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The Samford baseball team won its first Southern Conference Tournament, went to its first NCAA Tournament and set the school record for victories. It featured the nation's leading home run hitter in Brandon Miller and top pitcher in Josh Martin. "This is an exciting time for our program," said Coach Casey Dunn. "This is a special group of kids."

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Graduates Kelley Welch, left, and Carey Adams celebrate commencement with the Ralph Beeson statue.

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A Journey of Tragedy and Hope

I've participated in college commencement ceremonies every year since 1979. One might think that, by this time, I would be devoid of sentimentality on such occasions. Not true.

When her name was called near the conclusion of the ceremony in May to receive the President's Cup for the highest grade point average among undergraduates, the walk to the stage represented the final steps in a journey of tragedy and hope for Kara Peal [above, with Andrew Westmoreland]. In a message to me a few days prior to graduation, Kara said she first visited the campus during her senior year of high school in 2007. When Kara and her mom began their drive back home that day and her mom asked what she thought of the visit, Kara said, "I'm going to Samford." Despite considerable financial challenges, and with the help of a generous scholarship, she enrolled in the fall of 2008.

In the spring semester of her freshman year, Kara learned that her mother had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She died in October of Kara's sophomore year, one day before her 43rd birthday. In the last meaningful conversation Kara had

with her mother, she said, "I want you to graduate from Samford." With amazing perseverance, the support of family and friends, and the grace of God, Kara fulfilled her mother's wish.

Kara says, "Looking back, I realized that I've been at Samford because this community has provided a place for me to not just get an education or not just survive an immensely difficult time, but to grow and flourish in the midst of the struggle."

Kara's inspirational story is one of the 880 reminders during this commencement season of why I love Samford University.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland
President

SAMFORD report

HRH Prince Edward Enjoys Breakfast at the Samford President's Home

by Philip Poole

Samford University hosted British royalty April 29 as part of a gala weekend in Birmingham coordinated by the Miss America Pageant. It was also the first time a member of the British royal family had ever visited the state of Alabama.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and his wife, Jeanna, hosted a brunch for His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth (*see back cover*). HRH The Prince Edward was in Birmingham to present the Duke of Edinburgh Award to several Miss America and Miss Alabama pageant contestants.

Brunch guests included Miss America 2012 Laura Kaeppler of Wisconsin, Miss America CEO Sam Haskell and his wife, and Nan Teninbaum, president of the Miss Alabama board of directors.

"On behalf of the extended Samford family, Jeanna and I were pleased to host these honored guests for what I characterized—in humor—as 'just an informal breakfast at the president's home,'"

Westmoreland said. He complimented the members of the Samford staff for their part in making sure the prince "gained a favorable impression of Samford's considerable influence throughout the world."

Westmoreland said the event was "flawless," and that he was able to tell the gathering about Samford's London Study Centre and other academic collaborations in Great Britain.

Among those receiving the Duke of Edinburgh Awards earlier in the weekend festivities were current Samford students Anna Laura Bryan and Kelsey Richter, and 2011 Samford alumnae Susan Hamm and Katherine Fuller. The award is named for the prince's father, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and is a two-year program that focuses on community service, special skills, physical fitness and adventurous journeys. ■

For more images from the visit, go to www.samford.edu/prince-edward-visit.aspx.

University Fellows Win Accolades Nationally

Four Samford students enrolled in the University Fellows program won prestigious appointments and scholarships in national competitions.

Freshman University Fellow and English major **Adam Quinn** was one of six U.S. students selected for the Fulbright Commission Summer Institute at Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland, July 9–Aug. 3.

University Fellows honor students **Stevie Carnell** (physics) and **Frances Isbell** (English) were chosen to attend the Witherspoon Institute's First

Principles: Natural Law and History seminar in Princeton, N.J., July 29–Aug. 11.

University Fellow **Jordan Ross** earned an honorable mention scholarship in the national Goldwater Scholarship competition. The biochemistry major aspires to earn M.D. and Ph.D. degrees focused on cancer research and treatment. ■

For more information on the University Fellows Program, go to www.samford.edu/fellows.

