

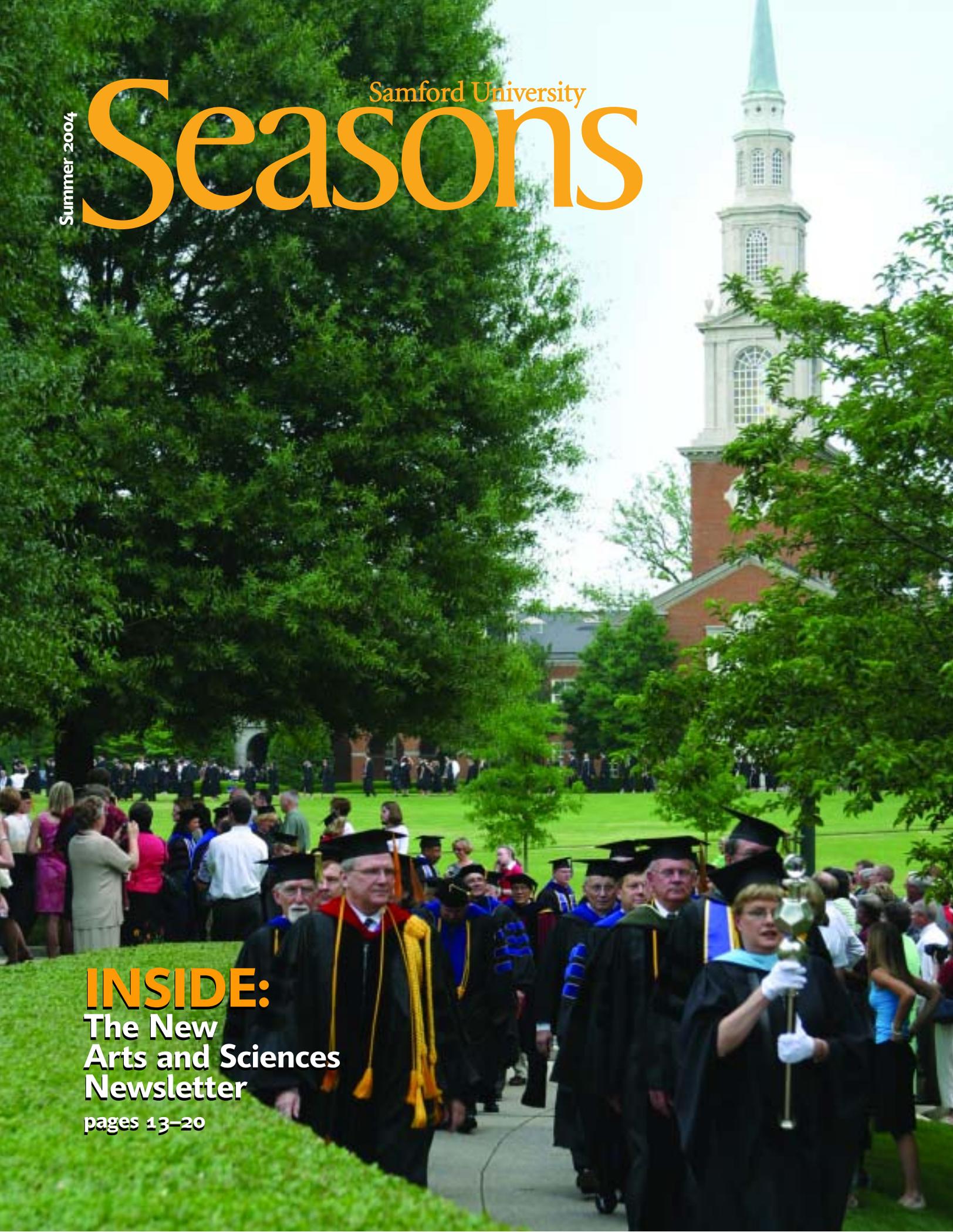
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Thanks for the Melodies

A melody lingers after the music stops—that is why more than 50 years later, I still can sing songs learned in grade school. That is why hundreds of Gospel songs are deep in my heart and my theology. That is why “The Star-Spangled Banner” still swells a lump in the throat. That is why the “Hallelujah Chorus” or Widor’s “Toccatta” send chills to the spine.

Samford University has a great heritage in music. Outstanding music graduates are at work throughout the world in churches, on opera stages, in schools and in concert halls. The dedicated efforts of professors

Kathleen Martinson, George Koski, Claude Rhea, Gene Black and Milburn Price have built to grand crescendos that will resound when we break ground this January and dedicate a new music facility in the fall of 2006.

Facing Montague Drive, between the south end of Samford Hall and the existing Wright Center, the new building will connect to both Wright Center and Buchanan. Its most obvious feature will be a high-quality recital hall for more intimate performances before audiences of 300–400. Sorely needed rehearsal space will allow the marching band and the orchestra to rehearse in space dedicated for that purpose and with appropriate acoustical provision. Instrument storage, classrooms, individual practice space and faculty offices complete the plan.

When the Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center was constructed in 1976, costs had to be contained. Original plans were scaled back, and as the music program has grown, makeshift arrangements had to be contrived. To the credit of music deans and faculty, the quality of the program continued to prosper despite space and facility limitations. Our students are superior, as confirmed by their remarkable record in competitions and by our memories.

Without a football program, only a modest effort in non-keyboard, instrumental music was required in the decade 1974–84. A marching band is very important during football season, but most people never think about rehearsals, or how to store five or six tubas, for example, plus many other instruments. Our progress with strings and with an orchestra has added greatly to Samford’s offerings and to the support of fine arts in the metro-Birmingham community. Both orchestra and marching band are accommodated in the new structure.

Major gift opportunities are still available, and all the required funds are not yet on hand, the project is moving forward at full speed. We always have been able to count on Samford music. Now it is time for us to provide the facilities the program so richly deserves.

To Dean Price, and current and past music faculty members, the new building will be a gift of gratitude. Thanks for the memories!



MOVING AHEAD

Samford Plans To Build Recital Hall and Instrumental Music Building

Samford is moving ahead with plans to build a Recital Hall and Instrumental Music Building for its School of Performing Arts. The proposed structure was described by Samford President Thomas E. Corts as “essential” earlier this year.

At its spring meeting May 4, the Samford University Board of Trustees approved a plan to emphasize fund-raising for the facility so that construction could begin as soon as possible. The board also approved hiring an architect and acoustics, lighting and sound system consultants for the building. Planning will be completed by late 2004, according to Vice President for Facilities Don Mott.

The project was one of the first mentioned by Dr. Corts in his January report of Samford initiatives approved by the board for the next decade.

“We hope soon to begin construction of an essential music recital hall with attendant facilities for instrumental music,” he said, stressing that “the need is immediate.”

Expected to cost in the \$7 million range, the facility is needed to serve as a home for Samford orchestral and band programs. Samford offers a full instrumental program, including instruction in strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. Instrumental students participate in a wide variety of ensembles, including orchestra, wind ensemble, marching band, jazz ensemble and percussion ensemble.

Samford music programs currently are housed in John H.

Buchanan Hall, built in the 1960s as a classroom, studio and office building. Music programs also use facilities in Leslie Stephen Wright Fine Arts Center, with its auditorium, theatre, art gallery and recital room.

Plans call for the new building to be located adjacent to Buchanan Hall and Wright Center.

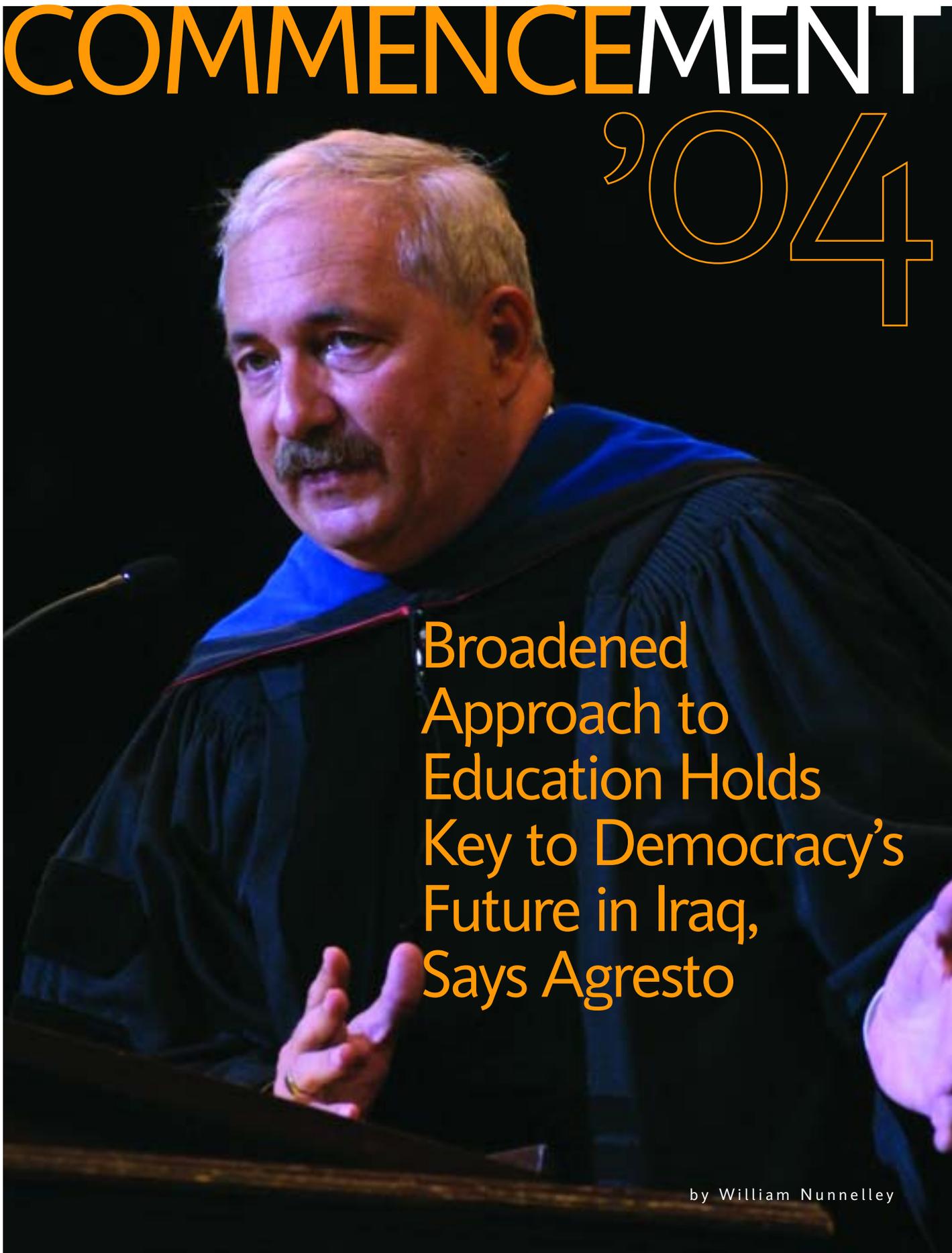
Samford’s School of Music combined with the Department of Theatre in 2001 to form the School of Performing Arts. The University offers majors in music, music education, musical theatre, church music, performance and theory/composition. ■

An architect’s rendering of the new Recital Hall shows the location adjacent to the entrance to Wright Center.



COMMENCEMENT

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A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a blue graduation gown, speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his hands as he speaks. The background is dark.

