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Concerto-Aria Concert

Tuesday, March 13
Wright Center Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.

Pharmacy School Receives $77,051 Grant for Disaster Response Course for Pharmacists

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy received a $77,051 grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] to help Alabama pharmacists learn more about emergency responses to disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

The grant—to McWhorter's Institute for Public Health and Pharmacy—will enable the pharmacy school to offer a course that draws on lessons learned during the aftermath to Katrina.

"The public health system in Alabama gained important disaster-response experience after Katrina," said Dr. Stuart Capper, director of the Institute for Public Health and Pharmacy. "This course will focus on one specific area that has received only limited attention, the partner relationship between the public-health practice community and the pharmacy practice community."

Capper noted that Katrina disrupted such critical services as the writing and dispensing of important medications for disaster victims as well as the provision of such basic services as vaccinations and triage.

The grant will fund a course that not only builds on lessons learned from Katrina, but also focuses on the roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy-practice

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Davis Named Nation's Top ODK Adviser

Samford English professor J. Roderick Davis was named the nation's top Omicron Delta Kappa faculty adviser from among counterparts at 300 college circles nationwide. He received the ODK Robert Bishop Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award during student convocation Feb. 8.

Davis

Dr. Davis has been an adviser to the Samford leadership honor society since 1997, but his connection to Samford ODK began with his induction as a student member in 1956. The 1958 Samford graduate was dean of arts and sciences at his alma mater from 1990 to 2001.

Nominators cited his leadership in initiating a "50 Leaders of Influence" recognition ceremony for Samford alumni in 2001, in helping the circle develop a plan of action to increase diversity on campus and in facilitating an ODK presence during Samford's presidential transition in 2006.

Davis also was commended for his part in fostering ODK's commitment to promote social justice and leadership in Alabama's Black Belt. The Samford circle initiated unique education and service opportunities in Marion,

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Johnson Named Finalist for Walt Whitman Award

Samford English professor and poet Bryan Johnson was named a finalist for the prestigious Walt Whitman Award presented annually by the Academy of American Poets. He was one of 26 finalists from more than 1,000 entries.

Johnson

English department chair Nancy Whitt described his selection as "a huge honor." She added, "It's an affirmation from the best of his peers."

Dr. Johnson said his work is classified as ekphrastic poetry based on academic research rather than romantic thought. He said he never wrote poetry until he was in graduate school at Mississippi State. He took a course in fiction, and his professor said his prose was actually poetry.

Johnson holds the Ph.D. in

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Samford Religion Department Receives $663,487 Gift from Retired Teacher's Estate

The Samford Department of Religion received a gift of $663,487 from the estate of Blanche Louise Abrams, a retired teacher who lived in Birmingham. The money will be used for scholarships, the purchase of books, and to assist faculty members in research and writing projects. A viewing-listening room in the Samford library will be named in her honor.

Abrams taught for 40 years at Ensley and West End high schools. She taught bookkeeping, shorthand and typing courses.

She and her husband, Relius, were dedicated church members and avid students of religion. They read widely and traveled in the Holy Land. They also developed an interest in supporting the Samford religion department.

After Relius died in the 1970s, Blanche Abrams made several gifts in his honor to the religion department. She died in 2005 at the age of 93, leaving the majority of her estate to the department.

"The Abrams' gift will be a major boost to the work of the Department of Religion, encouraging students through the Abrams Scholarship, through the purchase of library books, and in enabling faculty members to travel to pursue their research and writing projects," said Dr. Kenneth B. Roxburgh, religion department chair.

A Birmingham native, Abrams worked her way through Birmingham-Southern College

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Out & About

Jim Angel (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) took part in a health fair at Shades Mountain Baptist Church Jan. 10. He gave orientations on the church weight room and presented a talk on "Seven Simple Health Habits for Successful Aging."