Cumberland Celebrates 50 Years at Samford

Stanley Kupiszewski, Jr., well remembers the transition of Cumberland School of Law from Lebanon, Tenn., to then-Howard College in Birmingham 50 years ago. He literally had a hand in the move.

"We put the books in crates in Lebanon, and unloaded them here," he recalled in April during the law school's celebration of a half-century at Samford University. He unloaded the books on the top floor of the Samford library, where law classes were held before Memory Leake Robinson Hall was built to house the law school.

Married and a veteran of the Korean War when he began his law school studies, the longtime resident of Tallahassee, Fla., still practices part time after a 50-year career that included service as general counsel for the Florida Department of Education.

He joined law school alumni from seven decades, including the six that the school has been a part of Samford, for reunions and activities April 14. The occasion celebrated Cumberland's 1961 move from Lebanon, where it was founded in 1847. The law school is one of America's oldest.

A special ceremony honored two outstanding alumni, a longtime administrator and faculty members; and celebrated the naming of the Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton Advanced Advocacy Courtroom.

Dean John Carroll presented awards to individuals for outstanding achievement in a variety of alumni, administration and teaching capacities. Honorees included the late Jere F. White '80, recognized posthumously as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year; Latanishia D. Watters '01, Young Alumna of the Year; and James N. Lewis, Jr., longtime vice dean of development and administration, Friend of the Law School.

Faculty awards for outstanding service went to Henry "Corky" Strickland, William G. Ross, Herman "Rusty" Johnson, Woodrow Hartzog and David M. Smolin. ■

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A Samford education should be available to

Moss Scholarship Helps International Students Committed to Homeland Ministry

When F. Frederick Moss was a young naval officer during World War II, and later in the Korean War, he volunteered to hold chapel services on board his ship when no chaplain was available. A dedicated Christian, active in the Baptist church his whole life, he felt it important that he and his fellow sailors regularly know the spiritual comfort of a church service. In times of crisis, combat or natural, it was Lt. Moss who was expected to pray for the safety of men and ship.

Moss, known as “F. F.” by many, was a longtime employee of Alabama Power Company, but his family and church were the most important parts of his life. He and his family were members of the local Baptist church wherever his professional duties sent him. On many occasions, he held a lay position. He and his wife, Mary Della Brown Moss, especially enjoyed working with youth Sunday school and Training Union.

“F. F. loved the great old hymns of the faith, especially those rich in musical fullness and robust in the great Bible truths,” recalled his son, Dr. Fred M. Moss. “After his retirement from Alabama Power, he took piano lessons so he could play the hymns himself. He loved his Bible and read it daily over the years.”

F. F. died in 1995 of pulmonary mesothelioma.

As a tribute to his parents, Dr. Moss established the F. Frederick and Mary Della Moss Endowed International Scholarship in Biblical Theology and Applied Evangelism at Samford University’s Beeson Divinity School. The scholarship funds training for students from other countries who are

committed to returning home to practice their ministry after completing their theological degree.

Dr. Fred Moss and his wife, Van, lived in Cullman, Ala., for many years. A dedicated Christian like his father, he has made a practice of seeking a sacred place for his own prayer time. In Cullman, he frequently visited the monastery chapel. After he and his wife moved to Birmingham in 2003, he discovered Hodges Chapel.

“I had known Mr. Gerow Hodges when I was a boy, so I decided to visit the Samford campus to see Hodges Chapel,” said Moss. “What developed from that visit was a relationship with Beeson Divinity School and Samford University.”

Moss attends the divinity school’s Tuesday chapel services whenever work and travel allow. It was through this growing connection that he decided, in partnership with his mother, to endow the scholarship.

“The students of Beeson are our hope for the church’s future,” Moss said. “My mother and I feel that a thorough knowledge of and love for the Bible needs to be handed over to the next generation of ministers, and we believe this happens for students at Beeson Divinity School.”

Moss worked with Stan Davis, Samford’s director of gift and estate design, to create a five-year plan to grow the scholarship.

“He and his mother have contributed directly to the scholarship, and have made plans to grow the scholarship through gifts from IRAs and estate planning using a charitable remainder trust,” said Davis. “An IRA is a particularly smart way to accomplish such a goal because it bypasses income taxes and allows the money to go to their scholarship instead.”

