

# INSIDE Samford

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## Motley, Westmoreland, Carter To Speak during Commencement

Samford will graduate about 838 seniors during May commencement programs. A total of 683 are scheduled to graduate during the last commencement in Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m.

Dr. Eric L. Motley, vice president of special initiatives at the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C., and former White House special assistant for presidential personnel, will deliver the commencement address. The 1996 Samford graduate spent four years working in the Bush White House before transferring to the State Department in 2005 as director of the Office of International Visitors.

In his new role at Aspen, he is also managing director of the Henry Crown Fellowship program designed to develop a new generation of community-spirited leaders.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland will speak at

Cumberland School of Law commencement Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m. in Wright Center Concert Hall. Cumberland will graduate 155.

Dr. Charles T. Carter, the James H. Chapman Fellow of Pastoral Ministry at Beeson Divinity School, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Friday, May 25, during 5 p.m. services in Wright Center. He is a longtime Alabama Baptist leader and is pastor emeritus of Shades Mountain Baptist Church.

The president's reception for seniors and their families will be 2:30-4 p.m. Friday, May 25, in the main dining room of Ralph W. Beeson University Center.

Samford began holding commencement in the downtown arena in 1990 after the annual program outgrew Wright Center. Completion of the new Pete Hanna Center this fall will enable next year's graduation to move back to campus. ■

## Communications Wins National Awards

Samford's Office of University Communications earned several awards in recent national competitions.

Samford won the prestigious Arthur S. Davenport award from the Baptist Communicators Association [BCA] for the university's 2006 admission campaign, developed in conjunction with the Office of Admission. The Davenport award, one of seven best-of-class awards given by BCA, was for exceptional achievement

in public relations. The admission campaign also earned a first-place award in the public relations category.

In the annual BCA Wilmer C. Fields Awards, Samford received second place in public relations for the campaign developed for the inauguration of President Andrew Westmoreland.

Scott Camp, senior graphic designer, received a first-place award in the design category for

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## Samford Combined Choirs and Orchestra

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Wright Center Concert Hall



Photo by Bill Mathews

*Three Old Howard 100 riders enjoy the pastoral beauty of Black Belt Alabama.*

## Record Turnout of 229 Enjoys Beautiful Day for Old Howard 100

Wayne Kenamer of Hoover, Ala., has ridden in more than 60 100-mile bike rides over the past 10 years, and he counts the Old Howard 100 one of his favorites.

"Riding through country and history on low-traffic roads, with locals waving and speaking from their porch or yard, and support and friendliness at rest stops made for an outstanding event," he said.

Kenamer was one of a record 229 registrants for the third Old Howard 100. They cycled through Perry and Hale counties on a beautiful spring day made for such an event, opting for routes from 30 to 100 miles. Riders came from various Alabama towns as well as from Georgia and Tennessee. The Birmingham Bike Club and

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## Fitness and Health Accredited

Samford's Fitness and Health Promotion program has earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs [CAAHEP] and the American College of Sports Medicine [ACSM].

The program, part of the Department of Exercise Science and Sports Medicine curriculum,

is only the eighth in the nation to achieve the distinction.

CAAHEP was founded in 1994 as an accrediting body for allied health programs, but the accreditation process for college and university programs in the area of exercise science is relatively new, having begun only in 2005.

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## Out & About

**Janet Alexander** (Nursing) presented "Colleagues in Compassionate Care," her 3M Vision Grant with hospice patients, at Rutgers University's annual end-of-life conference, Honoring Diversity in End-of-Life and Palliative Care, March 22–23 in Atlantic City, N.J.

**Amanda Borden** (Communication Studies) presented a paper entitled "Tolerance, Ethnocentrism and Cross-Cultural Engagement" at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association March 30 in Louisville, Ky.

**Scott Asbill, Gary Bumgarner, Valerie Prince and Alan Spies** (Pharmacy) had their research article, "Using the Humanities to Strengthen the Concept of Professionalism Among First-Professional-Year Pharmacy Students," published in the April 2007 issue of the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. The article is a product of a three-year project that seeks to enhance a stronger sense of service in entering pharmacy students. Samford in Mission supported the work.