Max Baber (Geography) will have his article, "The Significance of Map Design for Effective Analysis and Decision-Making in Public and Private Enterprises," included in a special issue of *The Cartographic Journal* in 2007. Baber is a fellow of the British Cartographic Society.

David Bains (Religion) will present a paper entitled "A Presbyterian 'Cathedral'? Congregational Space and Civic Space in the History of the National Presbyterian Church" at Building Spiritual Washington, the seventh biennial Symposium on the Historic Development of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Latrobe Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians, Washington, D.C. Catholic University of America will host the March 17 symposium.

Dana Basinger (Freshman Life) and **Lori Bateman** (University Core) presented a workshop entitled "Instructing the Instructors: A Three-Pronged Approach to FYE Course Instructor Training" at the 26th annual conference on the first-year experience in Addison, Texas, Feb. 16–20.

Jonathan Bass (History) attended the dedication recently of the restored Jonathan Bass House in Leeds, Ala. The new home of the Leeds Historical Society was built by Bass' great-grandfather in 1866. Located on Alabama Highway 119, the house is listed in the registers of the Jefferson County Historical Preservation Commission and the Alabama Landmarks and Heritage. Bass's eight-year-old daughter, **Kathleen,** participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony as the youngest Bass in attendance.

Joe Blackburn (Law) had his article, "Constitutional Limits on State Taxation of a Nonresident Trustee: *Gavin* Misapplies both *Quill* and *McCulloch,*" published in the *Mississippi Law Journal.*

Stuart Capper (Pharmacy) wrote an article entitled "Institute for Public Health and Pharmacy Introduced at Samford University" for the October 2006 issue of *Alabama's Health,* a publication of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Chad Carson and **Doug Smith** (Business), and **Alan Spies** (Pharmacy) had "Working Without a Contract: Pitfalls for Managers" published in the winter edition of the *Troy University Business and Economic Review.* Carson also was coauthor on three cases presented at the Southwest Case Research Association meeting: "ER: The Case" (with **Jennings Marshall,** Business), "Columbia Medical Center and the Cocaine-Addicted Pharmacist" (with Spies and **Carol Cumber,** South Dakota State University) and "But it was with My Wife: Failing to Address After-Hours Workplace Indiscretions" (with **Joe Goodman,** James Madison University).

Stephen Chew (Psychology), **Eric Fournier** (Geography) and 2006 graduate **Scott Pryjmak** presented a symposium at the meeting of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Their presentation, "Designing the Structure and Context of Group Learning for Optimal Student Learning," featured research Pryjmak conducted for his senior project.

Don Cochran (Law) was the keynote speaker at the Black Law Students Association's Southern Region convention in Miami, Fla., Jan. 20. Cochran, a member of the team that prosecuted Bobby Frank Cherry for the 1963 bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, spoke on delayed justice and the prosecution of the bombers.

Brannon Denning (Law) reviewed Yale law professor Jed Rubenfeld's book, *Revolution by Judiciary: The Structure of American Constitutional Law,* in *Constitutional Commentary.*

Lyle Dorsett (Divinity) presented a lecture on C. S. Lewis Jan. 9 at Lewis University, Cleveland, Tenn. He led a class on Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for a group of pastors in Kathmandu, Nepal, Jan. 21–27. He also gave a lecture entitled "John Wesley: A Prophet without Honor in His Own Church" at Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Cochran

Gerhardt

Monk-Tutor

Selles

Les Ennis (Education and Law) lectured in February at the University of Alabama School of Law on "Choosing Your Clients—When to Say Yes and When to Say No" as part of the Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Scott Fisk (Art) won a Birmingham Gold Addy Award in the category "Creative Service and Industry Suppliers, Interactive" for his self-promotional Web site design at www.scottfisk.com. The Addy Awards, administered by the American Advertising Federation, are the world's largest advertising competition. In Fisk's category, 38 winning works were selected to go on to a regional competition from more than 400 entries.