“Their generous support will help to accomplish the high goal of imparting a thorough knowledge of the Bible to the next generation of ministers, and will honor a dedicated Christian family as well,” Davis added. ■

Dr. Fred M. Moss, left, visits Hodges Chapel. His father, Lt. Frederick Moss, leads chapel aboard his ship during World War II.



to every capable and committed student.

Batson Scholarship Fund Over \$830,000 with Sanders Estate Gift

Scholarship stories
by William Nunnelley

Jack Sanders was a native of Colorado and graduate of Colorado State University who became a geologist with Conoco Oil Company in Houston, Texas. But he married an Alabama girl, Marion Batson of Birmingham, and after he retired, they moved to Daphne, Ala.

Their only tie to Samford University was through Marion's family. Her father, Talbot Batson, attended Samford. He was minister of music and a deacon at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church in the Birmingham area. His wife, Louise—Marion's mother—played piano at the church.

That tie led Jack and Marion Sanders to establish a Samford scholarship in memory of her parents, the Talbot and Louise Batson Memorial Scholarship Fund, in 1987. And the same tie led Jack Sanders to further endow the fund through a sizable estate gift.

Marion Sanders died in 2006 at age 81, and Jack in 2010 at 86. With a \$663,000 estate gift that came to Samford in February, their contributions to the university totaled more than \$830,000. A final distribution could boost the total above \$850,000.

"Preference for the Batson Scholarship is given to students preparing for the ministry or music ministry, but can go to others, which was their wish," said Stan Davis, Samford's director of gift and estate design. "They were happy to know that it would benefit students for decades to come."

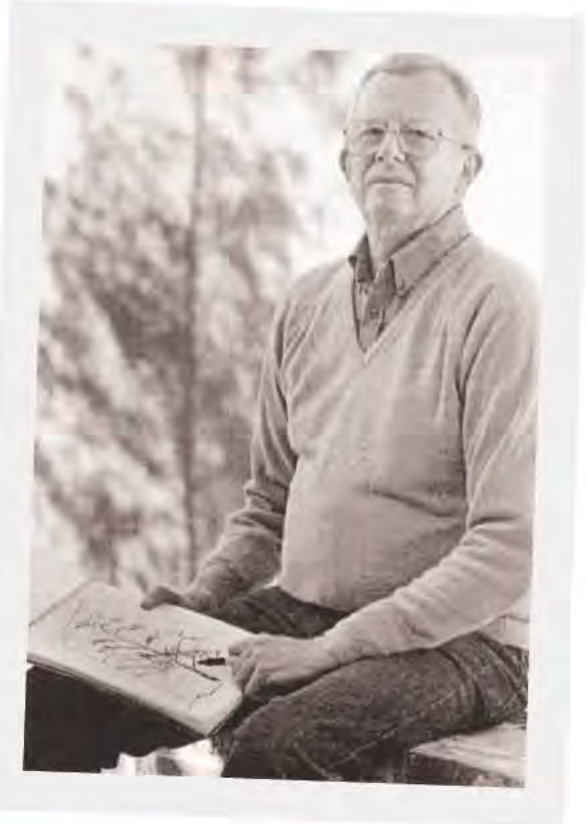
Jack Sanders went to Colorado State, intending to become an artist. But several years ago, he told his friend Ron Wilson, a Samford advancement officer at the time, "I discovered rather quickly that an artist could starve before he even started making a normal living." So Sanders changed his major to geology.

"Art became his avocation," said Wilson. He painted watercolors and created pottery, "and had some impressive pieces in his home in Daphne" that he had created and collected.

Sanders continued his lifelong interest in art during his retirement years. He was active in the Eastern Shore Art Center and the Bay Rivers Art Guild in Baldwin County.

He and his wife were also very active in First Baptist Church of Fairhope.

"Jack and Marion Sanders knew about Samford because of the dedication of Marion's parents to Christian service," said Davis. "This led them to support the university during their lifetimes, and ultimately to make an estate gift that will be meaningful to Samford students down through the years." ■



Jack Sanders sketches in retirement.

