INSIDE Samford

A newsletter for faculty, staff, and friends of Samford University • **February 2002**

In 1906, Howard College had an endowment of $100,000 and an endowment goal of $500,000. The ledger for the prior semester showed receipts and disbursements of $18,000, with a balance of $24.05. Today, Samford operates on a budget of some $95 million, with an endowment of nearly $300 million and net worth approaching one-half billion dollars.

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Chapell To Present Preaching Lectures at Divinity School Feb. 26–28

Chapell

Bryan Chapell, president of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., will present the annual William E. Conger, Jr. Lectures on Biblical Preaching Feb. 26–28 at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. The lectures begin at 11 a.m. each day in Divinity Chapel.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Covenant Theological Seminary and Southern Illinois University, Chapell has served as president of Covenant since 1994. He began teaching there in 1984 after 10 years in pastoral ministry.

Chapell is author of several books, including *Christ-Centered Preaching, Standing Your Ground, In the Grip of Grace* and *Using Illustrations to Preach with Power.*

A discussion luncheon with Chapell will follow Wednesday's lecture. For reservations or more information, call the divinity school at ext. 2991. Tickets for the luncheon are $5.

The Conger Lectures are named in honor of Colonel William E. Conger, Jr., a close, personal adviser to Ralph Waldo Beeson, the founding benefactor of Beeson Divinity School. ■

Samford Receives $310,000 Vulcan Grant for Environmental Center

Samford University received a $310,000 grant from the Vulcan Materials Company Foundation to establish a center that will support academic programs, research, seminars and other activities in environmental studies.

The grant will set up the Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education at Samford.

Vulcan Materials Company—the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates such as crushed sand, stone and gravel—is a leader in responsible environmental stewardship. It has strategic alliances with organizations, such as the Wildlife Habitat Council, and has established 27 Certified Wildlife Habitats on its lands with another 13 in progress.

The company helped fund Samford's master of science in environmental management program in 1993.

"We have been very pleased with Samford's responsible financial and academic growth of the initial grant," said Vulcan Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dan James. "We need people who have a combination of business and environmental management skills. The Samford environmental management programs are preparing students to fill this critical need."

Samford President Thomas E. Corts said that the partnership with Vulcan would help Samford develop a leadership position in environmental education. The partnership "supports one of Samford's stated values, 'to promote awareness of the sanctity and significance of earth and its resources,'" he added. ■

Step Sing 2002 Set for Feb 21–23

One of Samford's oldest and most beloved traditions, Step Sing, is planned for Feb. 21–23. The popular student-produced musical event begins at 7 p.m. each evening in Wright Center.

The groups will compete for honors based on choreography, costumes, music and theme. During six-minute shows, each group of students combines singing and choreography in Broadway-type presentations.

Tickets for Step Sing are $8 and $12 for Thursday night and $10 and $14 for the Friday and Saturday shows.

For Step Sing tickets, call Ticketmaster at 715-6000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com beginning Feb. 4. ■

Samford and Alagasco To Build Habitat House

Samford University and Alagasco are joining hands to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a local family this spring.

Groundbreaking for the new home will be held in early March with plans for the house to be dedicated in mid-April.

Samford faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer their time and labor at the Habitat house. Workdays will be each Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning March 1. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be included in the March issue of *Inside Samford.*

For information about volunteering, contact Jennifer Dunn at ext. 2345 or E-mail habitat@samford.edu. ■

Todd Yelton Named Women's Soccer Coach

Yelton

Todd Yelton was recently named Samford's new women's soccer coach. Yelton spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach at UAB.

"Our soccer program is entering its sixth year of existence this fall, and we feel confident that Todd Yelton is the right person to lead this program as we move toward the Ohio Valley Conference in 2003," said Director of Athletics Bob Roller.

Before his stint at UAB, Yelton served for four years as the head coach of Parkview High School in Atlanta, Ga. Before coaching at Parkview, Yelton spent three seasons as head coach at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta.

