat, he oversaw the construction of several buildings, including the dining hall, which was named in their honor.

Hajo Drees (World Languages & Cultures) published the article, "Never Mind Freud! Who Needs Psychoanalysis When You Can Write Poetry. Rainer Maria Rilke's Torture, Therapy and Salvation" in *Unreading Rilke: Unorthodox Approaches to a Cultural Myth.* He also directed a workshop, "Teaching for Success," at Huntingdon College for the American Association for Teachers of German chapter in Montgomery Oct. 6.

Jim Eck (Institutional Research) moderated a panel discussion, "Meeting the SACS Criteria: A Few Recommendations," at the annual meeting of the Southern Association for Institutional Research Oct. 13–16 in Panama City Beach, Fla. Eck also presented a paper, "Improving Student Retention Rates: An Ongoing Cross Functional Process," at the same meeting.

Mike Floyd (Law) co-chaired two Cumberland Continuing Legal Education programs in October. One focused on recent revisions in the law governing secured transactions; the other updated attorneys on current developments in bankruptcy law. He also served on the American Bar Association accreditation site evaluation team for the inspection of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas.

Ginger Frost (History) gave a paper, "'The Black Lamb of the Black Sheep': Illegitimacy in the Respectable Working Class in Victorian England," at the Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia, Sept. 28.

Craig Gallaway (Divinity) recently had two paintings on display in the Birmingham Public Library as part of the annual statewide juried exhibition of the Watercolor Society of Alabama.

Box

Cone

Mathews

Robinson

Pat Hart (Education) and the Student Dietetic Association sponsored a team for America's Walk for Diabetes Sept. 29 at Meadowbrook Office Park. Many Samford student organizations and individual faculty and staff members helped raise $700 for diabetes research. Almost $200,000 was raised in the Birmingham area. Hart, a registered dietitian, participated in a Hispanic Health Fair Sept. 22 sponsored by the Baptist Health Systems in conjunction with the Samford Nursing School Chandler Mountain Migrant Project. Health professionals from many areas were represented, and a variety of services were offered.

Paul Holloway's (Religion) book was published in October. It is entitled *Consolation in Philippians: Philosophical Sources and Rhetorical Strategy* (Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 112; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001).

Jeannie Krumdieck (Education) recently submitted three entries for the 2001 Design Educators' National Exhibition Competition. All her entries were accepted as exhibitions in the juried competition and are included in the exhibition that debuted Oct. 15 as an online virtual exhibition at www.okstate.edu/dene. One of Krumdieck's furniture designs, the "Lamele" Hat/Coat Rack, won first place in the 3-dimensional design category.

Bill Mathews (Business Affairs) received the AATG [American Association for Teachers of German] Friend of German Award for outstanding support and promotion of German and the study of German at the local, regional or national level. This national award recognizes his exemplary leadership in the advocacy of German language education. Mathews will be honored at the AATG Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the ACTFL annual meeting Nov. 16.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts) received an ASCAP*LU$* Standard Award. The cash award, made by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is based upon the value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances of those works in areas not surveyed by the society. Also, Price will chair an NASM evaluation team at Wichita State University Nov. 5–6.

Marlene Reed (Business) presented her Czech Republic case, "The Fleet Sheet," at the Oct. 4–6 North American Case Research Association annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn. Reed also serves on the Board of Directors of the organization and represents the Southwest Region of the United States.

Paul Richardson (Performing Arts) presented a workshop on "Spiritual Formation in Corporate Worship" at a conference on "Exploring the Experience of God Today" at First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 12–13. He will be worship leader at First Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C., Nov. 4.

April Robinson (Student Ministries) recently spent a week in Venezuela as part of the partnership of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and Venezuela. Robinson, Mike Nuss, Alabama Baptists' director of Collegiate and Student Ministries, and Stephen Thompson, Baptist campus minister at Auburn University, were invited to share from Alabama's 80-year history of campus ministry as well as their own personal experiences. The Alabama group attended the National Student Convention in Valencia, where they spent two days speaking and teaching. They traveled to Cata, where they served as consultants for the 12-member International Mission Board University Team. The group discussed dimensions of collegiate ministry such as relational evangelism, cultivating leadership and local church involvement.