For information on contributing to Samford scholarship funds, contact Stan Davis at 205-726-2366 or csdavis@samford.edu.

For more information on a Campaign for Samford, go to www.samford.edu/campaign.

Making Sense of the Civil War

by John Mayfield

The Hoover Public Library received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to host public reading and discussion programs on the meaning of the Civil War. The library asked Samford historian John Mayfield to lead the January-through-March discussions. His essay here talks about discussions on “Making Sense of the Civil War” 150 years after its start.

It's been 150 years since the first rockets burst over Fort Sumter (“like the wings of a butterfly,” one observer wrote). So far, the sesqui-centennial “celebration” of this tragedy has been thankfully low-key, but the memory of the Civil War—its epic scale and moral challenge—hangs on. Re-enactors lovingly tend to their hardtack and muzzle-loaders despite the fact that the average weight of a soldier, North or South, was 135 pounds and the average weight of a re-enactor is . . . more. Books such as Charles Frazier’s *Cold Mountain* have brought out the epic qualities of the conflict (Frazier openly compares his tale with the *Odyssey*), while films such as *Gods and Generals* or its antithesis *Glory* have, by their very titles, linked the war to divine sanction and heroic striving.

Over and beyond all this is the ongoing battle of words. Was the war about slavery? States’ rights? Was it a nefarious scheme of Northern capitalists? Or a worse plot of Southern slave drivers? Was it even a “civil” war? How about the War of Southern Rebellion? The War Between the States? The War for the Union? Or (my favorite) the

Invasion to Prevent Southern Independence? There’s not much neutral ground here.

All of which gave me pause when Bryce Thornton of the Hoover Public Library called me last summer with a simple request. Would I sign on to lead a series of five discussions about the war and emancipation? “The series is called ‘Making Sense of the Civil War,’” he said. Good luck, I thought. I’ll do it for a new Mercedes C-class, nothing fancy. “How about a new set of tires for your Mazda?” Fair enough.

The preparation was fairly straightforward. There was a set reading list comprising Geraldine Brooks’s 2005 novel *March*, a none-too-flattering account of the absent father in Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women* as he, March, went south to redeem the lost souls of slavery. There was James McPherson’s superb account of Antietam, *Crossroads of Freedom*, which is much more than a battle book. And there was an anthology by Edward Ayers of the University of Richmond that included everyone from Lincoln to Lee, Frederick Douglass to Alexander Stephens, Shelby Foote to Bobbie Ann Mason. The idea was to



Dr. John Mayfield’s latest book is *Counterfeit Gentlemen: Manhood and Humor in the Old South*.

get people talking about common soldiers, common whites, slaves, the fog of war, the consequences of battlefield quirks, and the spiritual and physical rush (I can think of no better term) of emancipation. Beyond that was the war as memory—the ever-present past of heritage.

I was familiar with most of this material, so that wasn't a problem. What was a problem, at least in my mind, was the anticipated audience. Probable profile: Over 60, opinionated, resentful of The Nawth, possibly armed. I might need new tires.

Confessional: I'm not a Civil War buff. I choke up at Shiloh and it's downhill from there. Sectional loyalties have nothing to do with it. I was raised within hailing distance of the New Mexico border, and the borderland is a happy place for me to be, history-wise. The war itself, its mindless waste and capricious cruelties, depresses me. I do think that slavery was the root cause of the troubles. Take that elephant out of the room and there's not much difference in the attitudes, ideals and ambitions of average Americans no matter what latitude they live(d) in. But it's a bigger-than-usual elephant, and its prints can be found on every aspect of Southern culture from politics to music to religion to food. How, I thought at 4 a.m., would that stance go over in the Heart of Dixie, 2012?

As it turned out, I underestimated things. The audience was large. (The program was designed for 25; we had 60 show up and turned away 30 more. This went on for five meetings over three months.) There were buffs there for sure. One man asked if he could bring his working muzzle-loader. "No armaments," I said. One confessed to channeling the spirit of an ancestor who died at Antietam. Another fulminated against the Confederate flag until I reminded him that the flag wasn't on the reading list. Yet another wondered aloud how it could be called a "civil" war when it wasn't at all civil; it was nasty. In a crowd, the statistical likelihood of eccentricity is 100%.