As a player, his collegiate career began at Tennessee Tech. He then transferred to King College, where he was a two-year defensive starter. He earned his bachelor's in history in 1991.

He is a native of Johnson City, Tenn. Yelton and his wife, Shauna, reside in Birmingham with their four-year-old daughter, MacKenzie, and one-year-old son, Colin. Shauna directs Samford's Student Health Services. ■

Out & About

Janet Alexander (Nursing) was selected to attend a three-day training course on end-of-life care sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN] and the City of Hope Cancer Center. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded a three and one-half year grant to conduct this training program to provide nursing educators with resources to integrate end-of-life content into their courses. Alexander was one of 158 competitively selected from nursing faculties across the United States to attend the Jan. 10–12 session in Pasadena, Calif.

Jonathan Bass' (History) book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Martin Luther King, Jr., Eight White Religious Leaders, and the 'Letter from Birmingham Jail',* has been nominated for the Grawemeyer Award in Religion from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The annual award "honors creative and constructive insights into the relationship between human beings and the divine, and ways in which this relationship may inspire or empower human beings to attain wholeness, integrity or meaning, either individually or in community." Bass spoke on King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to the Hoover Historical Society Jan. 15.

Charity Bryan, Donna Dunaway and **Stephen Ruble** (Exercise Science & Sports Medicine) will present a session at the upcoming American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance national convention in San Diego. The presentation is "Problem Based Learning: An Effective Teaching Strategy for Pre-Service Teacher Preparation."

Stephen Chew (Psychology) presented two papers at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., Jan. 2–6. The titles of the papers were "Applying Peer Instruction to Psychology" and "The Butterfly Ballot as a Real-World Example of the Importance of Research Methods." An interview with Chew, "Understanding Academic Culture for Effective Chairship," is featured in the November issue of *Academic Leader,* a newsletter for deans and department chairs. The interview was based on a talk Chew gave at a workshop on leadership for department chairs sponsored by the University of Wisconsin System two years ago.

Brad Creed (Associate Provost) published an article, "John Leland and Sunday Mail Delivery: Religious Liberty, Evangelical Piety, and the Problem of a 'Christian Nation,'" in the Summer/Fall 2001 issue of *Fides et Historia* (Journal of the Conference on Faith and History).

Jo Dohoney (Sociology), **Mary Monk-Tutor** (Pharmacy), **Andy Webster** (Pharmacy) and **Tom Woolley** (Business), along with pharmacy graduate Scott Denaburg and former faculty member Karen Whelan-Berry, have an article, "Impact of the Family and Medical Leave Act on Hospital Pharmacy and Practice Management," published in the December 2001 issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Hospital Pharmacy.*

Eric Fournier (Geography) was selected as a workshop leader for the Geography Faculty Development Alliance, a five-year project to strengthen support and training for new instructors in geography in two- and four-year colleges and universities across the United States. This NSF-funded initiative will involve a series of annual professional development workshops to be held each June in Boulder, Colo. The aim is to provide early career faculty in geography—as well as advanced doctoral students—with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to excel in the lecture hall, seminar room and laboratory. Stress will be placed on methods of active pedagogy, inquiry-based learning and teaching with technology, but participants will also address topics often overlooked in today's graduate curriculum—course planning, student assessment, discussion leadership, lecturing skills, field study and evaluation methodologies. Fournier will join an international team, including some of geography's most accomplished scientists, scholars and teachers.

Bass

Frost

Lassetter

Steil

Ginger Frost (History) served as vice president and program chair for the Southern Conference on British Studies annual meeting in New Orleans Nov. 16–19. Her program included 75 participants from a wide range of British studies, including history, English literature, film studies and art. At the meeting, she was elected president of the Southern Conference on British Studies for 2002–03. She will preside over meetings in Baltimore and Houston and also will serve on the Executive Council of the North American Conference on British Studies, the national organization.