**Stephen Chew** (Psychology) wrote a chapter for the electronic book, *The Teaching of Psychology in Autobiography: Perspectives from Exemplary Psychology Teachers (Volume 2)*, published online by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. The chapter title is "Teaching as a Problem in Applied Psychology."

**Ed Coyne** (Business) and son, **Kevin**, coauthored "Surviving Your New

CEO," the lead article in the May 2007 issue of *Harvard Business Review*. The article summarizes their research into turnover of corporate executive officers following arrival of a new CEO, and reports interviews that give pointers for survival. Kevin is on the faculty at Harvard Business School.

**Theresa Davidson** (Sociology) attended the Southern Sociological Society meeting in Atlanta, Ga., April 12–14. She presented a paper entitled, "Attitudes toward Assistance to the Poor: The Role of Religion." Three of her students also presented their research.

**Brannon Denning** (Law) recently published a debate with Cardozo law professor Edward Zelinsky in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review's online publication, *PENNumbra*, on whether courts should continue to strike down state taxes that discriminate against out-of-state commerce. The debate can be found at [www.pennumbra.com/debates/debate.php?did=7](http://www.pennumbra.com/debates/debate.php?did=7). A version of the exchange will be published in the fall *Mississippi Law Journal*.

**Steve Donaldson** (Mathematics and Computer Science) spoke to engineers in Southern Company's Business Technology Consulting group in March. His topic was "Genetic Algorithms as an Optimization Technique: Computational Approaches to Intractable Problems."

**Lyle Dorsett** (Divinity) delivered a Lenten message at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman, Ala., March 28. He also participated in the Organization of American Historians annual conference in Minneapolis, Minn., March 29–31.

**Donna K. Fitch** (University Relations) won the 2006 Silver Hammer Award from the international Horror Writers Association (HWA) in April. HWA's board of trustees gives the award periodically to a volunteer who has done significant work behind the scenes for the organization.

**Hugh Floyd** (Sociology) and **French Forbes III** (Environmental Management/Vulcan Materials Center) presented a paper, "A Continuing Trail of Tears in Emergence of the New South: the Fontana Lake Diaspora," at the Southern Sociological Society meetings in Atlanta, Ga., April 11–13.

**Clara Gerhardt** (Family Studies) received an award for significant educational and cultural contributions from the Alabama Germany



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Partnership, which recognizes contributions to the Germany-Alabama relationship. Consul General Hans Georg Brunner of the German Consulate in Atlanta, Ga., attended. The partnership originated after German auto manufacturers made Alabama their home. Gerhardt is past president of the organization. Among her contributions highlighted were her simultaneous translations and commentary during the elections of the Pope broadcast live to Germany from the Evangelical World Television Network [EWTN] based in Irondale, Ala.

**Jackie Goldstein** (Psychology) gave a talk entitled "Hope for 'Community Recovery': Mental Health Care in Caring Communities" to the South Highlands Presbyterian Sharing Group Jan. 28 and to the Birmingham chapter of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill March 13.

**Bob Greene** (Law) was selected as a Fulbright scholar grantee to Ukraine for 2008. He will lecture for a semester at the National Law Academy in Odessa. Greene will speak June 15 at the annual seminar of the Environmental Law Section of the Alabama State Bar, a section he formerly chaired. His topic will be "The Latest in Environmental Justice."

**Jason Heaton** (Biology) was an invited speaker at the 76th annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Philadelphia, Pa., March 27–April 1. His presentation, entitled "The Problematic Papionina of Sterkfontein Member 4, Gauteng, South Africa," focused on research from his recently completed dissertation. During the conference, he also was an invited participant in the Cercopithecoidea Analytical Working Group, part of the National Science Foundation-funded Revealing Hominid Origins Initiative.

**Michael Hogue** (Pharmacy) presented a continuing education Webinar for pharmacists entitled "Update in Pediatric Vaccines" March 28. The course was presented on behalf of *Drug Store News*, a national publication for chain pharmacists. Also, Hogue was recently installed for the

second of a two-year term as executive committee member-at-large of the American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management.