Still, what amazed me was the searching, empathetic, open-minded inquisitiveness of them all. Our discussion spread wide but centered on three essential points: choosing sides, the agonies of the common soldier and the course of emancipation. At every turn, they were way ahead of me. I could not have asked for a more tolerant, serious group. They even laughed at my jokes. We settled into an engaging, almost comfortable, exchange of ideas—exactly what the program hoped for.

Cases in point: Lee's decision to resign and join in rebellion has been worked to death, with more autopsies to come. But what about 18-year old Sarah Morgan of Baton Rouge, La., who was a staunch Unionist like her father until Federal gunboats came up the river, at which point she changed colors? (Moral: Don't park a tank in someone's yard and expect them to praise you, whatever your motives.) In 1861, Alexander Stephens, vice president of the seceded states, proclaimed slavery the "cornerstone" of Southern identity. Exactly four years later, he wrapped himself in the flag of states' rights and refused to acknowledge his previous position. In 1861, Lincoln wondered if the whole thing couldn't be avoided if all the slaves were recolonized in Liberia. By late 1862, he had made emancipation the cause of the Union.

Shiloh: The chaos of battle, the accidents that turned the outcome, the way Northern boys showed Southern boys that they, too, farmers all, could fight hard and die. The lingering wounds of fratricide. Antietam: More killed on a single day than at Pearl Harbor or the World Trade Center, and much more selectively. A contest of

raw force, but one that turned world opinion, especially British, toward the North and gave Lincoln the sign to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

Emancipation: Nothing puzzled Southerners more than the eagerness with which slaves abandoned the plantations. After decades of concentrated effort to show that blacks were happy and docile, white Southerners stood gape-mouthed and furious at their rush to freedom. The very smell of the Union army set them in motion. We analyzed Frederick Douglass's orations, of course, and petitions from literate ex-slaves seeking the vote, but oratory does not capture the moment. This was visceral, yet it all turned so bad. Why? What was gained? My audience sensed the sheer tragedy of all this before I opened my mouth, and I am encouraged.

It is the curse of our culture that so much of our discourse must be reduced to the physical space of a bumper sticker. "Coexist," says one. "Question authority," says another. "Fergit, hell!" says a third (with Stars and Bars in the background.) We have compressed complexity and history into 140-character tweets.

Or have we? It is an academic's job to be objective and at the same time passionate and engaged. Nothing exposes this dichotomy more than the brother's war of 1861–65. At stake are issues of cause and consequence, privilege and privation, rights and responsibilities. "Making sense" of all that is a worthy if elusive goal. The crazies aside, most Americans are decent, inquisitive people who have left the bumper stickers behind. Come January, we'll do it again. This time, I'm looking at Reconstruction. ■



Sister Schubert's®

Business That Bakes 500 Million

by Mary Wimberley

Sister Schubert Barnes used her grandmother's recipe to bake 20 pans of Parker House-style rolls for a church frozen food fair in 1989. She used her home kitchen in Troy, Ala. The next year, the food fair organizers requested 300 orders.

That was the tipoff that Schubert might have a future in the food business. During the next few years, she turned a small, out-of-the-home catering business into a national enterprise that had sales over \$100 million in 2011.

"If you believe in yourself and your product, nothing can stand in your way," the founder of Sister Schubert's Homemade Rolls said at Samford in April. "If you know you have a wonderful product and have passion, you can do it."

She told a Brock School of Business audience that believing in yourself and your product is critical to success.

Through her hard work and persistence, her rolls soon were available in small stores and then marketed in the Florida-based Winn-Dixie grocery chain before taking off in other southern states. As orders grew, so did the need for additional production space. Barnes, who now lives in Andalusia, Ala., opened bakeries in the south Alabama towns of Luverne and Saraland, and in Horse Cave, Ky.

In 2000, she sold Sister Schubert's stock to Lancaster Colony, a specialty foods corporation based in Columbus, Ohio. Its broad marketing system distributes her products nationally in a wide range of grocery chains and through SisterSchuberts.com website.