Mike Floyd (Law) attended the "Law and the Emotions" conference at the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law Feb. 8–9.

Clara Gerhardt (Family Studies) was elected chair of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology. Gerhardt, a clinical psychologist, previously held the position of vice chair for this organization. Board positions are nominated by the governor of Alabama.

Lisa Gibbs (Theatre) will perform March 9, 10 and 11 in "Pointe/Counterpointe," a collaboration between Arova, a ballet company, and Sanspointe, a modern dance company. Information about the performance can be found at www.activeculture.info.

Bob Goodwin (Law) has joined former Cumberland School of Law professor **Charles W. Gamble** as coauthor of *McElroy's Alabama Evidence,* the highly respected, two-volume treatise on Alabama Evidence Law first published in 1948, and regularly cited by Alabama's appellate courts. A supplement to the fifth edition of *McElroy's* will be published later this spring. Goodwin is also the author of a case book entitled *Criminal and Scientific Evidence* with Professor **Jimmy Gurule** of Notre Dame Law School, and *Alabama Evidentiary Foundations* with **Charles W. Gamble** and **Edward J. Imwinkelried.**

Amanda Hilsmier (Special Education) was elected vice president of the Council for Exceptional Children [CEC] at the 2007 Annual Superconference Feb. 2–3. The professional organization for special educators has more than 700 active members. **David Finn** (Children's Learning Center and Special Education) will assume the role of CEC president-elect July 1.

Raymond King (Education and Professional Studies) is working with two Birmingham schools seeking Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation, Tuggle Elementary School and A. G. Gaston Elementary School. King once again was appointed secretary for the Kenny Morgan Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Cindy Kirk (Metro Programs) attended a seminar, "Internet Marketing: New Techniques for Adult and Graduate Students," in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 29–30.

Ken Mathews (Divinity) will deliver plenary addresses at the 2007 Southeastern Regional meeting of Evangelical Theological Society March 9–10.

Mary Monk-Tutor (Pharmacy) will make a podium presentation on her sabbatical research titled "Drug-Store Soda Fountains of the Southeast" at the American Pharmacists Association meeting in Atlanta, Ga., March 18.

Patricia Outlaw (Divinity) presented a paper at the AME Church Growth and Evangelism Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 9–12.

Frank Parsons (Student Affairs) and members of the Samford University Interfraternity Council presented their Adopt-a-School Program Feb. 17 at the annual Southeastern Interfraternity Conference in Atlanta, Ga. The program highlighted Samford's Greek Life work at McElwain Elementary School in Birmingham. The presentation was designed to help

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MarchCalendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Thursday, March 1

Jennifer Epperson, Morgan Ponder, Caralisa Wilson

All State Choral Festival

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Matt Kerlin,* University Minister

• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Noises Off,* Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Friday, March 2

Myralyn Allgood, Mike Catoe, Ryan Galloway, Stefanie Jovanovich, Amy Schell, Cara Wharton

All State Choral Festival

• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Noises Off,* Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Saturday, March 3

John Boone, Jihong Chen, Glenn Schneider, Elizabeth Sorrell

All State Choral Festival

• 12 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri, Tennis Center

• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Noises Off,* Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Sunday, March 4

Mark Bateman, Gregory Kawell

• 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Noises Off,* Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Monday, March 5

Jim Angel, Robert Kirby, Linda Sneed

• Photos by *Lisa Pickett,* Swearingen Hall Art Gallery, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., through March 29

Tuesday, March 6

Mary Hutchinson, Kelci McLain, Onnie Pipatchaipoom

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Diana Garland,* dean, School of Social Work, Baylor University, James P. Auchmuty Lecture

• 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Charles T. Carter,* James H. Chapman Fellow of Pastoral Ministry, "Psalm 73"

• 1–3 p.m. Business Career Fair, Wright Center Lobby

• 2 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Memphis, Joe Lee Griffin Field

• 2:30 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Tennessee State, Tennis Center

