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Westmoreland Pledges 'Seamless, Harmonious' Transition

New Samford President-elect Andrew Westmoreland told faculty and staff that he and his family are "excited beyond measure as we contemplate the new relationships that await us here."

Westmoreland spoke to Samford people less than two hours after his Jan. 10 election by the board of trustees to become the University's 18th president. He will succeed retiring President Thomas E. Corts June 1.

Recounting the process that brought him from the presidency of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas, Westmoreland pledged that "the transition between these administrations will be seamless, harmonious and respectful of the fabric of institutional life."

He told of his "immense respect for this University and for the man who has offered leadership as president for these past two decades." Westmoreland spoke for about 10 minutes in the rotunda of Beeson Healing Arts Center after being introduced by board Chairman William J. Stevens.

"In the months and years to come, I will value every



New Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, right, greets Casey Dunn during his reception with faculty and staff Jan. 10

relationship with every stakeholder of this great University, but there will be nothing more significant to me than the interactions with the members of the Samford faculty and staff," he said. "I respect the life of the academy, and I treasure the people who sustain it."

He spent most of the time between his 4 p.m. meeting with Samford people and a 5 p.m. press conference chatting with faculty and staff. His wife, Jeanna, and 15-year old daughter, Riley, joined him.

Westmoreland, 48, was recommended to the board by an

18-member Presidential Search Committee after an eight-month national search involving more than 140 applicants and candidates.

"The board is very confident that Dr. Westmoreland is just the person to lead Samford at this point in the University's 164-year history," said Stevens. "He comes to us highly recommended not just by the search committee and the constituent reference panels (who met him in December), but by everyone who was contacted about his ability to lead a great university like Samford."

Stevens noted that Westmoreland "brings an outstanding record of academic leadership" and that he is a highly effective administrator and "a proven fund-raiser."

Westmoreland said he accepted the board's invitation to become Samford president "with appreciation for their trust in me . . . and with a strong sense of excitement for Samford's future."

Westmoreland has been president of Ouachita since 1998. Before being named Ouachita

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Samford Begins \$32 Million Multipurpose Center

Samford broke ground in January for its new \$32 million multipurpose center, the centerpiece of which will be a 5,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball. Preliminary excavation and drilling for the 18-month project began the week of Jan. 11.

The Samford University Board of Trustees approved the 132,000-square foot structure

west of Seibert Hall at its fall meeting Sept. 16. In addition to the arena, the facility will house an athletics center with fitness and weight rooms, sports medicine and training areas, locker rooms and meeting rooms for teams, a student-athlete academic center, offices for coaches and administrators, a chapel, and a spacious, well-equipped fitness

center for all students.

"The multipurpose center will be a crown jewel of the campus," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "It satisfies our need for spectator sports as well as participation. Every student who passes through Samford will know this building. It should give us as fine a facility as any university in the Ohio Valley Conference for inter-

collegiate athletics while enabling every student to meet his or her personal goals in the weight room and on fitness equipment."

The board awarded the construction contract to Stanmar, Inc., of Sudbury, Mass., specialists in the design and construction of multipurpose facilities. Trustees

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Out & About

Jim Angel, Donna Dunaway and **Chuck Sands** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) presented "Fitness Levels of American and Chinese Children" at the fifth annual Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu Jan. 9. **T. S. Jiang** of Yanbian University in Yanbi, China, also took part. At the same conference on Jan. 7, Angel and Sands presented "Innovative Teaching Methods in Adult Health Education," and **Ralph Gold, Jr.** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) presented "Innovative Instructional Strategies in Exercise Science."

Beth Ashmore (University Library) coauthored an article with **Jill E. Grogg** of the University of Alabama, "Library Virtual Tours: A Case Study," which appears in Vol. 20, No. 1-2, of the journal *Research Strategies*.

Jeanie Box (Education and Professional Studies) was invited to serve as a member of the Teacher Certification and Licensure Committee of the Governor's Commission on Quality Teaching. Samford education school graduate **Betsy Rogers**, 2003 National Teacher of the Year, is commission chair.

Bill Bugg (Performing Arts) appeared in the role of Emile de Becque in the Virginia Samford Theater production of *South Pacific* Jan. 13-16 and 20-23.

Wilton Bunch (Divinity) presented a paper, "Conflict of Interest: The Need for Rules," to the board of the North

American Spine Society in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 13.