Randolph Horn (Political Science) presented a paper entitled "Representation of Second Parties in the One-Party South" at the 73rd annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta Nov. 7–10.

Janice Lasseter's (English) book, *Rebecca Harding Davis: Writing Cultural Autobiography,* was recently published by Vanderbilt University Press.

Sherrie Lawhon *and* **Randall Richardson** (Performing Arts) took a group of students to New York City for a week in January. While there, the faculty members and students worked with professional vocal coaches, attended a performance at the Metropolitan Opera and attended Broadway shows.

David Little (Education), in association with Better Basics of Birmingham, recently wrote a grant proposal to provide phonemic and phonetic awareness literacy training and materials to Birmingham-area, inner-city elementary school teachers of disabled readers. The $25,000 grant was awarded by United Way of Central Alabama Dec. 17.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts) is featured in an article in the January issue of *Church Musician Today* discussing his career in church music. Price was guest conductor for the 2002 Alabama High School Honor Choir Jan. 17–18. He also was a guest lecturer for the 2002 Church Music Conference at Furman University Jan. 24–25. Price and his son, Steven, placed sixth in the USTA National Senior Father and Son Clay Court Tennis Championships held in Sarasota, Fla., in November.

Joseph Snoe (Law) revised the Update Memorandum to his casebook, *American Health Care Delivery Systems* (West Group), including adding a new chapter on "Individually Identifiable Health Information." He also worked with the Moot Court Board, including conducting writing workshops for the national teams, and helped start the new Public Interest Law Organization [PILO] at Cumberland School of Law.

Condit Steil (Pharmacy) was selected as a 2002 Fellow of the American Pharmaceutical Association [FAPhA] by the AphA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Awards Committee. AphA Fellows have at least 10 years of exemplary professional experience and achievements and have rendered outstanding service to the profession through activities in AphA and other organizations. Steil will be recognized at the association's annual meeting in March in Philadelphia.

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Writers Series To Present Poet Honorée Fanonne Jeffers at Samford Feb. 12

Poet Honorée Fanonne Jeffers, author of *The Gospel of Barbecue,* will present a public reading Feb. 12 at Samford. The 7 p.m. program will be held in Divinity Hall N302.

The appearance by Jeffers is part of a series of readings in Central Alabama sponsored by the Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education [BACHE] Visiting Writers Series.

Jeffers' *The Gospel of Barbecue* is winner of the 1999 Stan and Tom Wick Prize for Poetry chosen by Lucille Clifton and a finalist for the 2001 Paterson Prize. Her work has appeared in numerous publications.

She has received awards from the American Academy of Poets, the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Arts and the Rona Jaffe Foundation for Women Writers. Jeffers is a visiting assistant professor of English at Knox College in Illinois. ■

NEW FACES

Ilaina Andrews *(Pharmacy)*
Pamela "Jo" Benson *(Children's Learning Center)*
Milan Bera, Jr. *(Pharmacy)*
Jennifer Blankenship *(Bursar's Office)*
Lissa Burleson *(Financial Aid)*
James Carlson *(Athletics)*
Deborah Childs-Bowen *(Education)*
Stephanie Clanton *(PARCA)*
Sabrina Gaddy *(Library)*
Joan Gilreath *(Law)*
Richard Herzog *(Athletics)*
Stephanie Hill *(Children's Learning Center)*
Candace Hughes *(Student Health Services)*
Erika Littlepage *(Children's Learning Center)*
Jane Love *(Business)*
Dale Massey *(Christian Women's Leadership Center)*
Ashley McCraven *(Children's Learning Center)*
Randy McKinney *(Controller's Office)*
Elida Sauceda *(Children's Learning Center)*
Eric Skipwith *(Athletics)*
Janiessa Smith *(Children's Learning Center)*
Douglas Thomas *(Computer & Telecommunication Services)*
Uta Wendland-Cole *(Law Library)*
Jerry Yarbrough *(Campus Safety)*

FebruaryCalendar

(Birthdays listed in red.)

