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A newsletter for faculty, staff and friends of Samford University • April 2006

Samford To Salute Corts Era at April 20 Sheraton Dinner

Samford will recognize retiring President and Mrs. Thomas E. Corts at a dinner at the Birmingham Sheraton Thursday, April 20. The 7 p.m. dinner will provide the occasion for faculty, staff and friends to join Samford trustees and board of overseer members in a salute to the Corts era.

Dr. Corts will retire May 31 after 23 years as president, a period marked by numerous significant milestones in Samford history (see *Seasons* magazine, Spring 2006). Among those taking part in the dinner program are former Governor and faculty



Corts

member Albert Brewer, University Professor William Hull, alumni Betsy Rogers and Eric Motley, and trustee John Pittman.

Corts will complete his tenure May 31. He is currently Alabama's longest serving university or college president. Over the years, he has signed and presented more than 17,000 Samford diplomas. He will add another 800 or so during May graduation—after first delivering the commencement address.

The Cortses also will attend the final staff appreciation luncheon of the spring semester May 12 to visit with Samford people. ■

Scholarship Established to Honor Retiring Pharmacy Dean Joe Dean

Pharmacy Dean Joseph O. Dean, Jr., will retire at the end of the current academic year May 31. To mark the occasion, the Advisory Board of McWhorter School of Pharmacy has established an endowed scholarship in Dean's honor.

Contributions may be sent to the Joseph O. Dean, Jr., Endowed Scholarship Fund at Samford.

The advisory board also will honor Dr. Dean at a retirement



Dean

dinner April 8 at Vestavia Hills Country Club.

Dean will complete 25 years at Samford this spring, including the past 15 as pharmacy dean. The scholarship will reflect his numerous contributions to the University,

his profession and the future of pharmacy students. Among other contributions, he led the pharmacy school through the implementation of the entry-level doctor of pharmacy degree. ■

Spring Concert

Samford University Chorale
Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Hodges Chapel



Pulitzer Prize Winners, Noted Speakers Highlight High-Powered April Schedule

A series of top-notch speakers will visit Samford during April, ranging from a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and novelist to a leading authority on democratization to noted theologians.

• **David Broder**, Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post*, will deliver the first Timothy Sumner Robinson Lecture Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., in Reid Chapel. The lecture series is sponsored in cooperation with *The Post* in honor of the late Samford graduate and *Post* reporter, Tim Robinson.

• **Marilynne Robinson**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the novel, *Gilead*, will speak Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m., in Reid Chapel.

• **Larry Diamond**, senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and author of *Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq*, delivers the Rushton Lecture Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., in the Robinson Hall courtroom.

• **Gordon J. Wenham**, professor of Old Testament studies, University of Gloucestershire, UK, will present the Biblical Studies Lectures, Tuesday-Thursday, April 4-6, 11 a.m., in Hodges Chapel.

• A trio of speakers will deliver the Newport Lectures in Reid Chapel. They are **Dr. William David Kirkpatrick**, professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Tuesday, April 4, at 10 a.m.; **Brian McLaren**, founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, Spencerville, Md., Wednesday, April 5, at 9:15 a.m.; and **Dr. Todd Lake**, vice president for spiritual development, Belmont University, Thursday, April 6, at 10 a.m.

Also, the **Alabama Supreme Court and Court of Civil Appeals** will hear arguments in cases in Wright Center Concert Hall Tuesday, April 4. The hearings are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

All programs are free and open to the public. ■

Old-Song Sing-Along Set for April 23

The sounds of the great hymns and gospel songs of yesteryear will ring out from Reid Chapel Sunday, April 23, as Samford holds its fifth annual Old-Song Sing-Along. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Brad White of Memphis, Tenn., pianist for the James Blackwood Quartet for eight

years, will lead singing. The Samford Gospel Choir also will perform.

White has served in full-time music ministry since 1989. He is a two-time Grammy nominee and has earned Dove nominations as well.