Broadened
Approach to
Education Holds
Key to Democracy's
Future in Iraq,
Says Agresto

by William Nunnelley

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER SERVED AS SENIOR ADVISER TO COALITION EDUCATION MINISTRY

Dr. John Agresto, a former college president who has written widely on education and government, went to Iraq last summer to help reconstruct the country's higher education system in the aftermath of war.

In his role as senior adviser for higher education and scientific research to the Coalition Provisional Authority, Agresto set about putting the 70 universities and technical colleges in touch with American universities for assistance.

He arranged for books and science equipment to be sent to Iraqi schools damaged by war. He organized three new liberal arts schools. He lent his expertise as an educator in any way that would help the school system rebound.

Will the United States be successful in these and other efforts to establish democracy in Iraq?

"We may not," Agresto said during commencement remarks at Samford May 22. Education will play a vital role in whether Iraq can grow as a democracy, he said. A key question is whether the Iraqi education system can become more "liberal and liberating" and less narrowly focused, he said.

Thomas Jefferson said, "there is no democracy without education," Agresto reminded. "Without the ability to think about alternatives, evaluate courses of action and weigh consequences, no country can succeed."

The Iraqi education system has emphasized training people deeply in areas for which they test well, such as engineering and computer activity, but not broadly beyond their fields. Part of Agresto's efforts has been to broaden the approach "so that thinking, questioning and common deliberation

could take place," he said.

The goal is to "let students think about their course of study, choose their majors freely, let them ask questions, see more than just their specialties and give them breadth, not just narrow, expert depth."

In short, his work with a group of Iraqi college presidents seeks one result for students. The former president of St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M., characterized it this way: "Give them the ability to reflect and choose. Give them the tools for rational deliberation."

Agresto, a political scientist, was named to his post in Iraq last August and has been in the country for most of the time since then. He came to Samford commencement directly from Baghdad, returning after a short visit with his family. He was scheduled to complete his Iraq assignment in late June.

Agresto addressed a graduating class of 677 seniors. Cumberland School of Law graduated 158 seniors later in the day. The graduates hailed from 24 states and nine foreign nations.

"Maybe we will succeed," Agresto said of America's efforts to build "civil society" in Iraq. He is sure of only one thing. If efforts are successful, a broadened approach to education will be a key ingredient. ■



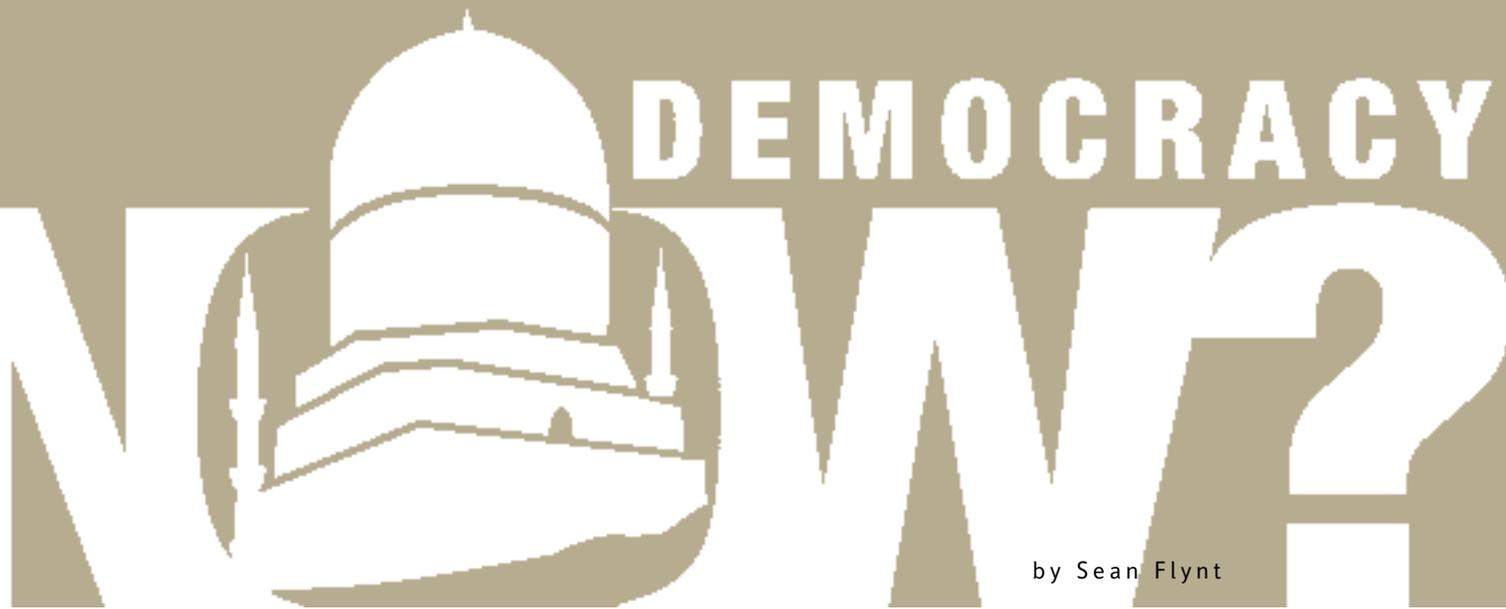
President Thomas Corts presents President's Cup to senior Jessica Nicole Parker.

Agresto Also Said ...

Additional Thoughts from Commencement Address

- "We [Americans] think that democracy is easy. But, I'm afraid to say, tyranny is easy. Rule by the rich, or by demagogues, or by thugs and hooligans, is easy. Rule by democracy is hard. It takes a thousand ingredients—tyranny only one."
- "Despite all the talk about American self-interest, American materialism and consumerism, the deeper truth is that Americans have hearts of gold. We go out of our way to help. We are, despite all the glib media babble, the most generous nation on Earth, bar none."
- "... the truth is, we are, as Americans, incapable of acting (other than from the heart). That is why we should not hold back in condemning the sadistic and perverted abuses we have seen in Abu Ghraib prison: this is behavior unworthy of Americans and a perversion of what it means to be Americans."
- "We have a thousand organizations (Rotary, Elks, Knights of Columbus, nonprofits, charitable foundations) to teach us to consider our neighbors. I don't think we realize how closely Americans are tied to each other until we see people who have no common ties beyond their family or tribe. I don't think we realize how much we Americans actually like one another and are willing to sacrifice for each other. But there's no democracy without that."
- "I'm not saying we will not be successful, only that I think we have had too easygoing a view of what it takes to forge a democratic and free country."

For a free, pocket-sized, 24-page booklet of the text of Dr. John Agresto's commencement address, "A Lot of What I Learned About America I Learned in Iraq," contact the Office of Public Relations, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, or e-mail samnews@samford.edu.



DEMOCRACY NOW?

by Sean Flynt

Can Democracy Grow in the Middle East?

As the United States considered how it would transfer Iraqi national sovereignty in early summer, it faced complex questions that confound democratic reform efforts throughout the Middle East.

At the invitation of Samford University's College Society, Arab world specialist Carrie Rosefsky Wickham described those questions to a packed audience at Samford at the end of April.

"How can we promote political freedom in a region with little or no prior experience with democracy, and in which democracy itself has long been stigmatized as a product of the West?" asked Wickham, a Carnegie scholar and associate professor of political science at Emory University who has lectured at the U.S. State Department and Central Intelligence Agency, among other prestigious venues. She is author of the book *Mobilizing Islam*, published by Columbia University Press.

"How do we encourage Arab leaders to uphold the rights of women or religious minorities without triggering the accusation that we are trying to impose our values on others?" she continued. "How are we to deal with the fact that the largest, best organized and most popular opposition groups in the Arab world are not committed to democracy but rather seek to establish systems of rule based on Shari'a, or

Islamic law? Should we encourage the holding of free and fair competitive elections, knowing that they may permit nondemocrats to come to power? Should we use undemocratic means—such as the de facto veto power of the American administrators in Iraq—to impose a democratic constitution and establish unelected bodies with the power to uphold it, even when this conflicts with the majority will?"

In spite of her expertise—or more likely because of it—Wickham offered no easy answers to these questions. She said resolving seemingly intractable differences in Iraq and elsewhere in the Arab world will require significant and complex changes on all sides. For its part, she said, the U.S. should learn to use its considerable "soft power"—not its hard, coercive power, but the persuasive power of traditional American institutions and freedoms that many Arabs admire and long to see thrive in their own countries.

According to Wickham, "there are many ways for the U.S. to deploy its soft power in the Arab world—through skillful diplomacy, economic aid, and the sharing of our vast educational, legal and technical expertise with Arab governments and citizens committed to reform." She noted that this was the U.S. approach to its defeated enemies after World War II.

"As in Germany and Japan," Wickham said, "the transformation of Arab states into systems that are accountable to their own people, respect



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—Carrie Rosefsky Wickham

the rule of law, permit free and open debate, and generate economic opportunity for their citizens represents the only way to extinguish the appeal of extremist Islam."

Wickham said extremist Islam has such appeal because the roots of anti-Americanism in the Arab world are deep. They include the perceived unity of U.S. and Israeli policy, unchallenged anti-American propaganda, the willingness of some Arab leaders to blame America for crises largely created by their own oppressive Middle Eastern regimes and the desperation of young Arabs who feel powerless to reform their own governments. The result is a significant disparity between the way Americans view themselves and the way Arabs view Americans.

"If asked about our policies in the Middle East," Wickham said, "many Americans would credit our government leaders for seeking a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict and for liberating the Iraqi people from one of the world's most brutal dictatorships. The image of America promoted by Osama bin Laden and other Islamic militants could not be more different."

She said bin Laden and others who advocate "total war" against the U.S. see only America's support for Israel on one hand and oppressive Arab regimes on the other, U.S. military bases in Arab countries, and Arab/American relations driven more by America's thirst for oil than by its democratic ideals. "From this vantage point," Wickham said, "the objective of U.S. policy in the Arab world is to dictate its leaders' policies and control its resources, and in so doing, to deprive its citizens of the chance to determine

their own future."

Speaking at Samford shortly before the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal further deepened the crisis in Arab/American relations, Wickham predicted a long road ahead for the U.S. in the Arab world in general and Iraq in particular. "The building of an effective democracy in Iraq—our stated goal—will literally take generations to accomplish and will require a long-term commitment of American military, economic and humanitarian aid," Wickham said. "It will also require a central role for international bodies like the United Nations to monitor elections, broker compromises between different ethnic, tribal and religious groups, and enforce domestic and cross-border peace."

Unfortunately, Wickham said, "America's credibility as a pro-democracy actor is currently so low in the Arab world that we may actually hurt the cause of reform by too strenuously promoting it."

Anti-Americanism and the key questions in Arab/American relations will loom long after June 30, the date planned for at least limited transfer of sovereignty in Iraq. But as grim as the future may look, Wickham still has hope. "As we look ahead, the challenge for us is not to impose our own values and institutions on the Arab world, but to strengthen the region's internal voices of reform and help them develop their own societies in line with their own priorities, at their own pace, and in ways that continue to move our relationship away from mutual suspicion and hostility toward dialogue, understanding and peace." ■

50 Years a Trustee

Samford Milestone Moments Are Many for John Pittman

by Mary Wimberley

John C. Pittman recalls the day in 1953 that Howard College president Harwell G. Davis asked him to serve on the board of trustees.

“Major Davis said he wanted one of his boys on the board,” said Pittman, who at the time was a mere decade away from his 1943 graduation. Pittman’s loyal service on the Howard College and Samford University boards continues to this day and remains one of the longest tenures of any board member.