Friday, February 1
Charles Carter, Lee Insko
• 3 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, DBH 216

Saturday, February 2
Ronald Hunsinger, Sherrie Lawhon, Sonya Stanley, Elizabeth Wells
• 2 p.m. Men's Basketball: SU vs. Belmont, Seibert Hall
• 7 p.m. *Aaron Jeoffrey* Concert, Reid Chapel

Sunday, February 3
Jordan Catt, Karla Eiland, Gary Fenton, Lynda Little

Monday, February 4
Eilani Bryant, Susan Culpepper, Marylyn Gavin, Lisa Mosley

Tuesday, February 5
Fisher Humphreys, Pamela Morton, Sheri Ridgway
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Jay Wolf,* pastor, First Baptist Church, Montgomery
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Bishop Zedekiah L. Grady,* 9th Episcopal District AME Church
• 6 p.m. *Ronald McDowell,* artist lecture, Library 235

Wednesday, February 6
Deborah Hill
• 11:30 a.m. Samford Faculty Women's Club Meeting, Divinity Hall S111

Thursday, February 7
Bobby Gray, Joseph Snoe, Michael Rasmussen
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Bernard Williams,* pastor, Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Pratt City
• 7 p.m. Men's Basketball: SU vs. Jacksonville, Seibert Hall

Friday, February 8
• 12 p.m. Administrative Team Meeting, Flag Colonnade

Saturday, February 9
Frances Crocker
• 2 p.m. Men's Basketball: SU vs. Stetson, Seibert Hall
• 4:15 p.m. Women's Basketball: SU vs. Stetson, Seibert Hall

Sunday, February 10
Beth Allen

Monday, February 11
Melissa Tate, Angie Lindbloom
• 7 p.m. Women's Basketball: SU vs. Jacksonville, Seibert Hall

Tuesday, February 12
Charles Booth, Steven Epley, Beth Gilbert, Ruth Holt
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Bill Gaunnt,* retired Air Force Officer, former POW and recipient of two Purple Heart awards
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Frank Thielman*
• 3 p.m. University Faculty Meeting, Brock Forum
• 7 p.m. BACHE Visiting Writers Series: *Honorée Fanonne Jeffers,* Divinity Hall N302

Wednesday, February 13
Robert Boliek

Thursday, February 14
Ilaina Andrews, Amy Corbin, Valerie McCombs
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Jerry Levin,* journalist and former hostage in Lebanon
• 10:30 a.m. Samford Auxiliary Meeting: *Jonathan Bass* speaks on his book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers,* Wright Center lower lobby

Friday, February 15
Marian Baur

Saturday, February 16
Richard Flight, Carrie Anna Hild
• 2 p.m. Women's Basketball: SU vs. Belmont, Seibert Hall

Sunday, February 17
Judith McAlister, Rebecca Patty, Stephen Taylor

Monday, February 18
Robert Goodwin, Debora Hamilton, Jeannie Krumdieck, Barbara Money, Cherrill Morgan

Tuesday, February 19
Deborah Crowson, George Kustos, Irene Morissette (ret.), Patricia Muse
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Sam Brooks,* pastor, Open Door Church, Lafayette, La.
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: *Patricia Outlaw*

Wednesday, February 20
William Cowley (ret.), Iris Jackson, Vickie Norris, Richard Riley, K. C. White

Thursday, February 21
Frank Martin, Sharron Schlosser
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Sam Pettagrue,* pastor, Sardis Missionary Baptist Church
• 4:30 p.m. Planned Giving Advisory Board Meeting, Seibert Hall 205
• 7 p.m. Men's Basketball: SU vs. Troy State, Seibert Hall
• 7 p.m. Step Sing 2002, Wright Center

Friday, February 22
• 4 p.m. Alumni Council Meeting, Flag Colonnade
• 7 p.m. Step Sing 2002, Wright Center