For information, call ext. 2807. ■



Out & About

Becky Atkinson (Education and Professional Studies) presented a paper at QUIG, the annual Qualitative Interest Group conference at the University of Georgia, Jan. 6-8. Her topic was "Don't Worry About the Mule Going Blind, Just Load the Wagon: Insights from Teachers' Responses to Teacher Knowledge Literature for Teacher Education Scholars and Writers." She also made a presentation at the Kappa Delta Pi "I Teach" conference at Samford in February. That topic was "Cracking the Mirror: Gender, Media and Schooling."

Max Baber (Geography) and **Jim Brown** (History) presented their "Along the Tokaido" project on Japan to area social studies teachers at the Birmingham International Festival's Feb. 25 "Spotlight on Japan" workshop. The project integrated Japanese history and geography through 2-D ArcGIS and 3-D ArcGIS projects, and Google Earth. Baber, Brown and three area secondary teachers are tentatively scheduled to give related presentations at the 2007 American Historical Association annual meeting and/or the American Association for History and Computing meeting concurrently.

David Bains (Religion) presented a paper entitled "National Churches in a Denominational Society: Building National Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Washington, D.C." at the annual meeting of the Southeastern

Commission on the Study of Religion in Atlanta, Ga., March 11-12. He also chaired a session entitled "Gender, Rhetoric and Ethnography: Method in American Religion" at the meeting. He recently spoke to the singles group at Brookwood Baptist Church on the "Middle East Situation and the Biblical Response."

Mary Sue Baldwin (Teaching and Learning), **Dana Basinger** (Freshman Life) and **Lori Bateman** (Core Curriculum) presented "Focus: Enhancing the Prominence of the FYE Course" regarding Samford's learning community initiative at the annual First Year Experience conference in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25-28. Baldwin and **Clara Gerhardt** (Family Studies) presented a two-day workshop at the School of Nursing, University of Michigan, March 7-8. They also had individual consultations with faculty members who wanted to introduce elements of problem-based learning into their courses.

Jonathan Bass (History) delivered the eulogy for the Reverend Earl Stallings Feb. 26 at First Baptist Church of Wauchula, Fla. Stallings was one of eight moderate white ministers to whom Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail was directed. Bass became acquainted with Stallings during the course of research for his 2001 book, *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, in which Bass told the story of the letter and the ministers. Stallings was pastor of First Baptist Church of Birmingham. During the civil rights demonstrations of 1963, he welcomed several African American worshippers who appeared at the Easter morning service. The action ultimately cost him his job.

Kim Benner (Pharmacy) collaborated with two physicians from Children's Hospital and a former Samford pharmacy student, **Page Fuller**, Pharm.D., on a research project presented at the Southern Society of Pediatric Research meeting March 4. The project, entitled "Histamine-Receptor Antagonists versus Proton-Pump Inhibitors in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit: A Comparison of Gastric pH," represents a yearlong study done at Samford as part of a student senior project. It will be published in the *Journal of Investigative Medicine*.

Chad Carson (Business) presented "PS: Development and Validation of the Production Self-Efficacy Scale" at the 2006 Southwest Academy of Management meeting in Oklahoma City. Coauthors are **Don Morley** and **Scott Boar** from the University of South Alabama, and



Benner

Allison Pearson of Mississippi State University.

William Collins (Political Science) delivered the Warren Willis Lecture in Religion at Florida Southern College during February. His lecture was entitled, "Infinity, Design and Convergence: Theological Reflections on the Intelligent Design Argument."

Larry Davenport and **Mike Howell** (Biology) presented a paper, "Macroinvertebrates of the Upper Cahaba River: A Three-Year Study," at the annual meeting of the Alabama Fisheries Association Feb. 23 in Orange Beach, Ala. Their coauthors were **Kevin J. Morse**, **Konard Yancie** and **J. Lynn Wood** of Jefferson County Environmental Services.

Lyle Dorsett (Divinity) published "C. S. Lewis and the Cowley Fathers," in *Cowley: The Society of Saint John the Evangelist* Volume 32, No. 1, Winter 2006. His book *E. M. Bounds: Man of Prayer* was released by Hovel Audio.