**Paul House** (Divinity) has published two books recently. He coauthored *How to Understand the Day of the Lord* with Se-Hoon Jang, published by Grism Publishing Company, Seoul, Korea. He coedited *Central Themes in Biblical Theology: Mapping Unity in Diversity* with Scott J. Hafemann and contributed a chapter as well. The book was published by Apollos (an imprint of Inter-Varsity Press).

**Jim Jensen** (Performing Arts) completed an International Artist Residency at the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada, during his spring sabbatical. In residence, he completed two compositions: ". . . toward the pebbled shore" for cello and piano, and "Five Casual Pieces" for violin and viola. Both will be scheduled for performance in the Birmingham area during 2007–08. Jensen was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame in a performance and ceremony at Liberty Hall, Lawrence, Kan., in January.

**Bryan Johnson** (English) was accepted by the Sewanee Writers' Conference, one of the nation's pre-eminent events for novelists, poets and playwrights. The conference—funded through the estate of writer Tennessee Williams—will meet July 17–29 at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Also, he had two poems accepted by the *Western Humanities Review*: "Emma Goldman Arrested for Distributing Birth Control Information (1916)" and "Fashionable Courtesans Wearing Crinolines, by Honoré Daumier, 1855."

**Kenneth Mathews** (Divinity) was special guest and chapel speaker at the conference, One Bible, One Gospel: Exploring the Unity of Scripture, April 27–28 at Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

**Mary McCullough** (World Languages and Cultures) presented a paper, "The (In)Visibility of Minorities in France: 'La Double Peine' and Its

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Consequences," at the conference on Public Space: Text and Context at Mohamed I University in Oujda, Morocco, March 15–16. She also presented "Artistic Expressions of the Maghrebian Diaspora in France" at the Society of Ibn Khaldun: Zerda, a Celebration of Arabic Cultures at the University of Alabama in Birmingham April 4–5.

**Elaine Moody** (University Ministries) will graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May 19. She will receive a master of divinity with Christian education specialization. Moody is a 2001 Samford family studies graduate.

**Milburn Price** (Performing Arts, ret.) delivered the keynote address and presented a lecture/demonstration at the joint convention of the Mississippi Choral Directors Association and the Mississippi Music Educators Association in Jackson April 13.

**Philip Poole** (University Relations) was re-elected to a second term as president of Religion Communicators Council, a professional association of more than 500 religion communicators from the U.S. and Canada. He presided at the association's national meeting April 26–28 in Louisville, Ky.

**Keith Putt** (Philosophy) was a keynote speaker for "Neither Grapes of Wrath nor the Wine of Violence: Religion as the Fruit of a More Peaceful Vintage," a conference on religion and violence at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

**Paul Richardson** (Music) spoke on "Baptist Hymnody, Baptist Spirituality" at the convocation of the Alliance of Baptists at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., April 14.

**Marlene Rikard** (History) delivered the presidential address at the Alabama Historical Association annual meeting in Opelika, Ala., April 14. Her topic was "Lost Treasure: The Birmingham 'Steel Series' of Artist Roderick D. MacKenzie." She was 2006–07 president of the 1,200-member AHA, the nation's largest statewide historical association.

**Robin Roberts** (Sociology) joined students **Jeff Bennett** and **Calvin Hodge** in presenting "Building Wheelchair Ramps for the Rural Poor: A Service-Learning Project in Sociology" at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society April 12–14 in Atlanta, Ga.



## May Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

### Tuesday, May 1

Patricia Davenport, Patricia Kunz, Ruth Lettieri, Frank Parsons, Ginger Robertson  
 • 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dawson Hull*, Samford senior  
 • 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: Awards Day, *Christian George*, student preacher, Psalm 146

### Wednesday, May 2

Amanda Schneider, Karim Shamsi-Basha, Roy Swatzell, Michele Zaro  
 • 11:30 a.m. Samford Auxiliary Luncheon: *Doro Bush Koch*, author of *My Father My President: A Personal Account of the Life of George H. W. Bush*, Cahaba Grand Conference Center (formerly HealthSouth Conference center), Birmingham  
 • 6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Jackson State, Joe Lee Griffin Field