Peggy Carlisle (Communication Arts) will have her original children's play, *The Little Prince Who Lost His Voice*, performed at Altamont School Feb. 2 under the direction of Martha Summer, recent recipient of the Marian Gallaway Award from the Alabama Conference of Theatre.

Larry Davenport (Biology) was appointed recently to a six-year term on the board of directors of the Forever Wild Program, Alabama state land trust.

Norfleete Day (Divinity) delivered a lecture, "Jesus Loves the Children of the World? Christians and Racism," at the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minn., Dec. 1. She led a Faith Forum discussion on the same topic at First United Methodist Church of St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 4.

Lyle Dorsett (Divinity) gave an address, "What Is Anglicanism?" at the annual conference of the Anglican Mission in America, held in Birmingham Jan. 11-15. He also delivered a sermon at one of the worship services.

Les Ennis (Education/Professional Studies and Law) was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in October. He was appointed recently to the planning committee for the 2006 conference on Practice Management for Alabama Lawyers, sponsored by the Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Legal Education of the University of Alabama.

Lisa Gibbs (Performing Arts) performed with Southern Danceworks at Virginia Samford Theater Jan. 27-29 in the production *Somewhere in Alabama*, which featured live music by jazz guitarist Eric Essix from his CD of the same name. Southern Danceworks is Alabama's only professional modern dance company.

Paul House (Divinity) preached and led a staff workshop at College Church, Wheaton, Ill., Jan. 28-30. He also preached Jan. 14 at the annual conference of the Anglican Mission in America, held in Birmingham.

Cindy Kirk (Metro College) was appointed to the finance committee of the Birmingham Metro YMCA. Last fall, she chaired a United Way allocation team.

David Little (Education and Professional Studies) recently presented a paper and conducted an interactive



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Smith, Jr.

workshop on the use of quality children's literature to teach character and values to K-6 students. The workshop was presented during the fourth annual International Conference on Civic Education at Altamonte Springs, Fla., near Orlando.

Mary McCullough (World Languages and Cultures) published an article, "Solidarity, Space and Sisterhood in Assia Djebar's *Ombre Sultane* and Fatima Mernissi's *Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood*," in *Discursive Geographies: Writing Space and Place in French*, edited by Jeanne Garane and published in 2005 by Rodopi in New York. McCullough also presented two lectures at Baylor University in early December, "A Brief History of Francophone Caribbean Literature" to the Introduction to Latin American Studies course and "Women, Veil and Islam in Egypt" as part of the Global Issues Lecture Series.

Chris Metress (English) presented a paper, "Reemplotting the Dream: Anthony Grooms's *Bombingham*," at the Modern Language Association annual convention in Washington Dec. 27-30. **Nancy Whitt, Rosemary Fisk, Julie Steward** and **Steve Epley** (English) also attended the conference.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts) placed second in the Men's 65 Singles division of the 2006 Southern Senior Indoor Tennis Championships at Vanderbilt University Tennis Center Jan. 5-8. He served as National Association of Schools of Music consultant to music programs at Georgia College and State University Jan. 23-24 and Dallas Baptist University Jan. 30-31.

Keith Putt (Philosophy) wrote a chapter, "Too Deep for Words: The Conspiracy of a Divine 'Soliloquy'" in *The Phenomenology of Prayer*, edited by Bruce Ellis Benson and Norman Wirzba, published by Fordham University Press.

Doug Smith (Business) and **Marlene Reed** (retired, Business) received the Directors College Award for the Outstanding Case in Corporate Governance presented at the 2005

North American Case Research Association conference in the fall. Smith and Reed coauthored the case, "Community Bancshares, Inc: Uncovering a Fraud," and received a cash prize and honorarium enabling them to travel to McMaster University and present the case to the Directors College. McMaster established and funded the award.

Barry Robinson (History) organized a panel on "Indigenous Conquistadors and Ethnic Transformation in Oaxaca, Guatemala, and Nueve Galicia" for the January meeting of the American Historical Association in Philadelphia. He also presented a paper at the conference, "Ethnicity and Customs on Conquest in Late Colonial Colotlán." Samford history majors **Paul Cunningham, Charlton Hollon, Thomas Jones** and **Patrick Young** traveled to the meeting with Robinson and presented their research at the biennial convention of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society.

Allen Ross (Divinity) will be a leader/presenter at a winter Bible conference Feb. 4-5 at the Church of the Apostles, Dawsonville, Ga., on "The Book of Daniel in the Bible."