Steven Epley (English) presented a paper, "The Country Mouse Looks Inward: Horace's Satire 2.6 and Tobias Smollett's *Humphry Clinker*," at the annual meeting of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies held March 2-4 in Athens, Ga.

Jeffrey Flaniken (Performing Arts) recently recorded two tracks with former American Idol **Reuben Studdard**. These two pieces will be released on Studdard's next CD.

Eric Fournier (Geography) recently attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, Ill. He presented a paper on the International Network for Teaching and Learning Geography in Higher Education, served as a discussion leader at the department chairs luncheon, and was part of a panel reviewing materials for the forthcoming "Teacher's Guide to Modern Geography." Also, Fournier recently was named an Honorary Kentucky Colonel by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher.



Dorsett



Gillespie

Chris Gillespie (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) was awarded the 2006 Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Monty Hogewood (University Relations) served as a discussion panelist at the March meeting of the Association of Fundraising Professionals [AFP], Alabama chapter. Hogewood holds the Certified Fund-Raising Executive designation and is a board member of the AFP Alabama chapter.

Fisher Humphreys (Divinity) will speak to the Alabama Human Relations Council April 24-25 on the subject of forgiveness.

Maisha Kelly-Freeman and **D'Andrea Skipwith** (Pharmacy) participated as volunteers during a health fair March 4 in Eutaw, Ala., at the Branch Heights Community Center, working with a large team of health-care and health-service providers. The two licensed pharmacists answered questions about medications, counseled patients on lifestyle modifications and medications, and performed blood pressure checks.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts) received the 2006 Choral Excellence Award at the American Choral Directors Association Southern Division convention in Charleston, W.Va., Feb. 24. The award is presented at the biennial Southern Division convention in recognition of outstanding contribution to the choral art in the region, which consists of 11 Southeastern states. Price also was guest conductor for the 2006 Mississippi Community College Choral Festival March 2-3.

Allen Ross (Divinity) led a weekend Bible conference at Immanuel Episcopal Church in New Bern, N.C., March 24-27. His topic was "The Messiah According to Isaiah."

Ken Roxburgh (Religion) preached at St. Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Church March 5 and taught three Sunday school sessions in the church's Lenten series. His topics were "Eastern



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Orthodox Spirituality" March 5, "The Spirituality of G. A. Studdert Kennedy" March 12 and "A Spirituality of Work and Leisure" April 2.

Dennis Sansom (Philosophy) led four Sunday morning classes on contemporary ethical issues at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in January. He led the deacon's leadership retreat for Shades Crest Baptist Church in February on "How to be a Loser and a Good Deacon at the Same Time." During March, he led three Sunday evening classes on contemporary ethical issues at Baptist Church of the Covenant's School for Christian Living. He preached at the church March 12.

Bill Service (Business) presented his paper, "Leadership and the Experience Quotient," at the 13th annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 24. His article, "The Development of Strategic Intelligence: A Managerial Perspective," was published in Volume 23(1) of *The International Journal of Management*, appearing in March. Service's 17-page theoretical piece was the longest of 20 articles in this issue from an international group of authors.

Frank Thielman (Divinity) is teaching a spring quarter (March through May) adult Sunday school class at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Perry Tompkins (Physics) was invited to give a colloquium at the Auburn University Department of Physics March 3. His topic was "Remote Experimentation Across the Internet."

Carol Ann Vaughn (Christian Women's Leadership Center) spent the academic year in the third class of the Interfaith Leadership Institute of Birmingham's National Conference for Community Justice chapter. She spoke to Judson College's first Leadership Luncheon, Woman's Missionary Union employees, the Summit Club Women and CWLC Salons about "Archetypes of Women's Leadership," and her visits with women in Jordan and Lebanon. She and the CWLC are featured in the 2006 Women's Exchange calendar for April. Vaughn served with **Randolph Horn** (Political Science) during March on a panel on "Religion and Politics in Alabama" at the University of Alabama School of Law's Symposium on the Role of Religion in Public Life. She and **Fisher Humphreys** (Divinity) served on a panel on "Religion in Alabama" for **Wayne Flynt's** public course in Alabama history during Jan Term. ■



April Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Saturday, April 1

Patrick Chappell, Denise Gregory, Thomas Oliver, Jaroslaw Szurek, Joy Whatley, Ron Wilson

- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee Tech, Bulldog Field (DH)

Sunday, April 2

Patricia Hodge

- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee Tech, Bulldog Field

Monday, April 3

Barbara Cartledge, Sandra Willis

- 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Workshop: Ministry and the Law, Beeson Divinity School
- 3:30 p.m. Faculty ShopTalk: *Dr. Wilton Bunch*, professor, Beeson Divinity School, "Changing Moral reasoning in Divinity Students," 210 Chapman Hall

Tuesday, April 4

Louise White (ret.)

- 2006 Art Faculty Show, Wright Center Art Gallery, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through April 27
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Alabama Supreme Court and Court of Civil Appeals Arguments, Wright Center Concert Hall
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. William David Kirkpatrick*, professor of theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Newport Lectures
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Gordon J. Wenham*, professor of Old Testament studies, University of Gloucestershire, UK, Biblical Studies Lectures
- 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Birmingham-Southern, Lakeshore Courts
- 7 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Auburn, Hoover Metropolitan Stadium
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Samford University Chorale, Hodges Chapel

Wednesday, April 5

Kristen Curtis, Patricia Pilon, Ralph Stone

- 9:15 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Brian McLaren*, founding pastor, Cedar Ridge Community Church, Spencerville, Md., the Newport Lectures
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Gordon J. Wenham*, professor of Old Testament studies, University of Gloucestershire, UK, Biblical Studies Lectures
- 2 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Lakeshore Courts

Thursday, April 6

Roger Brown, Marie Guess, Danielle Johnson, Dennis Price, Lynette Sandley

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Todd Lake*, vice president for spiritual development,

Belmont University, the Newport Lectures

- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Gordon J. Wenham*, professor of Old Testament studies, University of Gloucestershire, UK, Biblical Studies Lectures
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: *Dr. Kathryn Fouse* and *Leonard Candalaria*, Wright Center Recital Hall

Friday, April 7

Pam Nelson, Mary Rees

- 3 p.m. Faculty Senate, 113 Dwight Beeson Hall

Saturday, April 8

Marci Edwards, Brenda Jones, Jimmy Tillette

- Admission Junior Sneak Peek
- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Austin Peay, Joe Lee Griffin Stadium (DH)
- 7 p.m. Retirement Dinner for *Dr. Joseph O. Dean, Jr.*, dean, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Vestavia Hills Country Club

Sunday, April 9

Milburn Price

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Austin Peay, Joe Lee Griffin Stadium

Monday, April 10

John Coleman, Talmadge Gaither, Fred Hendon, Roger Lander, Sandra O'Brien, Margeri Pitts, Gloria Russell

Tuesday, April 11

Catherine Belew, Elizabeth Gambrell, Janice Teal (ret.)

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Easter Sketch, *Dr. Lowell Vann*, chair, Department of Art
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel; *Dr. Paul House*, associate dean and professor, Beeson Divinity School
- 7 p.m. Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum: *David Broder*, syndicated columnist, *The Washington Post*, Reid Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Instrumental Chamber Ensembles, Wright Center Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 12

Cynthia Kennington, Suzanne Oberholster, Glenda Valdmanis, Mark Warren, Mary Wimberley

Thursday, April 13

Kenneth McKinney, Judith Steele

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Award and Recognition Convocation
- 2 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Alabama, Lakeshore Courts
- 5:30 p.m. Recital: Samford Brass Quintet, Wright Center Recital Hall

Friday, April 14

Jae Dedo, Bill Nunnelle, Kazuyo Sakurai, Stan Susina (ret.), Vernon Wesson

- Good Friday
- 4 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Austin Peay, Bulldog Field (DH)
- 12 p.m. Administrative Team meeting, Flag Colonnade

Saturday, April 15

Andrew Benson, Cheryl Cecil, Heather West

- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Austin Peay, Bulldog Field

Sunday, April 16

Lee Allen (ret.), Catherine Evans, Terri Hubbell, Raymond King, Alan Lyons, Frankie Tatum