### Thursday, May 3

Jack Berry, Mike DeBow, Robert Schrimsher  
 • 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Chris McCaghen*, Samford senior  
 • 1 p.m. Lecture: *Tim Taylor*, entrepreneur and author, *Launch Fever*, Samford Business Dean's Leadership Series, Brock Forum  
 • 7:30 p.m. Concert: Bells of Buchanan, Brock Recital Hall  
 • 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre Dance Concert: *Reflexions*, Harrison Theatre

### Friday, May 4

Jessie Baker (ret.), Andrew Greene, Raymond Johnson, Josh Taylor  
 • 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre Dance Concert: *Reflexions*, Harrison Theatre

### Saturday, May 5

Evelyn Lynn, Heather Mitchell, Jeff Whitcomb  
 • 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre Dance Concert: *Reflexions*, Harrison Theatre

### Sunday, May 6

Mike Morris, Becca Wilson  
 • 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre Dance Concert: *Reflexions*, Harrison Theatre

### Monday, May 7

Gail Barton, Regina Coleman, Rick Hinkle, Ralph Gold

### Tuesday, May 8

Matt Bowman, Wesley Brice, Ben Murchison  
 • 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: Service of Consecration, *Dr. Calvin A. Miller*, professor, Beeson Divinity School, Psalm 100  
 • 7:30 p.m. Concert: Samford combined choirs and orchestra, Wright Center Concert Hall

### Wednesday, May 9

Tim Banks, Jason Black, Eva Click, Jeanette Lincecum, Sarah Wilcox  
 • 7–8:30 a.m. Samford Business Network Breakfast: *Neal Wade*, director, Alabama Development Office, speaker, Harbert Center, Birmingham

### Thursday, May 10

Kathryn Gardner, Nancy Hartin, Grant Lyons, Glenda Martin, Jeff Wallace

### Friday, May 11

Candia Cole, Stan Davis, Dianne Ellis (ret.), Faye Howell (ret.), Nancy Hughes, Bill Walton  
 • Graduating Senior Art Show, Swearingen Hall Art Gallery, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., through May 25. Reception follows Baccalaureate Service Friday, May 25.

### Saturday, May 12

Casey Birmingham, Timothy Covington (ret.), Rosemary Fisk, Ashley Martin  
 • 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Tennessee Tech, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)

### Sunday, May 13

Arcie Bonds (ret.), Mary Burrett, John Garrett, Lauren Thompson, Annie Wheeler (ret.), Jim Williams  
 • 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Tennessee Tech, Joe Lee Griffin Field

### Monday, May 14

Charles Cole, Tanual Hall, Josh Reeves, Dave Vinter  
 Spring semester classes end

### Tuesday, May 15

Janice Lasseter (ret.), Elaine Moody, Karlo Senasi  
 Study Day  
 • 7:30 p.m. Faculty and Guest Recital: *Dan Gale*, baritone, and *Kathryn Fouse*, piano, Brock Recital Hall

### Wednesday, May 16

Robert Cameron, Marcia McCormick, Patricia Outlaw, Bill Strickland  
 Final exams

### Thursday, May 17

Kristie Chandler, Kenneth Mathews, Anethia Reliford (ret.)  
 Final exams

### Friday, May 18

Paul Hall (ret.), Eric Olson, Robin Snyder, Azalea Whitcomb, Deborah Young  
 Final exams  
 • 6:30 p.m. M.B.A. Hooding Ceremony and 40th Anniversary Celebration, Marriott Grandview Hotel

### Saturday, May 19

Ernestine Bodie (ret.), Candace Hudson, Peter Roussel, Patricia Sillvan (ret.)  
 • 10 a.m. Extension Division Recognition Service, Hodges Chapel  
 • 1 p.m. Cumberland School of Law Commencement, *Dr. Andrew Westmoreland*, speaker, Wright Center Concert Hall

### Sunday, May 20

Jack Brymer (ret.), Pat Campbell, Carolyn Crocker, Lori Hill, Ashley Williams

### Monday, May 21

Keith Abrams, Frances Carter (ret.), Patrice Donnelly, Mary Hudson (ret.), Alice Martin, John Ray (ret.)  
 Final exams