Stephen Ware (Law) presented a paper on the resolution of domain-name disputes Oct. 5 at Lewis & Clark College, Northwestern School of Law, in Portland, Oregon.

The history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, sponsored a panel discussion, "War and Rumors of War: A Look at the Recent Terrorist Attacks," Oct. 3. Speakers included **Nancy Biggio** (Political Science), **Jon Clemmensen** (Journalism & Mass Communication), **Fred Shepherd** (Political Science) and **Donald Wilson** (History).

Samford's Web site, www.samford.edu, received the Award of Merit in the 2001 Crystal Quill Awards from the Birmingham chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. **Donna Fitch** and **Lee Insko** (University Relations) designed and maintain the site. ■

NovemberCalendar

Birthdays listed in red.

Thursday, November 1
Robert Bromley (ret.), Brent Latta, David Shipley
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *William E. Hull*, research professor
• 11 a.m. Cordell Hull Speakers Forum: *Jeffrey Addicott*, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, Robinson Hall 102
• 11 a.m. Reformation Heritage Lectures: *Carl Braaten*, Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, Divinity Chapel
• 5 p.m. University Chorale Festive Choral Evensong, Divinity Chapel

Friday, November 2
Shirley Clark, Marie Connery, Cynthia Hosmer, Sam Mitchell (ret.)
• 3 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, DBH 216
• 7 p.m. Miss Samford 2001, Wright Center

Saturday, November 3
Robert Burks, Lynn Fetherston
Admission Preview Day
• 1 p.m. Football: SU vs. Elon, Seibert Stadium
• 7 p.m. Samford Athletics Presents *Mark Schultz, Erin O'Donnell and Ben Glover* in Concert, Wright Center

Sunday, November 4
Carlie Cranford, Susan Dean, Madeline Haikala, David Vess (ret.), Mark Voisard

Monday, November 5
Jon Clemmensen, David Crawford, Donna Rubin, Irby McNeill
• 7 p.m. Volleyball: SU vs. Grambling, Seibert Hall

Tuesday, November 6
Janet Alexander, Paul Basden, Killian Manning, John Mayfield, Gwen McKenzie
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Randall Balmer*, professor of American religion, Barnard College, Columbia University
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: Norfleete Day
• 4:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Human Resources Pre-Retirement Seminar, Ingalls 109
• 7:30 p.m. Percussion Ensemble, Wright Center

Wednesday, November 7
Bridget Rose, Sheila Thomas
• 3:30 p.m. Faculty Shoptalk: Marching to a Different Drum, *Hajo Drees*, Burns 202

Thursday, November 8
Ann Kolter, Renee Pitts, Richard Rodgers, James Standfield
• 10 a.m. Chapel: Disability Awareness, *William Blair*, assistant professor, religion
• 10:30 a.m. Samford Auxiliary Meeting: "A Trip to Outer Space," Sciencenter Planetarium
• 7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert, Wright Center
• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Bell, Book and Candle*, Recital Hall, Wright Center

Friday, November 9
Jim Clement, Lynda Jentsch, Melissa Rodick
• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Bell, Book and Candle*, Recital Hall, Wright Center

Saturday, November 10
Jeannine Clunk, Anthony Curtis
• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Bell, Book and Candle*, Recital Hall, Wright Center

Sunday, November 11
Jeanie Coupland, Linda Killingsworth, Howard Walthall
• 2 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Bell, Book and Candle*, Recital Hall, Wright Center

Monday, November 12
Danny Blair, Jim Brown, Le-Ann Little

Tuesday, November 13
Jonathan Bass, Alan Morris, Alvin Wright
• 7 a.m. Samford Alumni and Friends Breakfast at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Huntsville Marriott
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *April Robinson*, Director of Student Ministries
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Robert Smith*

Wednesday, November 14
Susan Bray, Stephen Knight

Thursday, November 15
Anita Estis, Jonathan Pilkinton
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Brad Creed*, Associate Provost
• 7:30 p.m. Samford OperaWorks: *Patience*, Harrison Theatre
• 7:30 p.m. Delta Omicron Benefit Concert, Reid Chapel

Friday, November 16
Gerald Bray, Lamar Burton, Marshall Cates, Reble Foy, Seth Patterson
• 7:30 p.m. Samford OperaWorks: *Patience*, Harrison Theatre