“If there were an All-American team of university trustees, John C. Pittman would be on it,” said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. “For 50 years, he has been concerned for this University, from the top of the bell tower to underground fiber-optic cable and chilled water loops. He cares about students, about faculty, about academics, about the Christian dimension.”

Why such dedication? “Our distinction related to Christian education,” answers Pittman. “There are a lot of good educational institutions. If Samford were just another academic institution, I wouldn’t be interested. At Samford, we honor and proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ and are committed to building a Christian community for students.”

Over six decades, he has served four one-year terms as vice chairman and five one-year terms as chairman, most recently in 1995–96. His standing committee appointments have included academic affairs, student affairs, athletics, development and business affairs. He has been reelected to the executive committee continuously since 1958.



John Pittman joined the Samford Board in 1953.

“When I first got on the board, as the young one, I became the chauffeur,” he recalled recently. “I would leave my office and drive around Birmingham and pick up Leo Bashinsky, Frank Park Samford and Lewis M. Smith, and listen to them talk. I learned a lot from them.”

He has served during administrations of three presidents: Davis, Leslie S. Wright and Corts. “I have enjoyed, in different ways, working with all three presidents. God’s leadership has given us the right people at the right times.”

He has been a witness to and participating in many milestone moments of Samford history: The mid-’50s move to Homewood from East Lake was a big one. “Nobody in 1953 actually thought about moving, except for Major Davis,” said Pittman, who grew up in the Edgewood section of Homewood.

He credits Davis’ acumen and reputation with helping the school survive post-Depression struggles. “What saved the school was World War II,” said Pittman, noting that the V-12 programs that trained military personnel were mostly at schools larger than Howard. “Major Davis knew Alabama senators John Sparkman and Lister Hill. He went to D.C. and lobbied for having the V-12 program at smaller schools,” he said.

The program gave a much needed financial boost to the school.

After the school relocated, Pittman said, “Leslie Wright was the right person for getting the new campus together.

“Then, Tom Corts and his academic leadership came at the right time. The Lord just gave him to us,” he said of Corts, now in his 22nd year as president.

Pittman, who received his CLU designation in 1952, enjoyed a successful business career as general agent and vice president of New England Life Insurance Co. He also served as Southern regional vice president of the company, which he had joined in 1949. He retired in the mid-1980s as senior field vice president.

He is a life deacon and former chairman of deacons at Brookwood Baptist Church. In partnership with the church, he and his wife, Marjorie, created an endowed scholarship fund to enable qualified Baptist students to attend Samford.

He also established the Marjorie Holcomb Pittman Scholarship Fund. Pittman, who

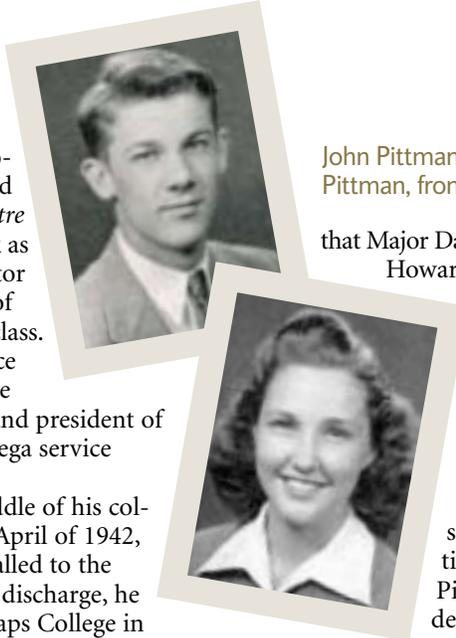


majored in economics, is listed in the 1943 *Entre Nous* yearbook as a student senator and treasurer of the freshman class. He was also vice president of the student body and president of Alpha Phi Omega service organization.

In the middle of his college career, in April of 1942, Pittman was called to the Marines. After discharge, he attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., for two semesters. “After I completed my work there in 1943, Dean Burns [academic dean] let me transfer those credits so that I could graduate from Howard College.”

In 1993, Samford awarded him an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of his contributions to professional, civic and educational endeavors. Without a doubt, Pittman says, the best part of his college experience was meeting his wife, Marjorie Holcomb, who had grown up across town in Bush Hills and was a year ahead of him in school.

“If ladies had been trustees when I was named, it would have been Marge



John Pittman and Margorie Holcombe Pittman, from 1942 *Entre Nous*.

that Major Davis asked. She began at Howard the year he became president. He always laughed and said they were freshmen together. She was Miss Howard College and very involved in campus activities. He was very fond of her.”

Their relationship was so special that when it was time to pop the question, Pittman sought the president’s permission. “I made an appointment with his secretary, Gene Kelser, and asked him if I could marry Marjorie Holcombe.”

Happily, Davis had no objections. The pair celebrated their 61st anniversary in May at their new residence at Somerby at University Park. They have two children, Carol P. Mitchell and David R. Pittman, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Somerby, the retirement community across Lakeshore Drive from Samford, is on the site of Edgewood Lake, where Pittman played as a child. “I remember skating on Edgewood Lake once when it iced over. Now, here we are.” ■

Honoring the Longtime Trustee

Birmingham business leader and philanthropist John Pittman has been honored by Samford University for 50 years of service as a trustee.

The John C. Pittman Spirit Award was approved by Samford’s board of trustees at their spring meeting to honor Pittman, who is a 1943 Samford graduate and recently completed his 50th year as a trustee.

Only one other trustee, the late Joe Davis Heacock of Birmingham, served longer. He served 66 years until his death in 1974.

The award will be presented annually at Samford’s spring commencement to an undergraduate student who “most completely unites during the student’s career at Samford those ideal characteristics modeled

by John C. Pittman,” according to a resolution approved by the trustees.

The first award was presented at commencement May 22 to two winners, Tommie Ann Fridy of Sebree, Ky., and Amanda Rae Hambrick of Georgetown, Ky.

Among the criteria for the award are serious academic commitment, Christian commitment, personal physical well-being and involvement in campus life.

In presenting the recommendation for the new award to the trustees, board member Harry Brock, a Birmingham businessman, said about Pittman, “There are very few people that I would put above him as a good, practicing Christian. If you’re ever in trouble, he’s the man.”

In accepting the honor, Pittman spoke of his deep love for Samford and its mission. He also noted that he has “every intention of breaking Dr. Heacock’s record.” ■

Pittman chats with Pittman Spirit Award winner Tommie Ann Fridy.

Corts Admonishes Baptist College Administrators to Avoid Cultural Backlash

A culture that appears to emphasize evil has a dominant impact on churches and institutions today, according to Samford University President Thomas E. Corts.

In the annual H. I. Hester Lectures to representatives of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, Corts noted that “culture has made evil interesting—far more interesting to most than good.”

“None of us chose this culture that spreads evil more than virtue,” Corts said, “yet it is the culture in which we do our work and in which our institutions will falter or prosper. It is the culture of the people we serve.”

Corts cited historic trends that have changed the nature of American higher education through the centuries. In the early days of what is now the United States, it was not uncommon to link higher education to religious purposes, even with public institutions.

As late as the 1890s, most state universities required chapel and even Sunday church attendance, Corts said. He noted that all presidents of the University of Alabama from its founding in 1820 through 1900 were ordained ministers, which also was not uncommon among other state university presidents.

Quoting historian George Marsden, Corts outlined the mid-20th-century shift in the view of religious thought in education. Cultural influences have created skepticism that religion or religious beliefs have a place in higher education.

“Society does not warm to those who take their religion seriously,” Corts said. “The more obviously our institutions are Christian, the less they seem to appeal to the general public.”

There also can be challenges in relating to Baptists, Corts said. “Our own Baptist people have a hard time granting us respect. We need to work harder to make our own constituents aware of who we are.”

Corts noted that in many regions, larger universities, particularly major state universities with well-known brands, are more appealing to students than a private and more specifically Christian college or university. Students are affected particularly by cultural influences and

usually do not get support from peers when they choose a Baptist college or university.

Baptist colleges and universities should be intentional about their mission and emphasize the things that differentiate the institution.

“We need particularity and product differentiation to show how we are different, but we also must be

sure that if we profess it, that it does happen in practice,” Corts said. “If you lose sight of your mission, you begin to stumble, and it shows.”

Corts encouraged Baptist college administrators and faculty to “make your peace with the reality that your institution is not like others and that the recognition given to other institutions may never come to yours in a culture like ours.”

“We have a higher and holier calling,” Corts said. “We are not accountable to the local Chamber of Commerce.”

The Hester Lectures were part of the annual meeting of the ASBCS, a consortium of 55 colleges and schools with historic Baptist affiliations. About 225 presidents and other key administrators from member schools attended the 2004 annual meeting in Nashville. ■

“It is probably true today that modern American culture has overwhelmed modern American Christianity. The ceaseless waves of messages from movies, newspapers and TV have acculturated a sea of secularism and a riptide, pulling American Christians under.”

Celebration of Brown Case Recalls Impact of Extension Division Integration

Fifty years ago in May, the U.S. Supreme Court gave black people hope that legal segregation in American society was on its way out. In the 1954 case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the court undid the “separate but equal” philosophy it had established in the 1896 case of *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

“The Brown decision made us feel we were somebody after all,” civil rights leader Fred Shuttlesworth said in a 1997 speech at Samford.

Segregation didn’t fall easily in the South of the late ’50s and early ’60s. Birmingham was one of many civil rights battlefields, and one of the most infamous because of police commissioner “Bull” Connor’s fire hoses and police dogs.

Like many Southern universities, Samford was segregated until the 1960s. The University admitted its first black student, Audrey Lattimore Gaston, to Cumberland School of Law in 1967. The undergraduate student body was integrated in 1969.

A year earlier, the Etowah Center of Samford’s Howard College Extension Division became the first to integrate in

the statewide system. When the Extension Division celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1996, Reverend G. Harold Chandler of Gadsden recalled what integration meant.

“During the turbulent years in race relations [1960s–1970s], nothing had a more positive influence for harmony in the city of Gadsden than the friendships developed between blacks and whites (especially pastors) in the Extension classes,” Chandler wrote in a booklet commemorating the Extension Division’s first 50 years.

About one-third of the 120 students enrolled in Extension Division classes were black, Chandler recalled, some of whom had been moderators of their associations for many years and teachers at the Selma University Extension Center in Gadsden.

“Some of the most rewarding extracurricular experiences of my life, outside my ministry as pastor and director of missions, have been to teach the students who had such a thirst for knowledge, and to see their potential for ministry and service blossom,” he said.

Chandler is now retired as director of missions in Madison County. In a recent meeting with Samford President Thomas E. Corts, he expressed his pride in welcoming the first black students into the Extension Division 36 years ago.

While Samford—like all private colleges that have to charge more than state universities—struggles to increase its minority enrollment, its Beeson Divinity School received high marks in a recent national peer review for its service to minorities, and particularly to black churches and pastors.

Today, respecting “the dignity and worth of every individual” is part of Samford’s proposed new Foundational Statements. The University “is and will remain a diverse and vigorous community of learning and faith in the Baptist tradition,” the statements say. They add, “We will oppose ignorance, confront injustice, give hope to the meek, and the world will be better for it.” ■

PROMISE FOR ALL GENERATIONS Rededicating and Renovating Original Campus Buildings

Samford University celebrated the past and future May 21 with the rededication of renovated classroom buildings.