Saturday, February 23
Gordon Amsler, Tracey Byerley, Rachel Evans, Gene Kelser (ret.)
• 2 p.m. Men's Basketball: SU vs. Mercer, Seibert Hall
• 4 p.m. Parents Council Meeting, Flag Colonnade
• 7 p.m. Step Sing 2002, Wright Center

Sunday, February 24
Joseph Blackburn, Edward Craig, Dan Czech, Belle Stoddard
• 3 p.m. Birmingham Chamber Music Society presents the *Atlantic Brass Quintet,* Reid Chapel

Monday, February 25
Jim Boockholdt, Don Sandley
• 5 p.m. Women's Basketball: SU vs. Georgia State, Seibert Hall

Tuesday, February 26
David Foreman, Ronald Hardy, Edith Williams
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *Killian Manning*
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching: *Bryan Chapell,* president, Covenant Theological Seminary

Wednesday, February 27
Frank Mobley, Lowell Vann, Shauna Yelton
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching: *Bryan Chapell,* president, Covenant Theological Seminary

Thursday, February 28
Betsy Dobbins, Bryan Johnson, Rachel Michel, Deborrah Nowakowski
• 10 a.m. Chapel: *April Robinson*
• 11 a.m. Divinity Chapel: Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching: *Bryan Chapell,* president, Covenant Theological Seminary
• 7 p.m. Women's Basketball: SU vs. UCF, Seibert Hall
• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: Shakespeare's *Troilus & Cressida,* Harrison Theatre

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Jack Brymer** (University Relations) on the Jan. 10 birth of his grandson, Hayden Alexander Perry.
- **Scott Camp** (University Relations) on the Dec. 4 birth of his son, Ryan Scott Camp.
- **Lisa Dodd** (Printing) on the Jan. 10 birth of her granddaughter, Olivia Michelle Stone.
- **Emily Hynds** (Mathematics & Computer Science) on the Dec. 8 birth of her son, Joshua Graham Hynds.
- **Chuck Stokes** (Residence Life) on the Jan. 8 birth of his son, Charles Houston Stokes.

Sympathy is expressed to...

- **Mike O'Toole** (Athletics) in the death of his father, Ed O'Toole.
- **Nancy Whitt** (English) in the death of her father, Joe Whitt.

The flowers sent in my mother's memory are deeply appreciated. Your concern during this time means so much.

Sincerely,
Vickie Norris

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowering plant. It really brightens up the office. Dad would have appreciated your thoughtfulness. He really loved Samford University.

It means so much to our family that you care.

Sincerely,
Mike O'Toole

Nashville Alums Form Music City Chapter

Samford alumni in the Nashville, Tenn., area recently formed the Music City chapter of the Samford Alumni Association. The chapter was created at a Jan. 12 meeting attended by some 60 alumni and parents at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville.

A hotbed of Samford support and participation, Nashville is home to approximately 500 Samford alumni. Officers elected to lead the Music City chapter are Trevor Howell '74, L'81, president; Scott Holmes '95, vice president; and Allison McCreary '98, secretary.

At the meeting, Associate Athletics Director Alan Verlander spoke about the Samford Athletic Foundation and gave an update on Bulldog teams. The meeting preceded Samford's men's and women's basketball games with Belmont University.

Parents Council members Jenny and Tom Collins hosted the brunch meeting along with Samford Overseer Jim Brakefield and his wife, Carolyn. ■

Baldwin Named Director of PBL Center

Baldwin

Mary Sue Baldwin has been named director of Samford's Problem-Based Learning [PBL] Center. Baldwin formerly served on the faculty of Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and as director of the PBL2000 international conference in Birmingham.

In her new role, Baldwin will have responsibility for the PBL Center and its operations, including the administration of the second Pew Charitable Trust grant for the national center for peer review of PBL portfolios.