### Tuesday, May 22

Thomas Beavers, Linda Connor, Rachael Palmer, Becky Reamey, Becca Williamson  
 Final exams

### Wednesday, May 23

Josh Bearden, Jason Wicker

### Thursday, May 24

Sandra Brinson, Felisa Hsu, George Keller, Joy Lynch

### Friday, May 25

Sara Berry, Paul House, Daniel Mitchell  
 • 1 p.m. School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Hodges Chapel  
 • 2:30–4 p.m. President's Reception for Graduating Seniors, Beeson University Center Main Dining Room  
 • 5 p.m. Baccalaureate Service: *Dr. Charles T. Carter*, James H. Chapman Fellow of Pastoral Ministry, Beeson Divinity School, speaker, Wright Center Concert Hall  
 • Immediately following Baccalaureate Service: Reception, Graduating Senior Art Show, Swearingen Hall Art Gallery

### Saturday, May 26

Angela Ferguson, Ronda Lee, Keith Putt, Robert Smith, Judith Vinzant  
 • 10 a.m. Commencement: *Dr. Eric L. Motley*, vice president of special initiatives, The Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C., speaker, Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena  
 • 3 p.m. Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and Reception, Reid Chapel

### Sunday, May 27

Jason Heaton, Andy Montgomery, Marione Nance, Jonathan Parker, Lisa Pickett

### Monday, May 28

Chris Doss (ret.), William Hull (ret.), Mary Lewis  
 Memorial Day  
 University closed

### Tuesday, May 29

April Arendall, Gary Baker, Beth Burch, Aaron Farrow, Anton Fourie, Tim Mann, Mike McCormack, Charles McGuire, John Morgan

### Thursday, May 31

Ursula Doyle, Kathryn Fouse, Clyde Gable, Betty Legg (ret.), Shay McNamee, Cynthia Medbery, Betty Tinney, Marilyn Wright (ret.)

(DH)—Doubleheader

# Joys & Sorrows

## Congratulations to . . .

• **Ralph Gold, Jr.** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) on the Feb. 26 birth of his granddaughter, Marilyn Ann Gold

## Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **David Foreman** (Mathematics and Computer Science) and his wife, Elvia, in the April 8 death of Elvia's mother, Barbara Glover, of Fort Worth, Texas
- **Dennis Jones** (Journalism and Mass Communication) in the April 23 death of his mother, Charlotte May Chapman Jones, of Bessemer, Ala.
- **Elaine Moody** (University Ministries) in the April 9 death of her brother-in-law, Gary Acker, of Green Pond, Ala.

## NEW FACES

Harry B. Brock III (*Business Affairs*)

Christopher F. Feigi  
(*Campus Safety*)

Alicia Newton (*Campus Safety*)

Sarah Ann Ott (*Admission*)

## Best Wishes to Retirees

Paul Blanchard (*Biology*)

John Bowman (*Pharmacy*)

Fred Hendon (*Business*)\*

Greg Jeane (*Geography*)\*

Raymond King  
(*Education and Professional Studies*)

Ellen McLaughlin (*Biology*)\*

Calvin Miller (*Divinity*)

Tea Sam Roe (*Pharmacy*)

Gloria Russell (*Nursing*)

Betty Sue Shepherd  
(*Performing Arts*)

John Sowell (*Pharmacy*)

Robert Stiles (*Biology*)

Jean Thomason (*University Library*)

Olivia Wood (*University Library*)

\*Retiring at the end of summer

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**Allen Ross** (Divinity) spoke at a Bible Conference in Tallahassee, Fla., April 19–21. His topic and Scripture were "Words of Comfort and Encouragement," Isaiah 50–61.

**Chuck Sands** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine), and ESSM students **N. H. Williams** and **B. C. Ballentine** presented a program on "Children and Nutrition" to faculty of Robert C. Hatch High School, Uniontown, Ala., March 14. Sands also spoke to first- and second-year medical/dental students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham April 16 on "Mission and Vocation."