Thomas D. Russell and Robert I. Ingalls, Sr. halls were part of Samford’s original campus when the school relocated in 1957 from the East Lake section of Birmingham to the suburb of Homewood. The buildings now house the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

An 18-month, \$5.3 million renovation was completed earlier this year, and the rededication ceremonies were part of the University’s commencement weekend celebration.

The renovations are the first projects completed as part of the “promise for all generations” initiatives announced in January by Samford President Thomas E. Corts. The initiatives are multiyear plans for expansion of campus programs and facilities.

“There is a tremendous amount of gradual effort that goes into making this

institution what it is,” Corts said. “This is one of the great points in Samford’s history that leads us to understand the great progress of our University.”

Corts noted the progress of pharmacy education and its transformational change. Pharmacists now “are recognized as true, full-blooded members of the healing team,” he said. “This demonstrates how transformational change comes to an institution.”

Renovated space in Ingalls Hall includes a faculty research laboratory, admission suite, faculty offices, teaching laboratories and a faculty/staff commons. Ingalls Hall was completed in 1957 at an original construction cost of \$524,746, and was named for a prominent Birmingham businessman and longtime college trustee.

Russell Hall was named for a longtime trustee and was dedicated in 1957 at a construction cost of \$506,222. Mr. Russell was founder of the world-famous Russell athletic wear company. The building originally housed the biology department. It was vacated in 2002 and gutted to the outer walls.

Renovated space includes faculty offices, classrooms, a lecture hall, laboratories, conference rooms and small-group seminar rooms.

In addition to the McWhorter, Russell and Ingalls families, donated spaces recognized during the ceremonies were the Henry L. Coshatt Community Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, the Michael A. Propst Pharmaceuticals Laboratory, the Allen and Johnnie Beck Institutional Practice Laboratory, the Johnnie Crotwell Beck Tissue Culture Laboratory, and the Marguerite Johnson Griffith Faculty Laboratory.

Other renovated spaces recognized include the Teresa Beasley Collison Conference Room, CVS/Pharmacy Caucus Room, Dunlap Family Student Commons, Fred E. McWhorter Conference Room, Rite Aid Pharmaceutical Care Room, Walgreens Seminar Room, Walker Family Plaza and James Alto Ward Auditorium, the site of the rededication ceremonies. ■

My Year as National Teacher of the Year

by Betsy Rogers

During the year, I visited 27 states and spent 10 days in Japan. I saw things I never thought I would see and met people I only dreamed of meeting. One day, I actually saw the sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean followed by the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. My travels included mostly conferences and workshops for educators, colleges and civic organizations. I also was involved in some unique events, such as judging the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant in Palm Springs, Calif., riding one lap around the Indy

When we introduced ourselves, I excitedly told her about citing her work. Of my service as National Teacher, I can only say that it has been an experience beyond my wildest expectations.

Traveling across the country and meeting outstanding educators renewed my hope for America's children. I visited classrooms where I saw teachers doing incredible work. For example, I visited the 2000 Special Education Teacher of the Year in Muncie, Ind., where students were involved in a program called "I Can Work." These students make the most beautiful crafts and sell them at a school store and local craft shows. Many of their crafts include fossils, which the teacher digs up locally. All the sales proceeds from their work go to charities. I also met with high school students in Kent, Ohio, who run a preschool program housed in their school. It was wonderful to hear 16- and 17-year-old students talk about their work as teachers.

Many have asked me how I kept from getting the big head this year. My response is that it is impossible to become conceited about your recognition when you realize that you are the representative of such amazing educators. It is a very humbling experience.

I will return to the classroom in August a more knowledgeable and experienced teacher as a result of my year. My platform was "All Children—Equal Chance." As a part of this equity in education platform, I believe one way to close the gap between the affluent and poor schools is to recruit the strongest teachers to the neediest schools. Based on this belief, I have asked to teach at Brighton Elementary next year. With the help of my federal programs director, Dr. Joan Buckley, and Samford University, we are creating a model Title I Lab Classroom for a low performing school. I am excited about this opportunity to be in the classroom again and to give back to other teachers all I have learned as National Teacher.

This recognition has been thrilling, and I am so proud of the many outstanding teachers I represent across America, especially in Alabama. This is what is wonderful about recognizing the work of a teacher: it includes so many others and brings positive publicity to schools and communities. As one student wrote to me in a letter, "Thank you for making me and everyone else feel so special." Thank you, Samford University, for preparing me for this job. ■



"... I saw teachers doing incredible work."

Betsy Rogers addresses Teaching Standard Conference, Washington, D.C., in November 2003. She holds four degrees from Samford, the bachelor's, M.S. in education, education specialist and doctor of education.

500, attending a U.S. Citizenship Ceremony in Pensacola, Fla., and meeting Ruben Studdard. I also attended a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony in Tokyo, Japan, at the invitation of a Buddhist monk, and had a roof tile placed on a Buddhist temple with my name and National Teacher of the Year hand-painted on the tile.

I met two presidents, governors of several states, and numerous senators and congressmen, and had the opportunity to introduce Laura Bush during the Presidential Scholar's Celebration. In addition, I met many outstanding educators whom I cited in my work during graduate school at Samford. One Sunday morning, I shared a cab in San Francisco with a Stanford University professor whom I cited quite often in my dissertation.

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ALUMNI

'47 **Nina Chafin** is retired and living in McDonough, Ga. She traveled to Ireland in early June with Samford English professor Dr. Mark Baggett and fellow alumni.

'52 **Harold M. Langston** is leading a mission team from Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church, Vestavia Hills, Ala., to Costa Rica this summer.

'53 **Catherine Burns Nix** received the Bradford County Volunteer of the Year Award for her many activities, including leadership in hospice programs. She serves on the Florida Council for the Aging and the Bradford County Economic Council. She and her husband, **Billy Nix '54**, live in Starke, Fla.

'54 **George P. Hayes** received the Robert Jemison Award from the Alabama Association of Realtors for outstanding service in 2003–04. He is a broker-instructor with RealtySouth Inc., Birmingham.

William Rhodes is professor emeritus of chemistry at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

'56 **Sherry Joann McCain Prichard** teaches part-time at Briarwood Christian School after 30 years of full-time service. She and her husband, Ray, have three children and eight grandchildren.

'57 **C. Jim Marsh** of Bradenton, Fla., is retired after a career as professor of religion at Manatee Community College.

'59 **Herbert J. Collier** of Mobile, Ala., is pastor of Malcolm Baptist Church and professor of Bible, Covington Theological Seminary.

David deGruy, Sr. is the author of *As the Sparks Fly Upward*, a collection of original stories he first told to his young son during drives from Birmingham to his hometown, Mobile, Ala., when he was in pharmacy school. He is a former pharmacy owner and director of a substance-abuse program at Mobile Mental Health.

Peggy Bullard Swoger earned a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership degree at Mississippi State University in 2002. Founding director of a

teaching program in Mississippi, she is a consultant in Alabama and Mississippi for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

'63 **Gerald D. Bucklew, Sr.** of Collins, Miss., will retire in August as president of Clayton Drug Store after 39 years with the store.

'64 **Anne Boynton Payton** of Oneonta, Ala., retired as assistant superintendent of Oneonta City Board of Education and works part-time with the State Department of Education monitoring special education programs.

'65 **Virginia Elizabeth "Jenny" Pair** teaches a K–2 autism class at Hopkins Elementary School, Lilburn, Ga. She lives in Monroe, Ga.

'66 **Clarence "Mackey" McDanal, Jr., M.D.**, is a physician and child psychiatrist at Calhoun-Cleburne Mental Health Center, with clinics in Anniston, Heflin and Jacksonville, Ala. He and his wife, Judy, live in Birmingham.

'68 **Karen Monroe Everage** was winner of the 2003–04 Distinguished Teacher Award at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. She is an associate professor of mathematics.

William Thomas Grayson is operations vice president with Walgreen Drug Co. His territory includes Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and western Tennessee. He and his wife, Susan, live in Long Grove, Ill.

'69 **Claude Hurtt** is an International Mission Board missionary in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Ollie Powers won the 2004 Ellen Gregg Ingalls/University of Alabama at Birmingham National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching. An associate professor in the department of accounting and information systems, he was honored for his teaching and research. The award includes a \$5,000 cash prize.

'71 **Gene J. Davis** of Cecil, Ala., received the 2002 Frances P. Moss Award presented by the Alabama Vocal Association to a retired choral director who had special

Cumberland Alumnus, Others Honored

Samford's Cumberland School of Law honored a distinguished alumnus, a volunteer and two friends during its annual reunion weekend activities April 2.

Honorees were Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist, J.D. '81, Distinguished Alumnus; Mobile attorney Marion Quina, J.D. '74, Volunteer of the Year; and Birmingham civic leaders Carolyn and Bill Featheringill, Friends of the Law School. The four were recognized at a banquet at the Wynfrey Hotel.

Crist was elected Florida's first Republican attorney general in November 2002. During his first year in office, he worked to address the issues of fraud, civil rights, prescription drug adulteration and identity theft.

Quina, a partner in the Mobile law firm of Lyons, Pipes and Cook, is chair of the Law School Advisory Board.

In recognition of his 30th reunion year, he led his classmates to establish the Class of 1974 Scholarship Committee.

The Featheringills are longtime leaders in Birmingham civic and cultural endeavors. At Cumberland, their generosity has enabled the law school to better plan for future facility renovations and to increase scholarship assistance to students.

Carolyn Featheringill, who retired in 2003 after 24 years as a Cumberland professor, was faculty chair of the law school's annual fund.

Bill Featheringill, president of Private Capital Corporation, is a member of the Cumberland advisory board and the Samford University Board of Overseers.

Cumberland reunion activities also included gatherings for classes ending in four and nine, a mock class, and a family picnic. ■



Charlie Crist

impact on choral music in the state. She is nominated for the 2004 Hall of Fame at Robert E. Lee High School, where she was both a student and teacher.

Byron Scott was selected for inclusion in the 2004–05 edition of *The Best Dentists in America*. He practices general dentistry with emphasis on cosmetic and implant dentistry in the Mobile, Ala., area.

James Carl Williams, Jr. is retired and living in Valrico, Fla.

'76 **Clarke and Anita Washington Skelton** live in Indian Springs, Ala., where he is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Gary Strickland of Greenville, S.C., earned a doctor of ministry degree from Princeton University in May.

Charlie Waldrep, J.D. '76, received the United Negro College Fund Humanitarian Award for the Alabama/Mississippi region in recognition of his extensive volunteerism and contributions to the

UNCF over the past 20 years. He is an attorney with the Birmingham firm of Emond Vines Gorham & Waldrep.

'77 **Denise Haywood Kostakis** coaches the varsity cheerleading squad at Shades Mountain Christian School. She and her husband, John, live in Indian Springs, Ala. Their son, George Johnathon, is a junior at Samford.

Stephen L. Sexton is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Sexton, Cullen & Jones, P.C. He and his wife, **Katherine Collier Sexton** '80, have a son, Jonathan.

J. Richard Zeski is general manager of Coilplus Moldings' Jackson, Miss., plant.

'78 **Ginger McGuire Hyatt** is a pharmacist at Winn-Dixie in Foley, Ala. She and her husband, Bill, live in Fairhope, Ala.

Karen Ivey of Huntsville, Ala., is a member of the Sacred Harp Singers who sang for the Oscar-nominated movie, *Cold Mountain*. She also sings in the Great High Mountain tour with Allison Krauss, and is a registered nurse at the Women's Center, Huntsville Hospital.