Robert Smith, Jr. (Divinity) was keynote speaker Jan. 16 at the nation's largest Martin Luther King Day breakfast in St. Petersburg, Fla. He received a key to the city from Mayor Rick Baker afterward. Smith also spoke at a Martin Luther King commemoration service at Dallas Theological Seminary Jan. 19. ■

NEW FACES

Natalie R. Bush (*Children's Learning Center*)
Timothy Edwards (*Campus Safety*)
Joy Henninger (*Children's Learning Center*)
Jonathan Brett Guy (*Campus Safety*)
Benjamin Lee Jordan (*Campus Safety*)
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February Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Wednesday, February 1

Charles Carter

- Artists XII Exhibition, oil paintings by local artists painting with *Mary E. White*, Wright Center Art Gallery, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through Feb. 24

Thursday, February 2

Burch Barger, Michael Hogue, Ron Hunsinger, Sharon Lawhon, Sonya Stanley, Elizabeth Wells

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Forum on Reformed Theology, *Dr. Fisher Humphreys*, professor, Beeson Divinity School, and *Dr. Alan Carter*, pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church

Friday, February 3

Ryan Aucoin

- 12 p.m. Administrative Team Meeting, Flag Colonnade
- 3 p.m. Faculty Senate, DBH 113

Saturday, February 4

Marylyn Gavin (ret.), Eilani Grayson, Lisa Mosley

- 2 p.m. Men's Basketball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Seibert Hall
- 4 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Seibert Hall

Sunday, February 5

Fisher Humphreys

Monday, February 6

Debbie Hill, Meredith Milstead

Tuesday, February 7

Bobby Gray, Joseph Snoe

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Auchmuty Lecture, *Dr. Randall Lolley*, retired pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C.
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Frank Thielman*, professor, Beeson Divinity School

Wednesday, February 8

Lisa Garrett, Beverly Hyché

Thursday, Feb. 9

Frances Crocker (ret.), Deborah Crowson

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *The Reverend Tal Prince*, director of external relations, Beeson Divinity School
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Vincent in Brixton*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853
- 7:30 p.m. School of Performing Arts Guest Artist Series: Suhrstedt Piano Duo, Wright Center Recital Hall

Friday, February 10

Anna Kinman, Charles Rudolph
Biotechnology, Law and Ethics Symposium on Biofuels, Cumberland School of Law

- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Vincent in Brixton*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Saturday, February 11

Melissa Tate, Joshua Thomas

- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Vincent in Brixton*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Sunday, February 12

Charles Booth, Steven Epley, Beth Gilbert, Karen Hamby, Ruth Holt

- 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Vincent in Brixton*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Tuesday, February 14

Ilaini Andrews

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Samford Business Network Speaker, *Marvin Mann*, retired chairman, Lexmark
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Danny Wood*, pastor, Shades Mountain Baptist Church
- 7 p.m. Men's Basketball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Seibert Hall

Wednesday, February 15

Marian Baur (ret.), Theresa Davidson

Thursday, February 16

Charles Ford, Wynette McWilliams, Carrie Pearce

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Black History Month Speaker
- 11 a.m. Thurgood Marshall Symposium, *Jock Smith*, trial attorney, Cochran, Cherry, Givens & Smith, P.C.
- 5 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Morehead State, Seibert Hall
- 7 p.m. Men's Basketball: Samford vs. Morehead State, Seibert Hall
- 7 p.m. Step Sing, Wright Center Concert Hall

Friday, February 17

Stacia Gaines, Judith McAlister, April Young

- 11:30 a.m. What's Important to Me and Why Series: *Dr. Charles T. Workman*, professor of English
- 7 p.m. Step Sing, Wright Center Concert Hall

Saturday, February 18

Jennifer Craton, Bob Goodwin, Jeannie Krumdieck, Barbara Money, Cherrill Morgan (ret.), Constance Walker

- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Seibert Hall
- 7 p.m. Step Sing, Wright Center Concert Hall

Sunday, February 19

Irene Morissette (ret.), Patricia Muse

Monday, February 20

Bill Cowley (ret.), Iris Jackson, Vickie Norris

Tuesday, February 21

Frank Martin, Sharon Schlosser
Beeson Divinity School Preview Day

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Dennis Sansom*, chair, department of philosophy, God and Science: Asking the Right

- Questions (see Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m.)