Happy Easter

Monday, April 17

Kemper Baker, Lauren Bean, Amy Broeseke, Lyle Dorsett

Easter Monday Holiday (University offices closed)

Tuesday, April 18

John Harris

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Renee Pitts*, missions coordinator, Samford Student Ministries
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Norfleete Day*, associate professor, Beeson Divinity School
- 6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Birmingham-Southern, Joe Lee Griffin Field
- 6:30 p.m. Earth Day Speaker: *Dr. Mike Howell*, professor of biology, "The Changing Face of Pollution," Christenberry Planetarium
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Percussion Ensemble, Wright Center Concert Hall

Wednesday, April 19

Lisa Beckham, Jennifer Deneke, Richard Esposito, Sherry Hutton, Christopher Nelson, W. D. Peebles (ret.), Heather Pennington, Terry Pickett, Keaton Scott

Thursday, April 20

Brad Creed

- Earth Day
- 10 a.m. Earth Day Program: *Glenn Smith*, *Josh Kelly* and *Alex Varner*, founders, Higher Ground Roasters, "Saving the World One Cup at a Time," Brock Forum
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Larry Fields*, senior pastor, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 4 p.m. Earth Day Concert: Samford Wind Ensemble, Ben Brown Plaza
- Earth Day Program: *Dr. Jim McClintock*, professor of biology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, "Expeditions South: A Marine Biologist in Antarctica"
- 7:30 p.m. Retirement Banquet for *Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Corts*, Birmingham Sheraton, \$35
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *The Secret Garden*, Harrison Theatre, call ext. 2853

Friday, April 21

Leon Davis (ret.), Melissa Ward

- 11:45 a.m. What's Important to Me and Why, *Dana Basinger*, director of freshman life, Flag Colonnade

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Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Grant Dalton** (Performing Arts) and his wife, Jennifer, on the March 22 birth of their son, Grant Beckett Dalton II
- **David Garza** (Chemistry) and his wife, Jennifer, on the Feb. 24 birth of their son, Jackson Carl Garza
- **Elaine Moody** (Student Ministries) on the Jan. 6 birth of her grandson, Peyton Theodore Dees, to parents Trisha and Dusty Dees in Valdosta, Ga.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- The family and friends of the

Calendar *cont. from page 3*

- 4 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri, Bulldog Field (DH)
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *The Secret Garden*, Harrison Theatre, call ext. 2853

Saturday, April 22

- John Bowman, Robert Fowler, James Haggard, David Hartley, Mary Martin (ret.), Timothy Mullins
- Old Howard 100 Bike Ride, Marion, Ala.
 - 12 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri, Bulldog Field
 - 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Joe Lee Griffin Stadium (DH)
 - 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *The Secret Garden*, Harrison Theatre, call ext. 2853

Sunday, April 23

- John Chatta, Charlotte Coleman, Martha Ralls, Jennifer Taylor
- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Joe Lee Griffin Stadium
 - 2 p.m. Old-Song Sing-Along, Reid Chapel
 - 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *The Secret Garden*, Harrison Theatre, call ext. 2853

Monday, April 24

- Judi Aucoin, Henry Cornelius, James

NEW FACES

Tabatha Barnes-Cook
(Children's Learning Center)

Brandon Evans (Athletics)

Lisa Faletta (Children's Learning Center)

Dusty Folds (University Library, transfer)

Karen D. Rayburn
(Accounting and Financial Services)

Ian Karl Schwarthing
(Accounting and Financial Services)

Promotion

Tonya F. Moore (Campus Safety)

Reverend John T. Porter of Birmingham, Samford board of trustees member who died Feb. 15

Dear Samford Family,

Thanks so much for remembering us during this special time. The flowers were lovely and your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Mrs. John T. Porter
and Family

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Corts and Samford Family,

Thank you for the beautiful plant that you sent in memory of my father. Your kind expression of concern was deeply appreciated.