• 2:30 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Tennessee State, Tennis Center

• 5:30 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Alabama A&M, Tennis Center

• 7:30 p.m. Concert: Wind Ensemble, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, March 7

• 10 a.m. Faculty Women's Club Coffee and program: *Dr. Jane Martin,* assistant dean, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, "Chandler Mountain Mission Project," 107 Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall

• 2 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Memphis, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Thursday, March 8

Kacey Cole, Janet Smith

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Jason Sterling,* campus minister, Reformed University Fellowship

• 12 p.m. Global Center luncheon: *Dr. Scott Moreau,* professor of missions and intercultural studies, Wheaton College, speaker

• 1 p.m. School of Business Dean's Leadership Series: *Mickey Newsome,* president and CEO, Hibbett Sports, speaker

• 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Troy, Tennis Center

Friday, March 9

Catherine Holder, Mayford McWaters (ret.), Michael O'Toole, Dale Skelton

• 11:45 a.m. What's Important to Me and Why Series, *Dr. Greg Jeane,* professor of geography, Flag Colonnade

Saturday, March 10

Fred Rogan, Melvin Steckler (ret.)

• 12 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Murray State, Tennis Center

• 12 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Murray State, Tennis Center

• 1:15 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Alabama State, Bulldog Field

• 3:30 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. St. Louis, Bulldog Field

Sunday, March 11

Lynda Reynolds, Joseph Scrivner

• 1:15 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. St. Louis, Bulldog Field

• 2 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Mercer, Tennis Center

• 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Mercer, Tennis Center

• 3:30 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Alabama State, Bulldog Field

Monday, March 12

Susan Alverson, Steve Jones

Tuesday, March 13

Charles Asbill, Justin Ward

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Doug Sullivan Gonzalez,* dean, University of Mississippi Honors College

• 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Kurt Selles,* director, Global Center, Beeson Divinity School, "Psalm 67"

• 7 p.m. Perspectives on Latin America Colloquium, "Religion and the Church," Brock Forum

• 7:30 p.m. Concerto-Aria Concert, voice and instrumental students, Wright Center Concert Hall

Wednesday, March 14

Mary Sue Baldwin, Jill Cunningham, Rebecca Ferguson, Sean Flynt, Roy Oliver (ret.), Gloria Walton

• 6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Alabama, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Thursday, March 15

Teresa Luke

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Paul Richardson,* assistant dean, music, School of Performing Arts

• 2 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Tennis Center

• 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Tennis Center

Friday, March 16

Debbie Adams

• 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Louisiana–Monroe, Tennis Center

• 3 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Purdue, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Saturday, March 17

George Buchanan, Jim Reburn

• 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Purdue, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Sunday, March 18

• 12 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Purdue, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Monday, March 19

Eric Allen

Spring Break

Tuesday, March 20

David Frings, Nirmala Pareek (ret.), Barry Robinson, Kathy Walton

Spring Break

Wednesday, March 21

George Atchley, Jim Barnette, Derrick Jones

Spring Break

Thursday, March 22

Martha Alverson (ret.), Arlene Hayne, Cheryl Smith

Spring Break

Friday, March 23

Patricia McLain, Dianna Sanders, Ashley Turner

Spring Break

Saturday, March 24

• 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Murray State, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)

• 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Bulldog Field (DH)

Sunday, March 25

Walter Clepper (ret.), Loree Crenshaw (ret.), Theresa Culpepper, Doug Hamilton (ret.), Chris Roper

• Baseball: Samford vs. Murray State, Joe Lee Griffin Field

• 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Eastern Illinois, Bulldog Field

Monday, March 26

Kathy Dixon, Shannon Flynt, Jimmie Thomas (ret.)