Randy Rigsby is an orthodontist in Pensacola, Fla. His daughter, **Mandy**, is a May Samford graduate.

'80 **Edward Franklin Childress, Jr., J.D.**, is a member of the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz in Memphis, Tenn. He is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2003–04.

'81 **Brian Barlow, M.B.A.** '83, participated in the dedication of the first Baptist church established in Iraq, the National Evangelical Baptist Church in Baghdad. He is general director of the Baptist School of Amman and a special adviser to the Baptist Union of Iraq.

Lenné Kugler-Hunt of Garner, N.C., is the author of a new book, *The Fatherhood of God and the Sonship of Man* (Xulon Press). She owns Deep Unto Deep Designs, an art ministry aimed at illustrating the Word and character of God.

Mitchell O. "Mickey" Palmer, J.D., is an attorney with the Sarasota, Fla., law firm of Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen. He specializes in eminent domain litigation, construction law and governmental law. He and his wife, Nanci, have a son, Evan, age 11.

'82 **Mark Kahler** is associate vice president for University Advancement Communication, Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

'83 **Laura Canant Gallien** teaches Texas history to seventh-graders in Corpus Christi, Texas. She and her husband, Mike, have a son, Bree Michael, age six.

Dennis M. Wright, J.D., of Montgomery, Ala., is general counsel to the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. He recently completed 14 months of active duty with the U.S. Army in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

'84 **Margaret Rhea McSweeney** of Barrington Hills, Ill., is the author of her first book, *A Mother's Heart*.

'85 **Miriam Romo Reynolds** was named Teacher of the Year at Sharon Elementary in Forsyth County, Ga., where she teaches K–5 music. She lives in Suwanee, Ga.

David C. Weaver, J.D., was named vice president and director of public affairs, Regions Financial Corp., based in Birmingham. He will handle federal and state government affairs throughout Regions' nine-state geographic area.

'87 **Todd Crider** is the youngest person to be listed in *The Guide to the World's Leading Capital Markets Lawyers* and *The Guide to the World's Leading Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyers*, published by Euromoney Legal Media Group. A partner in the New York law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP, he is also the chairman of the advisory committee for the newly created Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives, which is engaged in justice initiatives in Latin America and South Africa.

'88 **Chris Lane** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., received a World Series championship ring from the Florida Marlins for his service as team chaplain, which he has been for five seasons. He is also executive director of First Priority of South Florida. He and his wife, Wendy, have four sons: Joshua, Jacob, Jonathan and Josiah James, who was born in February.

Shelley Hill Montgomery recently earned a doctorate in education from the University of Alabama. She teaches at Etowah High School and writes curriculum units for NASA as part of the Star Quest and Flight Quest programs. She and her husband, **Jeffrey Montgomery** '88, M.Div. '90, a Gadsden, Ala., attorney, have a daughter, Anne Catherine.

'90 **Stacey Pickering** was elected to the Mississippi state senate in November. He is married to **Whitney Wheeler Pickering** '90, a senior director and a direct consultant for *Southern Living* at HOME. They live on a farm in Laurel, Miss., with their three children: Katie, Robert and Harrison.

Francois Coutu's Company Buys More than 1,500 Eckerd Pharmacies

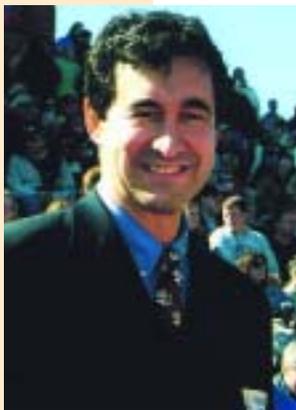
Samford pharmacy graduate Francois J. Coutu '81 and his company, The Jean Coutu Group of Quebec, Canada, are making inroads into the pharmacy industry of the U.S. northeast and mid-Atlantic.

The Coutu Group recently bought 1,539 Eckerd drugstores and support facilities in 13 states, as well as Eckerd's headquarters in Florida.

The acquisition had a price tag of about \$2.375 billion.

Coutu is president and chief executive officer of The Jean Coutu Group, now the fourth largest drugstore chain in North America with a combined network of 2,196 stores.

In 2001, Coutu was recognized as Samford's first International Alumnus of the Year. He has served on the McWhorter School of Pharmacy advisory board for more than a decade. ■



Francois J. Coutu

'91 **Kathyjo Spivey Gordon, M.B.A. '93**, is executive director for the Development Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County, Ga. She and her husband, Michael, live in Gray, Ga.

John Green of Douglasville, Ga., received a scholarship from the Southern Conference on Language Teaching. He is studying French at the University of Quebec in Chicoutimi, Canada, this summer.

Lance Metcalf is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Lisbon, Md. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Mt. Airy, Md., with their three children: Caleb, Sarah Beth and Lindsay.

Kasandra Williams Spears is a licensed specialist in school psychology with the Pflugerville Independent School District in Texas. She and her husband, Andrew, have two children, Ashley Elaine, four, and Steven James, one.

'92 **Anthony L. Boyd** and his wife, Tracy, are new missionaries in South Asia with Mission to the World. They will be involved in church planting and community development. They may be contacted by e-mail at Bamaboyd@hotmail.com.

Stephen Louis A. Dillard recently completed a two-year federal appellate clerkship with Judge Daniel A. Manion, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. He is now of counsel with the Macon, Ga., law firm of James, Bates, Pope & Spivey, LLP, specializing in complex litigation and appellate practice. He and his wife, **Krista McDaniel Dillard '93**, have two children, Jackson and Lindley Kay.

'93 **Jason E. Gudgen** is retail sales manager for the Nashville, Tenn., market, SouthTrust Bank. He lives in Nashville with his wife, Karen, and son, Nathan Todd, three.

Bradley Edgar Jacobs and **Rebecca Messer Jacobs '94** live in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is an obstetrician/gynecologist with Lyndhurst Gynecologic Associates. They have two children, Nathan Bradley, two, and Miriam Elizabeth, born in December.

'94 **Steven Mark Washington** and **Angela Schooley Washington '93** live in Sumiton. He is a systems analyst for American Cast Iron Pipe Company in Birmingham. She is a counselor with Agape Counseling. They have two children, Joshua, three, and Grace, one.

'95 **Christie Garrett Moore** and her husband, Todd, live in Brentwood, Tenn., with their son, Jim, born in October.

'96 **Daniel C. Crawford** retired as chief investigator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He lives in Odenville, Ala., where he looks forward to fishing and golfing.

Samford Planning Big Labor Day Weekend in Atlanta When Bulldogs Meet Georgia Tech

Samford travels to Atlanta to take on Georgia Tech in football Sept. 4, and Samford fans and friends are planning a big Labor Day weekend to celebrate the occasion. Mark your calendar now for three days of Samford-related activity in the Georgia capital, Friday–Sunday, Sept. 3–5.

Here's the schedule. Times are EDT.

Friday, 11 a.m.—Hit the links with Samford alumni and friends for a round of golf at the City Club of Marietta. Create your own foursome. Cost: \$70 per person (includes greens and cart fees, boxed lunch, refreshments, etc.)

Friday, 6:30 p.m.—Join alumni and friends for a cookout and comments from Samford President Thomas E. Corts and Football Coach Bill Gray at the

Atlanta Marriott Northwest. Cost: \$25 per adult, \$5 per child age 12 or under

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Support the Bulldogs at a Samford Tailgate Party on the Georgia Tech campus. Cost: \$6 per person

Saturday, 1 p.m.—Samford meets Georgia Tech in football on historic Grant Field in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Sunday, 11:15 a.m.—Hear President Corts speak at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta's Buckhead section.

Check www.samford.edu and www.samfordsports.com for additional details, or call Billy Ivey in the Samford Office of Alumni Relations at (205) 726-2483. ■



**Saturday,
Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.**



Amy Burns Elliston is an occupational therapist at Children's Medical Center of Dallas and in the NICU at Medical Center of Plano, Texas. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Frisco, Texas, with their son Tanner, three, and twin daughters, Addison Faith and Avery Grace, born in January.

Nancy Burton Hartin is a certified public accountant practicing from home. She and her husband, Chris, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala. They have a son, Coleman Christopher, born in November.

Jessica Henn is principal of Jessica Henn Design Studios, a Chicago, Ill., interior design firm specializing in commercial and residential interiors. She is also an adjunct professor at Harrington College of Design.

Steven Lynn Simpson, M.Div., of Columbia, S.C., completed a tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq, in December. He recently graduated from the Army Combined Arms Service College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He is an Army chaplain.

'97 **Traci Wells Small** and her husband, TTSgt. Daniel Small, live in Charleston, S.C. They have two children, Andrew, three, and Brooklynn, born in December.

'98 **Scott Cohen** is an accounting supervisor with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Jacksonville, Fla. He married Angela Fleming in May.

John Hamrick and **Ellen Elizabeth Hamrick '99** live in Norcross, Ga. He is an attorney with Swift, Currie, McGee and Hiers, in Atlanta. She is a registered nurse on the oncology floor at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. They have a daughter, Molly Frances, born in April.

Ainsley Harriett Kauffmann earned National Board Certification for educators in November. She teaches fourth grade at Vero Beach Elementary School, Vero Beach, Fla.

Dusty Moring is vice president and clinic manager of Animal Medical Hospital, Inc., Hanceville, Ala. She and her husband, Ray, have two daughters, Emily Kai, three, and Holly Shae, born in November.

Christopher Clayton Robbins and **Erin Cheek Robbins** both teach in Hoover, Ala. He teaches eighth-grade science and received a 2003–04 *Birmingham Post-Herald* Distinguished Teacher Award. She teaches seventh-grade social studies and recently completed the process for National Board Certification.

Sheena Virji is Adecco Employment Services on-site manager at the Home Depot corporate office, Atlanta, Ga.

'99 **Melanie Langston Busby** and her husband, Aaron, live in Newnan, Ga., with their son, Matthew Perry, born in December.

Blake McClure Chism received a master of divinity degree from Truett Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He is pursuing a doctorate in educational psychology at the University of Southern California.

Justin Gardner Clement earned a master of divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary (PCA), St. Louis, Mo., and is assistant pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) in San Antonio, Texas.

Heather Dianne Deeter was Teacher of the Year at Celebration School, Celebration, Fla., and winner of Disney's 2003 Teacheriffic Award.

Michael Stuart Harris is a real estate broker with CB Richard Ellis, Memphis, Tenn.

Howard B. Nelson III is a broker with CRC Insurance Services, Atlanta, Ga. He will relocate to Birmingham in August.

Jonathan Edward Pope graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in June 2003 and married Libby Martin in July. He is a dentist at Shaw and Thomson Dental Arts in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Ryan Wiggins, M.Div. '99, and **Julie Thompson Wiggins '00** live in Cookeville, Tenn. He is an area director for Young Life. She is an attorney with Wimberly, Lawson & Seale.

'00 **Anna Brooke Childs** and Cooper Johnson married in September in Reid Chapel. They live in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Jaye Northcut Cole and her husband, Mark, live in Memphis, Tenn. She teaches at Briarcrest Christian School.

Ginny Crenshaw married Michael Shea in May 2003. They live on Lake Ontario in Oswego, N.Y., where she works with real estate agents in her Virtual Tour business. They work together with teens in Young Life.

Lindsay Suzanne Dye is a physical therapist in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Heather Byrne Farley is a marketing representative for Art Leather and Gross National Products. She lives in Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, Jeremy, and daughter, Macy, two.