A subsidiary of the corporation's T. Marzetti Company, Sister Schubert's now bakes 500 million rolls annually.

"I've been told it is a Cinderella story, and I believe it," said Barnes, who said she felt comfortable selling to Lancaster Colony because of the corporation's reputation for buying family companies and letting the former owners continue in leadership roles.

Still in charge of research and development, Barnes signs off on all aspects of the product line, which now includes 12 varieties of rolls. She insists on the same high production standards and quality ingredients that she used in the beginning. While her husband and business partner, George Barnes, a former food broker, supervises the

bakery operation, she travels as a company representative.

"People don't believe there really is a Sister Schubert," said Barnes, who has been called Sister since she was a newborn and an older sister couldn't pronounce her real name, Patricia. "Everybody from family to college professors has always called me Sister."

Several new products are in development, said Barnes, who recently spent time in France learning to bake different kinds of bread. One new offering, baguettes, requires a flour that is only available in France. Sister Schubert's uses only natural ingredients, and she was green "before green was cool," she proudly notes.

"Green is not a fad, but a good trend," said Barnes. "I believe we need to clean up the things we eat."

Speaking in an Entrepreneurship Forum talk sponsored by the business school, she shared other thoughts on good business practices. She said successful entrepreneurial leadership, as well as family leadership, requires a good attitude.

"Your attitude is the only thing you can control," she said. "If you have a good attitude, everything will go better."

Barnes also has a philanthropic spirit, as evidenced by her founding of Barnes Family Foundation, for which she serves as president. Among its philanthropies is a children's home in Ukraine, from which she and her husband adopted a son, Alex, now 10. The family also includes grown daughters Charlotte, Chrissie and Laura, and a son, Evans, 15.

Her Samford audience included student Paul Wood, a junior economics major from Bowling Green, Ky., about 30 miles from the Sister Schubert bakery in Horse Cave. He said he was impressed with Barnes' commitment to quality.

"She never compromised her quality ingredients when she moved to large-scale production," said Wood.

Today, Barnes' nationally known products may use flour from France and cinnamon from Madagascar, but she's still best known as the culinary ambassador for the state of Alabama. ■

"I've been told it's a Cinderella story, and I believe it."

Sister Schubert Barnes

Rolls a Year Started at Home

Sister Schubert Barnes is introduced by Brock School of Business Dean Howard Finch.



Gene Policinski

Nation Needs More Court Coverage, Not Less, Says Policinski

by Sean Flynt

Many Americans can't get enough news coverage of sensational trials. Many others are dismayed by it. Gene Policinski shares those concerns, but not for the same reasons. Speaking at Samford's 2012 Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum in April, the senior vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center said trial coverage captures perhaps 1 percent of what happens in those courtrooms. That's not enough to maintain public confidence in the fairness of the process. For that, he said, the nation needs dedicated, well-informed legal journalists.

Protectors

Policinski said that although the press is often pilloried for being intrusive and sensationalist in legal matters, it plays an essential civic role. "When journalists sit in a courtroom taking notes, when they write or broadcast or post the subsequent stories, they're there as observers, representatives and, to some degree, I think, protectors of the Constitution," Policinski said. "It's a role seen by our founders as essential to the way our democracy functions."

Unfortunately, he said, this already "rare and privileged occupation" is endangered by the poor economy and the increasing tendency toward government secrecy since 9/11, even in matters unrelated to national security.

Beyond those recent factors, Policinski described a long descent from the days when large newspapers assigned legal beat reporters and even maintained offices in courthouses. It became harder to recruit reporters, Policinski said, and then reporters covered only major stories. "The legal training that was either formal or informal went down to zero," he lamented, recalling his own

introduction to legal reporting under the tutelage of a sympathetic judge. Policinski was fortunate to find that mentor, but such luck isn't likely to spark the renaissance in legal reporting he hopes to see. His First Amendment Center is developing a four-part approach to systematically improve both the quantity and quality of judicial news coverage.