Baldwin held a variety of staff nursing positions at hospitals in Florida and Michigan before joining the Samford faculty in 1993. She received Samford's Buchanan Award for Teaching Excellence in 1997.

Baldwin holds nursing degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. ■

Faculty/Staff Recognized for Service to University

The Samford Service Awards were presented Jan. 29 during a luncheon at The Club. Faculty and staff members recognized for the following levels of service as of December 31, 2001 were:

45 Years
Sigurd Bryan (Religion)

40 Years
William Nelson (Performing Arts)

35 Years
Martha Ann Cox (Business Affairs)

30 Years
James Brown (History)
James Haggard (Chemistry)

25 Years
Timothy Banks (Performing Arts)
Joseph Blackburn (Law)
Alexander Bolla (Law)
Shirley Clark (Law)

20 Years
Bruce Foster (Pharmacy)
June Myers (Mathematics & Computer Science)
Marlene Reed (Business)
Rebecca Warr (Nursing)

15 Years
J. D. Burson (Computer & Telecommunication Services)
Ed Cherry (Library)
Timothy Covington (Pharmacy)
Karla Eiland (London Program)
David Foreman (Mathematics & Computer Science)
Tracey Harwell (Law Library)
Roger Lander (Pharmacy)
James Lewis (Law)
Judith McAlister (Law)
Mike McCormack (Business Services)
Robert Moore (Pharmacy)
Frances Skelton (Admission)
Paula Tillery (Law Library)
Lavone Warren (Law)

10 Years
Janet Alexander (Nursing)
Sherry Baldone (Computer & Telecommunication Services)
Geri Beers (Nursing)
Jim Boockholdt (Business)
Charles Booth (PARCA)
Mary Brakefield (Nursing)
Charlotte Coleman (World Languages & Cultures)
Michael Floyd (Law)
Jacqueline Goldstein (Psychology)
Larron Harper (Business)
Patricia Harris (Law)
Joyce Heames (Business)
Dennis Jones (Journalism & Mass Communication)
Ed Landers (Education)
Jimmy Tillette (Athletics)
Linda Vandiver (Campus Safety)
John Venable (Business)

5 Years
Rebecca Box (Budget & Audit)
Daphne Carr (Education)
Janet Cone (Athletics)
Kym Dale (Divinity)
Norfleete Day (Divinity)
Jo Dohoney (Sociology)
Aaron Farrow (Facilities Services)
Rosemary Fisk (English)
Ginger Frost (History)
Kathey Gassner (Financial Aid)
Gigi Gauthier (Law)
Marylyn Gavin (Human Resources)
Alan Hargrave (Associate Provost)
Connie Hataway (Student Health Services)
Francoise Horn (Business)
Randolph Horn (Political Science)
Mahbod Jahanbakhsh (Pharmacy)
Wayne Kendrick (Athletics)
Joel Landry (Computer & Telecommunication Services)
Vicki Maddox (Athletics)
Gwen Marshall (Nursing)
Jane Martin (Nursing)
Deborah McNeal (Student Affairs)
Mary Monk-Tutor (Pharmacy)
Michael Naro (Campus Safety)
James Reburn (Business)
Darlene Robbins (Divinity)
Doug Smith (Business)
Sonya Stanley (Mathematics & Computer Science)
Julie Sims Steward (English)
Ann Waller (Financial Aid)
Chris Whatley (Controller's Office)
Debi Whitcomb (Computer & Telecommunication Services)

Thank you for your work and dedication to the University!

SACS Presents Corts Distinguished Leadership Award

Samford University President Thomas E. Corts received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS] during its annual meeting in New Orleans in December.

The award recognizes Dr. Corts' leadership in support of the accrediting agency's Commission on Colleges. It is 1the highest public recognition given by the commission.

Corts is a former chair of the commission and president of SACS. He served most recently as chair of the commission's Steering Committee, which has undertaken over the past three years a thorough examination of the commission's criteria for accreditation and how they are applied to member institutions. ■