Tanya Alayne Hollins, M.B.A., is senior commissions manager of Highland Capital Brokerage, Inc., a financial services company headquartered in Birmingham.

Brian and Britton Gowing McPherson live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where he is an attorney and she works for the University of Florida.

William Alton Parker is employed by Russell Athletics in Atlanta, Ga.

James Howard "Ward" Robinson is an actor/wardrobe consultant in Hollywood, Calif.

Meridith Paige Starling earned a master's in social work at the University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Memphis, Tenn. She is a family therapist at Comprehensive Counseling Network, Memphis, Tenn.

Matt Taylor is employed by Earl Taylor Enterprises, Inc., in Knoxville, Tenn.

Daniel Whately and his wife, Kerri, live in Warner Robins, Ga.

Lauren Woodlief married Jason Beckner in April. They live in Birmingham.

'01 **Daniel Glenn Ausbun** and **Sherri Lynnell Coleman '99** married in May. He is working on a Ph.D. in evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where she is pursuing a master's in Christian education. She also works as a claims adjuster for Progressive Insurance in Metairie, La.

Andy Benefield and **Ashley Stidham '03** married in May. She works for Healthcare Management Associates. He is an operations analyst with Wells Real Estate Funds. They live in Norcross, Ga.

Daniel and **Lacey Hunter Gilliam** live in Louisville, Ky. She is a graduate student at the University of Louisville. He is a composer and conductor.

Heidi Marie Gschwend of Birmingham is a pharmacist at University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital Department of Pharmacy.

J. Zeb Simpson earned a master's in theological studies from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., in May. He is community manager, university housing, at Emory.

Nicole Thompson married Jason Stefano in October. They live in Indian Trail, N.C. She is a K-2 teacher at Charlotte Mecklenburg School.

Deidre Downs '02 Wins Miss Alabama

Deidre Downs '02 of Birmingham was crowned Miss Alabama 2004 at the close of the annual scholarship pageant in June. She will represent her state in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in September.

Downs was accepted by the University of Alabama School of Medicine to begin studies in the fall, but now will put off going to medical school until next year.

This was her fifth—and last—year to be able to compete in the scholarship pageant. During the course of the competition, she has won almost \$50,000 to pay for undergraduate and medical school.

Downs attended the University of Virginia two years on a volleyball scholarship but transferred to Samford and earned a degree in history.

Her platform supports finding a

cure for childhood cancer. She has established a program to sell automobile license plates to support the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

The tags are \$50 each, of which \$41.25 goes to the hospital. But she must sell at least 1,000 by July 31 to qualify for the state to take over manufacturing the tags. She has sold about 700 since last August. Her Web address is www.curingchildhoodcancer.org. ■



Deidre Downs '02

'02 **John Wayne Anderson** and **Jennifer Killeffer '03** married in March. They live in Shreveport, La., where he is a technical service representative for Anderson Chemical Company, Inc.

Stacey Suzanne Foshee is a reservation sales representative at Vail Cascade Resort and Spa, Vail, Colo.

Fredeisha Inger Harper recently married David Darrington. They live in Birmingham.

Matthew Morton earned a master's in accounting from the University of Alabama in December. He is an associate with KPMG, Birmingham.

Zack and Mandy Hammond Layman live in Gainesville, Fla. She is pursuing a master's in nutritional sciences at the University of Florida. He is a sales representative for MedMonitoring Systems.

Gideon Lett is campaign manager for Congressman Mike Rogers of Alabama's Third Congressional District.

John M. Pickett is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual, Birmingham.

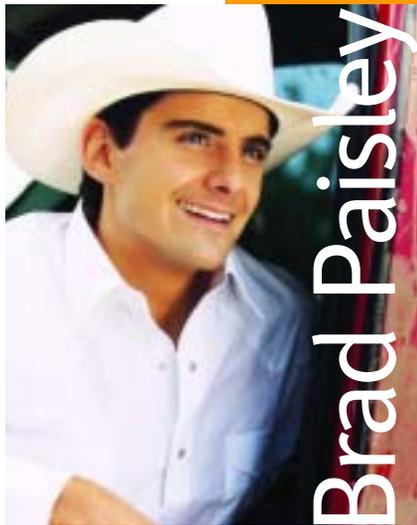
Mary Lauren Sheehan is a junior kindergarten teacher at Presbyterian Day School, Memphis, Tenn.

'03 **Adriane Rebecca Culpepper** is coordinator of campus visit programs in Samford's Office of Admission.

Jennifer Murphy teaches third grade at Erwin Elementary, Birmingham. She earned National Board Certification for educators in November.

Amy E. Myers is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in psychology at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She presented research at the World Health Organization conference in Vienna, Austria, in early June.

Navy Ensign Preston W. Stephens received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla. ■



Singer Brad Paisley To Headline Homecoming Concert; Variety of Fun Events Planned for Oct. 28–31

Country music star Brad Paisley will headline the Homecoming concert at Samford University this fall. The Academy of Country Music's best new male vocalist of 2000 will appear in concert Saturday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. in Wright Center Concert Hall. "Paisley is incredibly popular with students as well as music fans throughout the world, and we're thrilled to be able to schedule him for Homecoming," said

Samford Alumni Relations Officer Billy Ivey '96. "He'll put on a great show."

Paisley made his mark with a 1999 single, "He Didn't Have to Be," which helped his debut album, *Who Needs Pictures*, sell more than a million copies. He recorded another No. 1 hit, the hilarious "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishing

Song)," as part of his 2002 album, *Part II*. A Grand Ole Opry member since 2001, he released his third album, *Mud on the Tires*, in 2003. It featured the hit, "Celebrity," which poked fun at fame and reality shows.

Make plans now to join fellow alumni and friends as Samford celebrates its 138th Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 28–31 with reunions for classes ending in "4" and "9," the Homecoming banquet, Alumni of the Year recognition, the football game against Tennessee Tech, the Brad Paisley concert, Sunday worship and much more.

Among special activities planned are the 20th anniversary of Samford's London Centre, the 80th anniversary of Hypatia women's honor society, the fifth anniversary of the Christian Women's Leadership Center, and a reunion of former student workers and staff members of Harwell G. Davis Library.

Homecoming updates are posted regularly at www.samford.edu. Registration information will be mailed to alumni and friends in late August. ■

Homecoming Schedule as of June 18, 2004

Thursday, Oct. 28

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert honoring Dr. Harry E. Tibbs (featuring five alumni guest musicians)

Friday, Oct. 29

12–6 p.m. Registration, Beeson University Center
Be sure to register so that classmates and friends can find you during Homecoming.
4 p.m. Alumni Association Meeting
6:30 p.m. 138th Anniversary Alumni Banquet
8:30 p.m. Homecoming Bash, Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday, Oct. 30

8 a.m.–2 p.m. Registration
9 a.m. Half-Century Plus Brunch
10 a.m. Hypatia Reunion and Brunch
11 a.m.–1 p.m. Homecoming Reunion Luncheon
2 p.m. Football Game
5 p.m. London Program 20th Anniversary Celebration
6–8 p.m. Library Reunion, Harwell G. Davis Library, for all current and former Library employees (students, staff and faculty)

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School
11 a.m.–1 p.m. Sunday Brunch, Beeson University Center Cafeteria

We are currently looking for photos from alumni who have traveled to the London Study Centre. Please contact University Relations at 1-877-SU ALUMS if you would like to share your pictures.

births

Ted '00 and Kelly Schmidt Alling '00 of Chattanooga, Tenn., a daughter, Mallory Patricia, born May 6, 2004.

Jonathan '98 and Jennifer Calbert Acuff '00 of Boston, Mass., a daughter, Laura Elizabeth "Ellie," born Aug. 11, 2003.

Greg '95 and Kari Schumann Armstrong '95 of Philadelphia, Penn., a son, Thomas William, born Feb. 9, 2004.

Sarah and **Mark Branan '91** of Greenville, S.C., a son, David Dawson, born March 26, 2004.

Kara and **Kevin Brannon '94** of Montgomery, Ala., a daughter, Emily Kate, born Dec. 18, 2003.

Aaron and **Melanie Langston Busby '99** of Newnan, Ga., a son, Matthew Perry, born Dec. 12, 2003.

Robert and **Jessica Harrison Carlyon '93** of Spring Hill, Tenn., a daughter, Brianna Alaythia Lisette "Laythi," born April 6, 2004.

Chris, J.D. '99, and Laura Daniel Cohron, Pharm.D. '97, of Bowling Green, Ky., a daughter, Caroline Davis, born Dec. 15, 2003.

David '95 and Terri Meguiar Cox '95 of Birmingham, the adoption of a son, Andrew David, born Oct. 2, 2002, and the birth of a daughter, Emily Grace, born Dec. 4, 2003.

Eric and **Angie Rickman Crossan '96** of Clarksville, Tenn., a son, Ethan Russell, born Oct. 29, 2003.

Stephen '92 and Krista McDaniel Dillard '94 of Macon, Ga., a daughter, Lindley Kay, born July 24, 2003.

Richard and **Amy Denise Jordan DiPrima '95** of Rome, Ga., a son, Matthew Thomas, born Aug. 26, 2003.

Joe and **Laura Elliott Eady, Pharm.D. '98,** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a daughter, Emma Kathryn, born March 9, 2004.

Brian David '95 and Janet Carol Roberson Edwards '96 of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Jillian Clara, born Oct. 15, 2003.

Kevin and **Amy Burns Elliston '96** of Frisco, Texas, twin daughters, Addison Faith and Avery Grace, born Jan. 30, 2004.

Kevin and **Carolyn Brick Fleeman '93** of Acworth, Ga., a son, Mark Robert, born March 26, 2004.

Morris '97 and Julie Maples Gallion '00 of Marietta, Ga., a daughter, Margaret Susanne, born Feb. 11, 2004.

John '98 and Ellen Bell Hamrick '99 of Norcross, Ga., a daughter, Molly Frances, born April 15, 2004.

Chris and **Nancy Burton Hartin '96** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, Coleman Christopher, born Nov. 30, 2003.

Allison and **Adam J. Hodges '98** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Hannah Whit, born Oct. 21, 2003.

Rebecca and **Kyle Holmes '97** of Brentwood, Tenn., a daughter, Mae Nolen, born Jan. 3, 2004.

Bradley E. '93 and Rebecca Messer Jacobs '94 of Winston-Salem, N.C., a daughter, Miriam Elizabeth, born Dec. 18, 2003.

Patrick and **Shannon Welch Jordan '00** of Nashville, Tenn., the birth of Lindsey Miller, born Jan. 6, 2004.

Alexis and **William Brian Kennedy '92** of Crowley, Texas, a son, Liam Rourke, born March 22, 2004.

Wendy and **Chris Lane '88** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a son, Josiah James, born Feb. 3, 2004.

Martha and **Stephen Leonard '91** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Stephen Palmer, born May 2, 2004.

Timothy '98 and Erin Haithcock Lott '98 of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Addie Caroline, born Dec. 11, 2003.

Peter Allen '97 and Laura Abston Ludwig '96 of Chelsea, Ala., a son, Thomas Allen, born March 18, 2004.

Mike and Heather Carlson Metcalf '93 of Birmingham, a daughter, Reave Lindberg, born Jan. 23, 2004.

Matthew Kent and Marissa Lynn MacCaughelty Miller '00 of Houston, Texas, a daughter, Emma Marion, born March 28, 2004.