• 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: William E. Conger, Jr., Lectures on Biblical Preaching, *The Very Reverend Philip Jensen*, dean, Saint Andrews Cathedral, Sydney, Australia

- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Brad Sargent, trumpet, Wright Center Recital Hall

Wednesday, February 22

Lori Bateman

- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *The Very Reverend Philip Jensen*, dean, Saint Andrews Cathedral, Sydney, Australia (see Tuesday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.)

Thursday, February 23

Rebecca Ard, Tracey Byerley (ret.), Gene Kelsner (ret.), Jarret Melick, Jeremy Yelton

- American Judicature Society Meeting, Cumberland School of Law
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Morgan Ponder*, chair, department of chemistry, God and Science: Asking the Right Questions (see Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m.)
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *The Very Reverend Philip Jensen*, dean, Saint Andrews Cathedral, Sydney, Australia (see Tuesday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.)
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Inventing Van Gogh*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Friday, February 24

Joe Blackburn, Edward Craig, Shirley Harding (ret.), Belle Stoddard

- American Judicature Society Meeting, Cumberland School of Law
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Inventing Van Gogh*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Saturday, February 25

Sheri Ransome, Don Sandley

- American Judicature Society Meeting, Cumberland School of Law
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Inventing Van Gogh*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Sunday, February 26

David Foreman, Ronald Hardy, Lisa Skelton, Edith Williams

- 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Inventing Van Gogh*, Harrison Theatre, ext. 2853

Monday, February 27

Frank Mobley, Lowell Vann, Shauna Yelton

- 7 p.m. Intelligent Design Program: *Dr. John Lennox*, fellow in mathematics and philosophy of science, Green College, Oxford University, U.K.

Tuesday, February 28

Jim Boockholdt (ret.), Betsy Dobbins, Bryan Johnson

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. John Lennox*, fellow in mathematics and philosophy of science, Green College, Oxford University, U.K.

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president, he served 19 years in various administrative capacities at the Arkansas Baptist institution, including executive vice president and vice president for development.

He directed two campaigns that raised \$68.7 million for Ouachita while serving in the development post. During his presidency, Ouachita completed another campaign that raised \$62.5 million during 2002-05.

A Batesville, Ark., native, Westmoreland is a 1979 graduate of Ouachita. He earned a master's degree in political science from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

As Ouachita's president, he also taught a course in political science each semester.

Westmoreland's wife is dean of the Ouachita School of Education and chair of the Arkansas Board of Education. Their daughter is a high school sophomore. ■

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last spring approved the addition of the multipurpose facility, which will be the largest structure on campus, as part of some \$53 million in immediate campus improvements.

Other projects included in the \$53 million total are a new recital hall, three new heating plants for various campus quadrants, a new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system for Robinson Hall, a 330-space surface parking lot, synthetic turf and other improvements to Seibert Stadium, and a new nine-court tennis facility.

The arena will be used for convocations such as Samford graduation programs and concerts. Seating capacity in this configuration will be 6,000, with the addition of 1,000 seats on the floor. ■

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Elaine Moody** (Student Ministries) on the Jan. 6 birth of her granddaughter, Sara Elaine Garcia, to parents Rebekah and Jose Garcia of Birmingham
- **Frank Glascock** (Printing) and his wife, Jennifer, on the Jan. 19 birth of their son, Jacob Franklin Glascock
- **Melba Maudlin** (Financial Aid) on the Nov. 17 birth of her seventh grandchild (and first granddaughter), Kaitlyn Nicole Maudlin, to her son, William, and his wife, Kristen. William holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Samford.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **Jeanette Ellison** (Payroll) in the Jan. 15 death of her brother, Larry, of Jemison, Ala.
- **Becky Hutto** (University Library) in the Dec. 14 death of her father, Bryce Martin, of Parrish, Ala.
- **Wayne Kendrick** (Athletics) in the Jan. 4 death of his father, U. D. Kendrick, of Bessemer, Ala.
- **Penny Marler** (Religion) in the Jan. 14 death of her father, James Wallace Long, of Birmingham
- **Susan Murphy** (History) in the Jan. 20 death of her husband, Truett, of Birmingham



FYI

Psychology Students Present at Phi Kappa Phi

Four groups of psychology students presented their research at a fall conference entitled "Strategies to Promote Academic Excellence in Alabama's College Students." The conference was sponsored by the Phi Kappa Phi chapter at the University of West Alabama.