Saturday, November 17
Judith Hicks, Stephanie Holderby
Admission Preview Day
• 7:30 p.m. Samford OperaWorks: *Patience*, Harrison Theatre

Sunday, November 18
Sherry Baldone, Ashley Davis, Beanie Ketcham, Frank Thielman
• 2 p.m. Samford OperaWorks: *Patience*, Harrison Theatre

Monday, November 19
Mark Manning, Pauline Powell, Susan Shoemaker
• 7:30 p.m. Faculty Wind Quintet, Recital Hall

Tuesday, November 20
Kelli Anthony, Rebecca Hutto, Deborah McNeal
• 10 a.m. Chapel Service: *David Misner*, senior religion major
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Calvin Miller*

Wednesday, November 21
Eddie Collins (ret.), Susan Murphy, Maurice Persall
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—NO CLASSES—UNIVERSITY OFFICES ARE OPEN

Thursday, November 22
Crystal Douglas, Jane Martin
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 23
Jeffrey Hall, Cheryl Morrow, Harold Riffe (ret.)
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Saturday, November 24
John Bowers, Bill O'Brien (ret.), Darlene Robbins, Robert Service, Phyllis Sullivan

Sunday, November 25
Kay Baugher, Nell Malone

Monday, November 26
Amy Gehlken, Thelma Heywood, Randolph Horn, Marjean Perry (ret.), Lois Tate (ret.)

Tuesday, November 27
William Melvin, Jim Pounds, Robin Vickers
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Adam Mixon*, senior religion major
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Jerry Batson*
• 6 p.m. Hanging of the Green, Reid Chapel
• 8 p.m. Hanging of the Green, Reid Chapel

Wednesday, November 28
Mark Fuller, Sandra Hansen, Jim Senter, Timothy Welty

Thursday, November 29
• 10 a.m. Chapel: Jim Barnette, University minister
• 3:30 p.m. Faculty Shoptalk: Changing Girl Fish into Boy Fish: Transformation of Plant Products into Human Hormones with Implications for Human Health, *Mike Howell* and *Ron Jenkins*, Burns 202
• 7:30 p.m. Bells of Buchanan Concert, Divinity Chapel

Friday, November 30
Kaye Farrow, Patricia Taylor
• 12 p.m. Samford Community Devotion, Flag Colonnade
• 3 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, DBH 216

NEWFACES

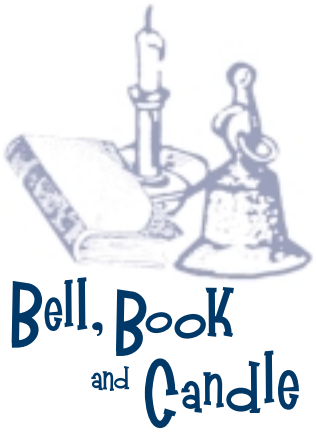
Aaron Boostrom *(Bookstore)*
Lynn Dustin *(Athletics)*
Sara Gould *(Student Records)*
Wayne Minor *(Athletics)*
Grace Simms *(Law Library)*
Dale Skelton *(Computer & Telecommunication Services)*

Theatre to Present *Bell, Book and Candle* Nov. 8–11

Samford Theatre will present John Van Druten's classic comedy, *Bell, Book and Candle*, Nov. 8–11 in the recital hall of Wright Center. Thursday through Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m.

In the play, staid, secure publisher Shepard Henderson leads a quiet life until he meets his bewitching downstairs neighbor, Gilliam Holroyd. The lighthearted Broadway comedy is the romantic tale of a Greenwich Village witch, halfway between the worlds of the magical and mortal, looking after her dotty aunt and mischievous warlock brother as they keep their skills in practice.

The play was made popular by the 1958 film of the same name starring James Stewart, Kim Novak and the late Jack Lemmon.