Sidney P., J.D. '97, and Katie Emerson Mitchell '98 of Greenville, S.C., a daughter, Caroline Vera, born Jan. 21, 2004.

Harry and LeighAnna Henry Moneypenny '94 of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Josephine Leigh, born April 2, 2004.

Todd and Christie Garrett Moore '95 of Brentwood, Tenn., a son, James Garrett, born Oct. 22, 2003.

Ray and **Dusty Moring '98** of Cullman, Ala., a daughter, Holly Shae, born Nov. 26, 2003.

Stephen and Molly Royal Morrow '00 of Newnan, Ga., a son, Evan Cole, born Feb. 17, 2004.

Ray and **Katherine Roberts Nightingale '95** of Braintree, England, a son, Luke Anthony, born Feb. 2, 2004.

Frank and Jennifer Parsons '95 of Birmingham, a son, Frank Walker, born Feb. 26, 2004.

Al Holley, Jr. and Charlotte Aleta Phillips-Holley '89 of Brewton, Ala., a son, Nicholas, born March 29, 2004.

Mike '01 and Marianne Donovan Pohl '00 of Helena, Ala., a son, Justin Donovan, born March 29, 2004.

Jeremy and **Sarah Thurman Raines, Pharm.D. '02,** of Owensboro, Ky., a daughter, Lucy, born Sept. 24, 2002.

Chris '97 and Krista Bates Rayburn '97 of Alpharetta, Ga., a daughter, Ella Grace, born Feb. 4, 2004.

Michele and **Timothy Davis Reeves '96** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Alicia Katherine, born Feb. 16, 2004.

Bill and **Karen Ruth Reid Renfrew '92** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, James Cooper, born March 3, 2003.

Kenneth and **Bethany Robbins, Pharm.D. '03,** of Columbia, Tenn., a son, Mason Conner, born Nov. 16, 2003.

Brian and **Deidra Rose Rudder, Pharm.D. '99,** of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., a son, Henry James, born April 14, 2003.

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Mike '92 and Dana McMinn Westveer '91 of Old Hickory, Tenn., a daughter, Presley Ruth, born March 10, 2004.

Steve and **Robin Juliene Campbell Wilhelm '89** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Ryan Lee, born April 11, 2004. ■

in memoriam

Ruth Elizabeth Ellis Coffman '31, age 94, of Birmingham died April 27, 2004. She taught school with the Jefferson County School system and the Mountain Brook Association, and was dean of women at the University of Montevallo during 1966–77. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

James B. Coppedge '49, age 89, of Jemison, Ala., died May 30, 2004. He was owner of Coppedge Pharmacy in Birmingham, and pharmacist at Clanton Hospital. He was an Army veteran.

June Karolyn Ketchum Coulter '57, age 68, of Los Alamos, N.M., died March 22, 2004, following a heart attack. She was a high school and college music teacher in Massachusetts and Alabama, and was vocal music director at the Los Alamos Light Opera and Little Theater.

Hal Ferguson '37, age 86, of Birmingham, died May 28, 2004. He practiced medicine at Simon-Williamson Clinic for more than 30 years, delivering some 8,000 babies. For 20 years, he volunteered as chief of the medical staff at the Salvation Army Home and Hospital. He was president of the Howard College Alumni Association, 1963–65. During World War II, he earned many medals for his leadership in North Africa, Italy and Germany.

Elizabeth McCraney Hacker '60, age 89, of Mountain Brook, Ala., died March 31, 2004. A member of history, social science and education honor societies, she taught sociology at Samford and was an elementary school counselor.

Lillie Mae Hagler '56, age 87, of Birmingham died May 19, 2004. She was a former principal and teacher at

McElwain, Putman and Lakeview schools. She was a former president of Birmingham Classroom Teachers and an officer of Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Delta Epsilon and Phi Delta Kappa.

Beverley A. King '60, age 65, of Titusville, Fla., died May 9, 2004, after a long struggle with ALS. She was a nurse for 42 years.

Dr. Jeff Norman '54, of Cedartown, Ga., died May 4, 2004. He was a retired minister and chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

Bette Jane Houlditch Sawyer '44, age 80, of Gainesville, Fla., died March 14, 2004. She taught business writing and reading instruction at the college level. In 1979, she started Alachua County's IMTS reading lab for adults. She retired in 1990 as a teacher at the Lofton Center for adult students. She was a short-story writer, with several pieces appearing in national publications. At Samford, she received the Hypatia Cup her senior year. Memorials may be made to the Hypatia Scholarship Fund, University Relations, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

William Carey Wallace '61, age 67, of Birmingham, died May 24, 2004. He was a physician. As a volunteer with the Carpenters for Christ, he helped build churches for needy congregations. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

Charles Dan Williamson '61, age 73, of Hoover, Ala., died March 15, 2004. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, was a volunteer with the American Red Cross and was a master mason. He was owner of Dan's Handyman Service and recently retired as an employment counselor with Positive Maturity. ■



Dr. Mary Ann Hocutt

Scholarship Fund Memorializes Dr. Hocutt

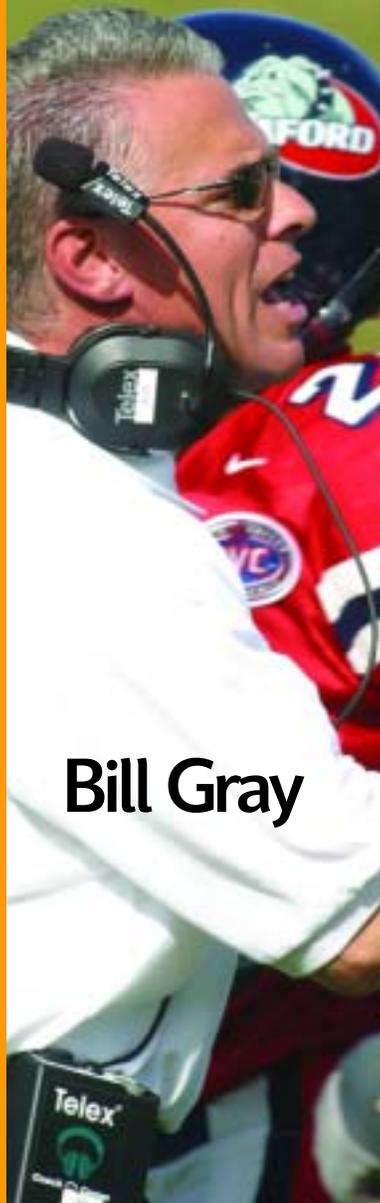
The Samford School of Business has established a memorial fund honoring Dr. Mary Ann Hocutt, who was killed in a roadside accident on her way to school May 9.

The fund will provide student scholarships. Contributions may be sent to the Dr. Mary Ann Hocutt Memorial Fund in University Relations, with checks payable to Samford University.

Dr. Hocutt, 56, had taught at Samford since 1998. An assistant professor of business, she held bachelor's and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Central Oklahoma and the Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

"We all mourn the loss of this member of the Samford family, and offer our prayers for and sympathy to Dr. Hocutt's husband, Herb, other members of her family and Dr. Hocutt's colleagues in the School of Business," said Provost Brad Creed.

In addition to her husband, who retired recently from the Samford telecommunications department, she is survived by her daughter, granddaughter, mother and brother. ■



Bill Gray



Terri Sisk



Tim Parenton



Todd Yelton

Proving its Mettle in First OVC Year

by Philip Poole

It seemed a bold move in May 2001 when Samford University announced plans to join the highly respected and tradition-rich Ohio Valley Conference. It would mark the first time in more than 50 years that all Samford athletics teams would be competing in the same conference, and more than a few observers were skeptical that Samford—despite its strong athletics traditions—would be able to compete as the only private institution in a conference full of larger state universities.

The move was bold because Samford had been highly competitive in the Atlantic Sun Conference, which included institutions that more closely reflected Samford's size and academic stature. But, the 20-year-old A-Sun did not include football competition, and football scheduling was becoming increasingly difficult for schools playing as independents. The OVC, the eighth oldest athletics conference in the United States, provided an umbrella for all Samford teams.

At the time, Samford President Thomas E. Corts affirmed the move, describing the OVC as "a respected, mainline conference that plays highly competitive sports." Some viewed Corts' affirmation as a hedge against Samford's ability to compete against larger schools.

But, as Samford's first year in the OVC drew to a close, virtually all skepticism was put to rest. Highlights included the OVC's All-Sports Trophy for women's athletics, two team conference championships and several individual champions, three conference Coach of the Year awards and other individual recognitions for Samford student-athletes.

The culminating moment came June 2 at the annual OVC meeting in Nashville when Samford was presented with the OVC Women's All-Sports Trophy. Samford, which tied with Eastern Kentucky University, became the first institution in OVC history to win the award in its first year of competition. The men's teams finished fourth of 11 OVC schools in the all-sports rankings.

"This is just a fantastic achievement," said Corts. "We thought we would have our hands full in the Ohio Valley Conference, particularly in women's athletics. This just shows that the Samford women have a lot of heart, as well as plenty of athletic ability."

Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller echoed Corts' praise. "This is an honor for Samford and a testament to the growth of our women's athletics programs over the last few years," Roller said. "To win the award in our first year in the conference adds special significance."

At the same meeting, Samford football player Efre Hill capped an outstanding season by receiving the OVC's Male Athlete of the Year Award.

As the seasons began in early September 2003, though, few would have predicted Samford's surprising success.

Samford's first official OVC competition came Sept. 24 as the women's volleyball team faced longtime rival Jacksonville State. But, the date that seemed most important to longtime Samford fans was Sept. 27, when the Bulldog football team played its first conference game since last competing in the old Dixie Conference in the early 1950s.

Samford defeated Southeast Missouri State University, 41-31, in that game and finished the season 7-4, including a surprising third-place finish in the OVC. In two conference games, Samford actually was playing for first place in the conference. Three times during the season, Samford set a record for the second largest home crowd in history.

"To say that we are proud of the accomplishments of our student-athletes would be a great understatement for our first year in the Ohio Valley Conference."

Bob Roller, athletics director

Head Coach Bill Gray was named Coach of the Year. Players Efre Hill and Cortland Finnegan were named the conference Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. It was the first time in OVC history that one school swept all postseason football awards.

Another significant OVC first for Samford came on Halloween night when, playing before a raucous home crowd, Samford's soccer team clinched the University's first official OVC team title, beating rival Jacksonville State. The following weekend, Samford hosted the OVC women's soccer team and lost a heartbreaker in the championship game to Eastern Illinois University. More than 1,000 fans overflowed the Samford soccer stadium for the semifinal match against Southeast Missouri State.

Head Coach Todd Yelton was named Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading the Bulldog soccer team.

Spring sports continued Samford's surprising run through the OVC. The baseball team began slowly but won 15 of its last 16 conference games, making it to the semifinals of the conference tournament before falling to eventual champion, Jacksonville State. Samford's

softball team finished third in the regular season and won one game in the conference tournament before losing to eventual conference champ, EKU.

Baseball Head Coach Tim Parenton became the third Samford coach to receive postseason Coach of the Year honors.

The women's tennis team, coached by Terri Sisk, finished the season as conference tournament champions and competed against the University of Georgia in NCAA regional action. Men's tennis player Bradley Weaver was the OVC Sportsman of the Year for tennis.

In May, Samford hosted the annual OVC track and field championships, and the University received glowing accolades from other OVC coaches and fans for the facilities and hospitality. Four Samford student-athletes—Lauren Blankenship, Jessica Brewer, Jennifer Craig and April Howell—qualified for the NCAA regionals in outdoor track and field. Earlier in the year, Craig was conference champion in the 60-meter dash at the indoor track and field championships.