**Janet Smith** (Education and Professional Studies) was elected president of the Alabama Association of Certification Officers and Personnel in Education for 2007–08. This organization, which represents colleges and departments of teacher education throughout Alabama, affects the certification decisions for all state teacher education graduates.

**Condit Steil** (Pharmacy) helped present "Core Concepts: The Art and Science of Diabetes Education" as a faculty member for the American Association of Diabetes Educators April 11–13 in Houston, Texas. The twice-a-year seminar presents a broad update of diabetes care and education.

**Jason Wallace** (History) presented a paper entitled "Al Smith and the Election of 1928 in Alabama" at the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association April 14 in Opelika, Ala.

**Howard Walthall** (Law) appeared before the Alabama House of Representatives Committee on Constitution and Elections April 4 in support of bills, which he helped draft, that would modernize Articles 12 (Corporations) and 13 (Banking). Walthall also was quoted in an April 5 *Birmingham News* story about the bills.

**LaVone Warren** (Law) was asked to serve on the planning committee for the midyear meeting of the Association for Continuing Legal Education [ACLEA] in Las Vegas, Nev., Jan 26–29, 2008. The committee met April 21–22 in Austin, Texas. ACLEA membership includes professionals from bar associations, law schools, law firms and for-profit businesses.

**Ron Wilson** (University Relations) began service April 1 as interim pastor at Capshaw Baptist Church in Madison, Ala. ■

## Awards cont. from page 1

the logo developed for the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride. Samford earned second place in the annual report category for the 2006 President's Report.

The office of communication received five awards of excellence and two awards of merit from the Religion Communicators Council [RCC], a national, interfaith professional association.

*Seasons*, the university's news publication, earned an award of excellence in the national magazine category.

Samford also won an award of excellence in the public relations campaign category for the presidential inauguration campaign.

Samford won both awards of excellence in the special

publication category. Camp won for the commemorative booklet, *J. I. Packer: The Evangelical Future*, developed for Beeson Divinity School. The communications office also won for the book, *Corts: Deo, Doctrinae, Aeternitati*, developed for the retirement of President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts.

Camp earned the award of excellence in the flyer category for the "Living with the Psalms" promotional poster designed for the divinity school. He also won an award of merit in the logo category for the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride logo.

Camp and communications staffer Sean Flynt won an award of merit in overall publication design for the 2006 admission campus visit brochure. ■

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cycling community gave heavy support.

The oldest rider was John Fuller, 80, of Birmingham, who chose a 55-mile route.

More than 20 Samford faculty and students rode, and more than two dozen or so others served as volunteers at support and gear stops, including members of Greek-letter organizations and Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honorary.

The members of Sigma Chi fraternity took advantage of its location near the Faunsdale Crawfish Festival to supply riders with crawfish meals under the shade of big trees in Magnolia Grove.

Once again, the event was sponsored by the Howard College

of Arts and Sciences, and proceeds will go to the Sowing Seeds of Hope ministry in Alabama's Black Belt region. The event has grown each year, from 148 participants in 2005 to 198 last year to this year's total.

"Thanks for an awesome day," said Kenamer, a retiree who works part-time for Birmingham Bicycle Company, where he plans to spread the word about the ride.

The lone casualty occurred when Bill Mathews' trademark Penny Farthing high wheel bicycle succumbed to metal fatigue after 25 years, causing the frame to break and sending Mathews sprawling. The vice president for business affairs was unhurt, he said, and plans to look for a replacement right away. ■

## Fitness cont. from page 1

"This is outstanding news and is a testament to the work that our department does to provide exceptional undergraduate preparation in exercise science," said department chair Chuck D. Sands IV.

The initial accreditation was awarded through Jan. 31, 2011. Dr. Sands cited faculty members Patrice Donnelly and Alan Jung as "the primary force" behind the accreditation process.

The fitness and health promotion major—one of six majors in the ESSM department—prepares students for employment in corporate wellness programs, fitness centers, YMCAs, cardiac rehabilitation and recreational facilities. The program coursework and practicums are designed to prepare students for ACSM certification exams for health fitness instructor [HFI] or exercise test technologist [ETT]. ■