- It will offer a "curriculum in a box" ranging in length from two weeks to an entire semester, encouraging journalism departments to supplement their programs with the ready-made resource.
- It will encourage journalism departments near state and federal courts to act as judicial news bureaus for local media. Policinski said older students could cover appellate courts, "the supreme court for most of us," where there is a "tremendous body of law being made that isn't being covered."
- It will borrow an idea from former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's iCivics project, offering a game-based approach to fostering interest and expertise in legal journalism.
- It will help the judiciary connect with journalism classrooms through new technology, not only opening windows onto certain proceedings but also allowing judges to enter those classrooms as expert sources.

A Model Reporter

Policinski praised the career of the forum's namesake several times during the event, which was cosponsored by Samford's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Cumberland School of Law. Although alumnus Timothy Sumner Robinson '65 is often praised for his coverage of the

Watergate scandal for *The Washington Post*, the April event called to mind his later biography. Robinson earned a master of studies in law at Yale University in the late 1970s, wrote a weekly legal column for the *Post*, and became editor-in-chief of the *National Law Journal* and the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He directed coverage of nationally significant trials for the latter publication. Robinson died in 2003, but his family preserved his memory and passion by creating the annual forum at his alma mater.

Clearly cut from the same cloth as Robinson, Policinski last covered the Atlanta Child Murders trial of 1982. The trial was not publicly televised, and he noted that few citizens would have had the stamina to watch every "backside-numbing" second. That was his job as a veteran legal journalist, and he was struck by how the case was built on extended technical expert testimony about carpet fibers. "It was not a TV moment," he said of the slow and meticulous process, but it was foundation of the successful case against defendant Wayne Williams.

The parade of expert witnesses for the prosecution in the Williams trial underscores Policinski's call for journalists to help preserve the independence and fairness of the judiciary. He noted that few defendants can match the resources available to the state for prosecution, and that juries and elected judges face intense pressure to return popular verdicts. Defendants can seem, and actually be, very much alone on their side of the courtroom. Journalists sit with neither prosecution nor defense, but on the side of justice, Policinski said. "You hold that entire system accountable, in the most positive way. You are, as the founders envisioned, a guarantor of liberty." ■

Wilson Speaker Whitman Espouses a Bipartisan Presidential Ticket

Party hasn't always trumped policy, and the nation would be better served if it could return to more of a bipartisan approach. At least, this was the message of former New Jersey governor and White House Cabinet member Christine Todd Whitman at Samford this spring.

Speaking as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, she said the nation would benefit from having a presidential selection option in addition to the current partisan match-ups between Democrats and Republicans.

"We must be concerned about what our political process has come to," said Whitman, a leader in Americans Elect, a group behind a process to select the first bipartisan presidential ticket in U.S. history.

"Our nation's Founding Fathers were afraid we would come to a time when parties would trump policy," she said, noting that while the country has never been without partisanship, at one time there were statesmen who would try to solve problems together.

"We don't have that today," said Whitman, a Republican who was administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in the cabinet of President George W. Bush and is now president of an energy and environmental consulting firm.

Statesmen of earlier years, she noted, were passionate and principled, and had conviction. "But their biggest conviction was what was best for the nation, and they would be less likely to oppose something just because of the party," said Whitman.

She cited recent statistics that indicate only a minority of Americans believe the country is going in the right direction. And, both Congress and the President score low approval ratings.

"People don't believe we're going to solve problems," she said. "If you don't like what's happening and want to solve the problems, look in the mirror. The only person who can solve them is you."

Whitman and her husband, international businessmen and consultant John Whitman, were at Samford March 27-30 as this year's Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows. During their stay, they shared their experiences and expertise with various student and faculty groups.



Christine Todd Whitman

In her public lecture on politics and partisanship, Whitman said many Americans believe the election process is too long, and that the people "in the center" feel alienated. One result of this is that only the most partisan people go to the polls, and those voters focus on the fringe issues, she said.

"I want to hear a substantive discussion on how to change things," said Whitman, who was disappointed that recent attempts to deal with such matters as immigration and energy went unresolved by Congress. "These are serious issues, and we need to do something about them," she said, "but partisan politics got in the way."

One solution may be the Americans Elect alternative, which calls for an online convention to select a bipartisan presidential ticket. Candidates for president and vice president would be required to represent different parties.