The Dale Skelton
Family

Fenton, Patricia Harris, Cynthia Lohrke, Lori Northrop

- 7:30 p.m. Lecture: *Larry Diamond*, senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and founding co-editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Rushton Lecture Series, Reid Chapel

Tuesday, April 25

- Jimmy McDowell
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Paul Cunningham, senior history and classics major
 - 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Wilton Bunch*, professor, Beeson Divinity School

Wednesday, April 26

- Kimberly Sims
- 10:30 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Marilynne Robinson*, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Gilead*
 - 3:30 p.m. Faculty ShopTalk: *Dr. Kelly Jensen*, assistant professor, World Languages and Cultures, "Riding with the Gauchos"

Thursday, April 27

- Laura Kennedy, Timothy McRae, Amy Monroe
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Student Ministries Choir Concert
 - 3-5 p.m. Closing Reception, Art Faculty Show, Wright Center Art Gallery
 - 7:30 p.m. Concert: Bells of Buchanan, Hodges Chapel

Friday, April 28

- Frank Glascock, Beatriz Lopez, Judith Stevens

Saturday, April 29

- Taylor Brannon, Karen Carlisle, Catherine Moore, Cathryn Tanner
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Morehead State, Bulldog Field (DH)

Sunday, April 30

- Jewell Riffe (ret.), Patricia Stanfield
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Morehead State, Bulldog Field ■

Kerlin Named University Minister

Dr. Matthew S. Kerlin, senior campus minister at Baptist Campus Ministries, the University of Alabama, has been named minister to the University at Samford.

Dr. Kerlin succeeds Dr. James Barnette, who has moved to the religion department as associate professor and director of ministerial formation.

"Matt Kerlin has very strong credentials and good experience in both private and public institutions," said Dr. Richard H. Franklin, Samford vice president and dean of students. "He has the mind of an academic and a passion



Kerlin

for working with students in spiritual formation."

Kerlin, at Alabama since 2001, served previously as university minister at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn., Baptist Student Ministry director at University of Texas Southwestern Medical

Center and college minister at Southside Baptist, Baton Rouge, La.

He holds degrees from Louisiana State University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University.

He and his wife, Jonlyn, have three children: Reid, 10, Emma Grace, 6, and Katherine, 1. ■



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Samford Art Faculty Show Set for April 4-27

The Samford Art Faculty Show will be on display April 4-27 in Wright Center Art Gallery. The closing reception is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 3-5 p.m. in the gallery.

Art faculty will show recent work in various media, including watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, photography, prints, ceramics, and mixed media.

Participating faculty are Lowell Vann, Mary White, Richard Dendy, Scott Fisk, Don Rankin, Mary Ann Culotta, Shannon Flynt and Robin Snyder.

Samford Kappa Delta Pi Hosts "I Teach" Conference

The Samford chapter of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society hosted an "I Teach" conference for society members from the Southeast Feb. 11. More than 50 education majors attended.

Becky Atkinson, Mandy Hilsmier, Myrtis Johnson and Ann Phillips (Education and Professional Studies) made presentations, along with Stacia Gaines (Career Development),

and representatives of NASA and the McWane Center. Alumna Betsy Rogers was keynote speaker. Carol Dean (Education and Professional Studies) is Kappa Delta Pi counselor.

SIM Program Acquaints Faculty with East Lake

Samford in Mission sponsored a historical tour of East Birmingham and lunch at East Lake United Methodist Church followed by a panel of community representatives and Samford students as part of its Birmingham 101 program in January. The program acquainted faculty with Samford's history in East Lake and opportunities for the exploration of mission and vocation.

Participants included David Bains (Religion), David Chapman (Arts and Sciences), Doug Clapp (Classics), Myrtis Johnson (Education and Professional Studies), Mary Monk-Tutor (Pharmacy), April Robinson (Student Ministries), Jennifer Taylor (University Library), Billye Currie, Kathy Parnell and Jane Phares (Core) and Dan Sandifer-Stech, Lynette Sandley and Angulus Wilson (SIM).

Elizabeth Wells (University Library) compiled a brief history of East Birmingham and Howard College for the event. ■