Tuesday, March 27

Marcia Hamby, Elizabeth Hopson

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Kimberly Smith,* chairman and executive director, Make Way Partners

• 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Thomas Fuller,* director, doctor of ministry studies and ministry leadership development, Beeson Divinity School

• 6 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Jacksonville State, Bulldog Field

Wednesday, March 28

Garry Atkins, Donna Phillips

• 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. UAB, Tennis Center

• 6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. UAB, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Thursday, March 29

Deborah Camel, Ted Tibbs (ret.)

• 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Nicole Siegfried,* assistant professor, department of psychology

Friday, March 30

Charlotte Baughn, Melanie Butts, Paul DuBose, Sarah Glass (ret.), Mary Worthington

• 12–4 p.m. Alabama State Geography Bee

• 7:30 p.m. A Cappella Choir Home Concert, Reid Chapel

Saturday, March 31

Donald Cochran, Perry Tompkins

Science Olympiad

• 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Jacksonville State, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)

(DH) Doubleheader

NEW FACES

(January)

Eric P. Allen *(Library)*

André L. Bruce *(Football)*

William L. Crowe, Jr. *(Football)*

William A. D'Ottavio *(Football)*

Darlene L. Dowdy *(Biology)*

Paul A. Hogan *(Football)*

Ruth M. Lettieri *(Admission)*

Suzanne H. McAdams *(University Relations)*

Meredith K. McClendon *(Children's Learning Center)*

Suzanne Montgomery *(Metro Programs)*

Jennifer E. Sheppard *(Children's Learning Center)*

Alicia-Ann Smith *(Children's Learning Center)*

Lindsey Ann Wade *(Bookstore)*

Geoffrey R. White *(Campus Safety)*

Laine R. Williams *(University Relations)*

Transfer

Tatyana A. Karaman *(Institutional Effectiveness, from Political Science)*

Retired

Timothy Covington *(Pharmacy)*

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

• **Nick Madsen** (Campus Recreation) and his wife, Micah, on the Feb. 15 birth of their daughter, Jordan Elizabeth

• **Linda Vandiver** (Campus Safety) on the Jan. 24 birth of her grandson, Kaleb Baylum Vandiver Wood, to parents Nicole Vandiver and Jermaine Wood of Birmingham

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

• **Sandy Brinson** (Divinity) in the Feb. 11 death of her father, Al Kragh, of Adamsville, Ala.

• **Scott Camp** (University Relations) in the Feb. 22 death of his grandfather, Austin Lewis Camp, of Birmingham

• **Pat Stanfield** (Student Affairs) in the Feb. 15 death of her father, Hardie J. Conway, of Newton, Miss.

FYI

Third Old Howard 100 Set for Saturday, April 21

Samford will sponsor its third annual Old Howard 100 bike ride in Perry and Hale counties Saturday, April 21.

The project raises funds for Sowing Seeds of Hope, which seeks to enhance the quality of life and work in Perry County.

More than 200 riders took part in the ride last spring, many attracted by the opportunity to cycle on scenic, low-traffic roads in Alabama's historic Black Belt. The youngest rider was 12 and the oldest more than 70, said Dr. Rosemary Fisk, Samford associate dean of arts and sciences and one of the project's organizers.

For information, go to www.samford.edu/groups/oldhoward100. ■

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community for public-health preparedness and response.

Capper said the grant also would help determine how Alabama pharmacists prefer to access such a course, face-to-face or Internet-based, and whether or not both formats are equally effective at conveying the content. The course will be offered in each format to as many as 60 pharmacists at each presentation.

The Samford institute will join with the Alabama State Department of Public Health in designing the course. These public-health pharmacy-preparedness efforts are part of an extensive program for such work at the University of Alabama at Birmingham South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness. ■

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during the Great Depression. She also held a master's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama. She was a member of Ensley Baptist Church for more than 80 years, and supported the church with tithes and other gifts until it closed several years ago. ■

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creative writing from the University of Denver, home of the nation's oldest creative writing school. He has been published in the *Denver Quarterly, New American Writing, American Letters & Commentary, Western Humanities Review* and the *Paris Review,* among others.