Marc Best, Colin Camacho, Sharon Pierce and Joanna Wheeler presented "Stereotypes: Investigating the Effects of Race and Education on Perceived Leadership Ability." Carolyn Pritchett, John Ogorek, Rachele

- **Melissa Nixon** (Student) in the Nov. 22 death of her uncle, Jim Key, Jr., of Chelsea, Ala., a Samford graduate
- **Marlene Rikard** (History) in the Dec. 19 death of her husband, Frank, in Birmingham
- **Robin Roberts** (Sociology) in the Dec. 19 death of his father, David Roberts III, of Birmingham
- **Betty Sue Shepherd** (Performing Arts) in the Dec. 12 death of her husband, Neil, in Birmingham

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Corts,

Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent in memory of my father. Your care and concern were greatly appreciated.

Becky Hutto
Law Library

Dear Samford Family,

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Wayne Kendrick and Family

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Corts and Samford Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent. I also want to thank you for attending the funeral service and lending your support. We appreciate it so much.

Betty Sue Shepherd
and Family

Whorley and Audrea Youngman presented "The Effects of Divided Attention and Pressure on Memory Task Performance at Encoding and Retrieval." Melissa Cantley, Lauren Lanehart and Cheryl Smith presented "Attractiveness and First Impressions: Quality Outweighs the Beauty Bias in Evaluation and Personality Perceptions." Hannah Grace Rowland presented "Undergraduate Perceptions of the Attractiveness and Personality Characteristics of Same-Race Versus Interracial Couples."

The research projects were products from the Research Methods classes taught by psychology professors Jackie Goldstein and Stephen Chew. ■

Barnette Named Religion Professor, Director of Ministerial Formation

Dr. James R. Barnette has been named associate professor of religion and director of ministerial formation at Samford. He has served as minister to the university since 1994.

In his new role, he will teach courses in preaching, ministry and Biblical perspectives, and will oversee the development of ministerial students through a program of mentoring, internships and other ministry-related courses.

In addition, he will continue to direct the Samford Sunday preaching program with former Samford religion professor Sigurd Bryan and will oversee the recently endowed Holley-Hull Lecture Series.

Barnette is a former pastor of churches in Indiana and Kentucky, and has served as interim pastor



Barnette

of churches in three states. Before joining Samford, he was professor of religion and philosophy at Campbell (N.C.) University.

A 1983 Samford graduate, Barnette holds M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern

Baptist Seminary. He regularly contributes articles to journals on preaching and ministry.

Barnette is the author of a new book, *Homely Joys*, a collection of prayers and poems by Barnette and his late father, Dr. Henlee Barnette, a longtime faculty member at Southern Seminary. Barnette and his wife, Deanna, are parents of a daughter, Hannah, and a son, Nicholas.

Samford is conducting a search for a new minister to the University, said Samford Provost Brad Creed. ■

SIM Awards \$27,450 to Faculty/Staff

The Samford in Mission Grant awarded \$27,450 for eight minigrants to Samford faculty and staff members in its Vocation and Missions Grants program. The grants support diverse academic activities that promote the exploration and clarification of a sense of life's mission for students.

Awardees include:

Robin Roberts (Sociology): Support for Sociology 339 (Medical Sociology) being offered as a service-learning course. Students will build wheelchair ramps for two families in Perry County.

Carol Dean, Becky Atkinson and Myrtis Johnson (Education and Professional Studies): Funding for a project that involves teacher education students in a training experience in Albert Turner Elementary School in Perry County.

Michele Haralson and Becky Atkinson (Education and Professional Studies): Collaborative reading and writing conference for 200 elementary school students in Fairfield.

Amanda S. Hilsmeier

(Education and Professional Studies): Tutoring program pairing prospective teacher education students with elementary students in East Lake.

Tatyana Karaman (Political Science): Planning grant to develop a new political science course that will engage students in researching the relationship between poverty, politics and religion in rural Perry County.

Greg Kawell (Mathematics and Computer Science): Planning grant to develop a technology training program for teachers in the Perry County school system.

Chuck Sands (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine): ESSM students will conduct health education events (diabetes, obesity, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases) for high school students in Perry County.

Carol Ann Vaughn (Christian Women's Leadership Center): Funds to support CWLC internships in East Lake and Perry County. Interns will assist current and potential women leaders in these areas. ■