For tickets or more information, contact the Samford Theatre box office at ext. 2853. ■

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Lisa Dodd** (Printing) on the Aug. 31 birth of her granddaughter, Emily Amanda.
- **Martha Thompson** (World Languages & Cultures) on the Sept. 1 birth of her granddaughter, Helen Elise Parris.
- **Renae Owen** (Library) in the Oct. 19 birth of twins, Charlie Franklin Owen and Gracie Dempsey Owen.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- The family and friends of **Judge James O. Holley** (ret., Law) who died Oct. 8.
- The family and friends of **Robert Holley, Jr.** (Campus Safety) who died Oct. 4.
- **Felisa Hsu** (Library) in the September death of her mother.
- **Tabitha Moore** (Library) in the October death of her mother.
- **Donna Rubin** (President's Office) in the September death of her father.
- **Dee Dee Warren** (Divinity) in the death of her father.

I would like to thank all of you for your kind remembrances and expressions of sympathy during my time of loss.

Sincerely,
Jann Hammel

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Corts and the Samford University Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely plant. I really appreciate all your concern and support during this trying period. Your kindness means a great deal to me.

Thanks again,
Felisa Hsu
Davis Library

The family of Benjamin Blaine Brown, Jr. acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. For the beautiful flowers from the Samford Trustees, faculty and friends, we are deeply grateful. The friendships Ben and I have enjoyed with each of you through the years is a cherished blessing.

Sincerely,
Frances Brown

FYI

Samford's Department of Geography will host the Samford GIS Symposium Nov. 14, 3:30–5:30 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to learn more about the rapidly growing field of Geographic Information Science. Students' GIS research projects will be on display, and professional GIS analysts and managers from the northern Alabama region will be on hand to discuss GIS activities in local and state government as well as organizations such as Alabama Power, *The Birmingham News*, the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and M-Power Ministries. The Samford GIS Symposium is open to the public. For information, contact Robert Maxwell Beavers in geography at ext. 2109 or E-mail rmbeaver@samford.edu. ■

Hanging of the Green Set for Nov. 27

Samford University ushers in the Christmas season each year with the Old English custom, Hanging of the Green. This year's services are planned for Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Reid Chapel.

The beautiful and joyous worship features music by the Bells of Buchanan and University Chorale. Senior honorees are selected each year to lead the congregation in the celebration of Christmas.

Three Samford faculty/staff members, along with their families, will be honored in the service during the decorating of the University Christmas tree.

Poinsettias used in the service will be provided by donors. Those interested in ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the Student Ministries office at ext. 2927. The cost is $20. ■

Samford to Host Church Day Nov. 3

Samford will observe Church Day 2001 Saturday, Nov. 3. Church groups and individuals of all ages are invited.

Activities begin with a 10:30 a.m. assembly in Seibert Stadium. Participants can enjoy recreational events in the Bulldog FunZone and a hot dog lunch before the Samford Bulldogs take on the Elon Phoenix at 1 p.m.

Schultz

New to Church Day this year is a 7 p.m. concert featuring Christian contemporary vocalist Mark Schultz. The concert will also feature vocalist Erin O'Donnell and acoustical guitarist Ben Glover.

Church Day is sponsored by Samford Athletics. LifeWay Christian Bookstore is a supporting sponsor.

Church Day tickets are $4 each and include the assembly, activities and football game. Lunch can be purchased for an additional $4 per person. Food and snacks will be sold at the game and in the Samford Food Court. Tickets will also be available the day of the event.

Concert ticket prices range from $4 to $10, depending on group size and seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Samford athletics ticket office in Seibert Hall and LifeWay bookstore at Wildwood in Homewood.
For more information, call Samford athletics at ext. 2966 or E-mail tickets@samford.edu. ■

OperaWorks to Stage Gilbert & Sullivan's *Patience* Nov. 16–17

Samford OperaWorks will present Gilbert and Sullivan's satire of love and courtship, *Patience*, Nov. 16–17. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. each night in Harrison Theatre.

Subtitled "Bunthorne's Bride," the comic opera is the story of country dames in love with two rival poets. The poets, however, fall head over heels for Patience, the village milkmaid. In classic Gilbert and Sullivan style, the opera features the bluster and silliness of English military men, hilarious lyrics and rich music.

The opera opened April 23, 1881, at the Opera Comique and soon transferred to the refurbished Savoy Theatre. The opera was a great success in its debut run in London, attracting overflow crowds almost every night. *Patience* ran for 578 performances, at the time a record-setting run.

Patience

For tickets or more information, contact the Samford Theatre box office at ext. 2853. ■