The Walt Whitman finalist honor opens new possibilities for Johnson. The Whitman winner, announced in May, will enjoy a first-book publication by Louisiana State University, a cash prize and a one-month residency at Vermont Studio Center, the largest artists' and writers' residency program in the United States.

Johnson, who earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Mississippi State, has been a Samford faculty member since 1999. ■

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other interfraternity councils to start programs in their communities. Members of about 250 councils from 12 states attended the conference.

Jeffrey Powell (Mathematics and Computer Science) attended the 57th annual meeting of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics [AACTM] at the University of Alabama Feb. 10. He gave a talk entitled "Minimum Degrees and the Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon," and also was elected to serve on the Executive Council of the AACTM. Earlier, he served as a judge for the Mathematical Association of America [MAA] undergraduate poster session at the MAA meeting in New Orleans, La., Jan. 4–9.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts, ret.) prepared and led a hymn festival sponsored by the Macon, Ga., chapter of the American Guild of Organists Feb. 4. The festival theme was "A Panorama of American Hymnody." Earlier, he was guest lecturer and guest conductor during fall meetings of the Virginia Baptist and Georgia Baptist church music conferences.

Keith Putt (Philosophy) presented a paper entitled "Negotiating the Love of God: A Postsecular Slant on Philosophy and Theology" at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature. He also delivered a lecture entitled "Is 'Business Ethics' an Oxymoron?" during the AgCenter Leadership Conference at Louisiana State University.

Allen Ross (Divinity) participated in a Bible conference Feb. 2–4 at Church of the Apostles North, Dawsonville, Ga., and a deacons retreat in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 23–24 for Dawson Memorial Baptist Church of Birmingham.

Chuck Sands (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) made two presentations with colleagues at the February meeting of the Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Chattanooga, Tenn.: "Fitness Levels of Chinese and American Children" with **Jim Angel, Donna Dunaway** and **T. S. Chang,** and "Health-Related Fitness of Children in Rural Alabama," with Angel, Dunaway and **Robert Hensarling.**

Kurt Selles (Global Center) traveled to London in January to make arrangements for a Divinity School class in July on urban missions. While in England, he preached at St. Paul's Cathedral in Cambridge and at Christ Church Leyton, East London. From London, he traveled to Accra, Ghana, to explore organizing a class on Christianity in the Global South, making visits to Trinity College and the Akrofi-Christaller Centre for Mission Research and Applied Theology, and also preaching in four services at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Jason Wallace (History) chaired a panel discussion on "Religious and Secular Martyrdom" for the Feb. 2 meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians in Jacksonville, Ala.

Andy Webster (Pharmacy) recently was elected to a two-year term as chairman of the board of directors of the Alabaster Community YMCA. With this election, he also is appointed to the Birmingham Metropolitan YMCA board of directors.

Elizabeth Wells (Special Collection) was a presenter at a seminar on "Alabama: From Territory to Antebellum Days" in Monroeville, Ala., Feb. 3. Her topic was "The Settlers, the Land, the Wars and the Politics." She also presented a section on "Bible Records—Their Place in the Family and Local History" Jan. 10 on WVTM Channel 13 News.

Heather West (World Languages and Cultures) will present a paper entitled "Le succès des Haïtiens dans le domaine de la production culturelle au Québec" at the colloquium "Québec at the Dawn of the New Millennium: Between Tradition and Modernity" at the University of North Texas March 2–3.

Patti Wood (Education and Professional Studies) served on the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education committee designing standards in gifted education. ■

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including a leadership program for high school students.

Davis was presented the framed national adviser of the year certificate and accompanying $500 cash award by Samford ODK co-adviser, business professor Betsy Holloway, and circle president Mary Kathryn Covert.

An Albertville, Ala., native, Davis holds a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature from Columbia University. ■