During the year, more than 20 different Samford students were named OVC Athlete of the Week in their sport.

"To say that we are proud of the accomplishments of our student-athletes would be a great understatement for our first year in the Ohio Valley Conference," Roller said. "We set an ambitious goal at our [athletics department] retreat last summer to win the OVC All-Sports Trophy and a more realistic goal of placing in the top five in year one.

"To have NCAA President Myles Brand present the All-Sports Trophy to Samford . . . was a great honor, and our men's program finished fourth of 11 teams to meet that goal as well."

Looking ahead, Roller is just as enthusiastic and optimistic about year two in the OVC. Opponents won't be caught off guard by the new kid on the block, but Samford should be just as competitive, he noted.

"You can't get much better than winning the All-Sports Trophy," Roller said. "But we fully expect to continue doing well and improving next year." ■

For more information, go to



PREVIEW SHOW

Samford Should Provide Plenty of Football Excitement This Fall

With an explosive offense led by All-American receiver Efrem Hill and All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback Ray Nelson, Samford's football team heads into 2004 with high expectations.

"There is no reason for us not to be excited about this season," said Coach Bill Gray. "I thought we played well at times last year, but we definitely left room for improvement."

Samford surprised the experts by going 7-4 and finishing third in the OVC. Gray was named Coach of the Year; Hill, Offensive Player of the Year; and safety Cortland Finnegan, Defensive Player of the Year in the conference.

"Our players have reached the point where they expect to win every game," said Gray. "We had a chance to win every game last year, and we didn't get it done, but none of the mistakes we made are mistakes we can't correct."

Hill capped a fine junior season by being named Male Athlete of the Year in the OVC. He led the nation in receiving yards per game (126.1), catching 92 passes for 1,387 yards and 15 touchdowns—all OVC highs and Samford season records.

Hill's battery mate, Brown, quarterbacked an offense that averaged 31.8 points a game. He set school records for total offense (3,140 yards), passing yards (2,759), completions (242), attempts (408) and total plays (523).

While Hill and Nelson key the Samford air show, several other talented receivers are around to help keep opposing defenses honest. Ossie Buchannon caught 35 passes for 549 yards and Freddy Young 19 for 202 yards as a freshman last year. Josh Brennard also caught 19 for 173 yards as the starting tight end.

Three starters are back on the offensive line—tackle Kevin Pughley, center Brad Baker and guard Eddie Mason. Running back

is the least experienced offensive position.

Defensively, Finnegan led the OVC in tackles and kickoff returns (27.5). Other defensive leaders are linebackers Steve Tennin and Calvin Hodge, rover Justin Ray, end Steve Wisdom and cornerback Quinton Griffin. The defensive line, where only Wisdom has appreciable playing time, is the least experienced area.

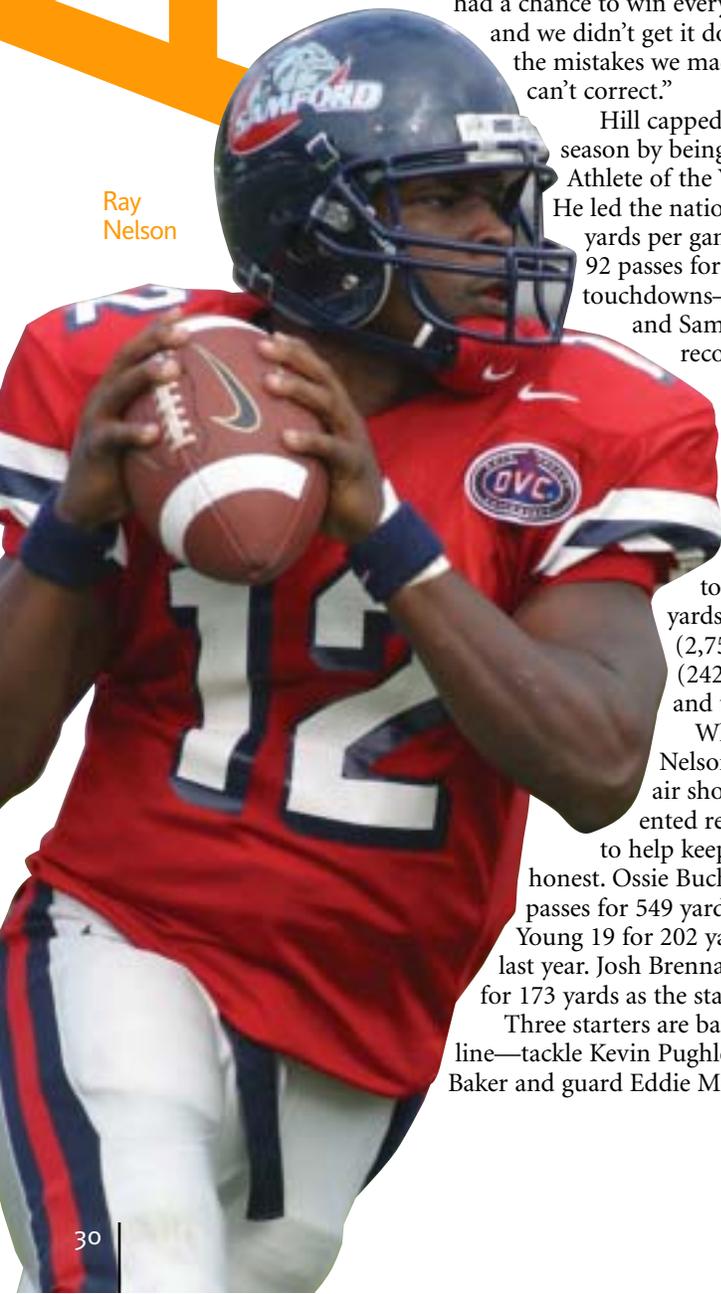
Chris Hicks returns to punt after averaging 42 yards a kick last fall.

Last year's team drew three of the six largest crowds in Seibert Stadium history.

"I think it was evident last year that Saturdays at Seibert got exciting," said Gray. "We had great turnouts. As it was last year, the offense should be the strength of the 2004 Bulldogs." ■



Cortland Finnegan



Ray Nelson

2004 Samford Football Schedule

Aug. 28 WEST ALABAMA

Sept. 4 Georgia Tech

Sept. 11 FURMAN

Sept. 25 Southeast Missouri State*

Oct. 2 EASTERN KENTUCKY*

Oct. 9 Murray State*

Oct. 16 UT-MARTIN*

Oct. 23 Tennessee State*

Oct. 30 TENNESSEE TECH (HC)*

Nov. 6 Jacksonville State*

Nov. 20 EASTERN ILLINOIS*

*Ohio Valley Conference game
Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

For tickets, contact the Department of Athletics at (205) 726-2966 or tickets@samford.edu.

Samford and BHS Launch New Health-Care Partnership

Health-care education and service in the Birmingham region will get a boost from an innovative program announced May 5 by Samford and Baptist Health System. The two institutions will form the Samford University/Baptist Health System Institute for Health-Care Quality.

It will provide medical residencies, research opportunities, continuing education and postlicensure training for health-care professionals and hospital workers. Samford and BHS officials expect the institute to strengthen Birmingham's position as a major educational center for health education.

Samford President Thomas E. Corts and BHS President Beth O'Brien announced the joint venture, similar to hospital-university models at Wake Forest University-North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C., the George Washington University-Hospital in Washington, D.C., and Drexel University-Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

The new institute will focus on health-care professionals in the BHS system and throughout the region, as well as students in Samford's pharmacy, nursing, nurse anesthetist, premedical studies and sports medicine programs. The institute will draw on BHS' clinical capabilities and Samford's educational resources, including the schools of nursing, pharmacy, divinity and law.



Samford and BHS will jointly recruit a leader for the institute from the medical field. The person will hold the title of president and the rank of professor of health sciences at Samford and chief quality officer at BHS. The position will require an M.D.

Corts and O'Brien said institute programs would be developed and implemented within the next several months.

The new institute continues a long-time relationship between the two Baptist entities. Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing began at Birmingham's Baptist Hospital and is

Samford President Thomas Corts, Baptist Health System Board Chairman Aubrey Miller '74 and BHS President Beth O'Brien announce new health-care education program.

named for the hospital's longtime director of nursing, Ida Vines Moffett.

Baptist Health System, Alabama's largest health-care system, includes 10 hospitals and other facilities with approximately 9,000 employees. Samford, with 4,440 students, is Alabama's largest private university or college. ■

Family Weekend Oct. 1-3 Filled with Football, Other Fun Events

Family Weekend Oct. 1-3 will be packed with fun-filled activity, ranging from a Student Showcase on Friday night to football, golf, barbecue and Parents Association meeting on Saturday to an Old Song Sing-Along on Sunday afternoon.

Samford will host Eastern Kentucky in an Ohio Valley Conference football game Saturday at 6 p.m. in Seibert Stadium.

A barbecue dinner and pep rally will precede the game.

The Student Showcase of performing groups will lead off the week-

end Friday at 8 p.m., followed by a dessert reception.

Saturday morning is reserved for family time, with the option to take part in a golf tournament beginning at 8 a.m. Family Symposia information sessions are scheduled from 2 until 3 p.m.

Samford President Thomas Corts will speak at the Parents Association meeting, scheduled from 3 until 4 p.m.

The Sunday schedule includes worship at 10 a.m., brunch/lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the Old Song Sing-Along at 2:30 p.m. in Reid Chapel. This will be the second annual sing-along; last fall's

kickoff event was an immediate success.

Registration and hotel information has been mailed to parents. Make hotel reservations early to avoid conflict with other events, such as the annual Talladega NASCAR race.

For Family Weekend information, visit www.samford.edu/parents, or contact Jennifer Dunn, Samford Director of Student Activities, at jedunn@samford.edu or (205) 726-2031. ■

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Joe Shear of Birmingham was a life-long Baptist who worked for many years with Liberty National Life Insurance Company, now Torchmark. He had great respect for Frank Samford, the Liberty National founder for whom Samford University is named, and the respect was mutual.

"When Mr. Samford wrote his book about the first 50 years of Liberty National, he recognized Joe for his great contributions to the company," said Marvin Foster of Birmingham, who worked with Shear at Liberty National and knew him for 55 years. Shear worked for Liberty National from 1933 until 1972, retiring as vice president of agents.

"Joe was one of the best people-persons I ever knew," said Foster. "Everybody loved Joe."

Shear died at 97 in the fall of 2003, leaving Samford a generous bequest. In addition, part of a trust fund that Joe's late wife, Sara, established came to Samford. Together, the gifts totaled more than \$655,000, to be used for academic scholarships.

(Sara, who died before Joe, used the "give it twice" plan in her will, leaving the fund for Joe's use during his lifetime, then giving part of the balance to Samford.)

"Joe loved Samford," said Foster, "and I think his long friendship with (Samford Trustee) Gerow Hodges (also of Liberty National) was one of the main reasons. He gave to other charities as well, mostly Baptist."

Shear's father was a Baptist preacher in Covington County, Ala., for many years, and one of the charities Shear supported was First Baptist Church of Opp, Ala. A deacon at Southside Baptist Church, he also served on the board of Birmingham Baptist Hospital, now Baptist Health System.

"Joe was an all-around good guy," said Foster. "He had four brothers and four sisters, and he was the stack pole of the family. He was the one they depended on."

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