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An Americans Elect presidential ticket would be required to adhere to three commitments, said Whitman.

First, candidates of both parties would endorse the principles in the Simpson-Bowles bipartisan budget proposal, which recognizes a need for both spending cuts and revenue increases. Second, the candidates would include leaders from both parties in their cabinet. And third, a limit on campaign spending would allow only individual citizens who are eligible to vote in each election to contribute.

Although its impact in the 2012 election is unknown, interest in Americans Elect is evidenced by the more than 14 million questions on issues that have been asked and answered to date on the website www.americansselect.org. About 400,000 "delegates" have signed an online petition in support of the process.

"We've got to stand up and say we need real solutions to problems," she said, citing as an example a lack of chemical industry standards that can result in poor water quality, and other environmental and health problems.

"Democracy is not a spectator sport. It demands that we be engaged." ■

Balancing Act

Lolleys Juggle Family, Jobs and Course Work To Earn Nursing Degrees

by Mary Wimberley

The audience for Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing commencement included many proud family members, but perhaps none applauded more heartily at the end than siblings Blaze, 13, and Mykah, 9.

The youngsters were on hand to watch as their adoptive parents, Douglas and Pam Lolley, received master of science in nursing degrees.

"They are amazing children who have been so patient and understanding with our crazy schedules," said Pam of the niece and nephew she and Doug adopted after enrolling in the family nurse practitioner degree program.

It has been a busy two and a half years for the Gardendale, Ala., family.

The Lolleys have worked full time at Brookwood Medical Center—she in the intensive care unit and he in the catheterization lab—while balancing graduate nursing classes and a busy home life. Both say it has been rewarding and challenging, and Pam notes that having a spouse following the same academic track and schedule has its advantages and disadvantages.

"We could help each other keep up with the schedule and with homework," said Pam, who is originally from Jasper, Ala. "We always had a study partner and could bounce questions off each other. When we would learn something interesting, we were excited to share."

There is a flip side, too. "It was challenging trying to keep up with our schedules between school, homework, clinicals, the kids' activities and their homework, all while working full time. We bought a big whiteboard calendar, and everyone posted their activities to help keep up with it all," said Pam.

But the biggest challenge, she said, "was trying to figure out how to be parents. We had spent 15 years of life just being about us, but suddenly there were two more people to think about."

Family circumstances had led to the youngsters moving in with the couple several years ago and more recently, to adoption. "We chose to jump all the way in and become a family," said

Pam. "It has not been easy on anyone involved, but I can't say enough about the rewards we have felt."

Doug, originally from Dothan, Ala., agrees. "While Pam and I went into the adoption for their betterment, they have enriched our lives and made it better," he said of Blaze and Mykah.

"To be so young, they have been very understanding and unselfish with their wants, for the greater good of the family," said Doug, adding that his and Pam's parents have been helpful in shuttling youngsters to lessons and activities, and keeping the household running. Along the way, the children themselves chose to limit some of their sports and activities to make it easier on Pam and Doug.

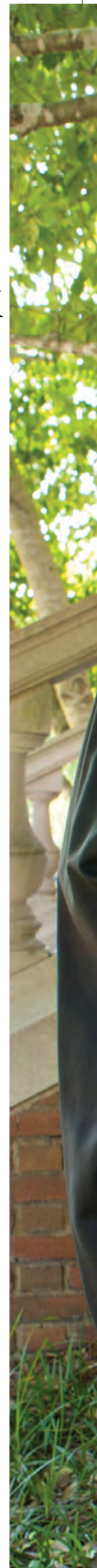
The Lolleys had each earned an associate degree from Jefferson State Community College and were registered nurses when they entered Samford's Registered Nurse–Master of Science in Nursing–Family Nurse Practitioner program. All of their master's degree course work was taken online.

"Everyone has been beyond wonderful when it comes to understanding how busy and hectic one's life can be over a two-year period," Doug said of the Samford nursing faculty. "There were instances where we could not meet certain deadlines, and the instructors were willing to work with us and make sure that we were able to succeed."

This spring, both were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau international nursing honor society.

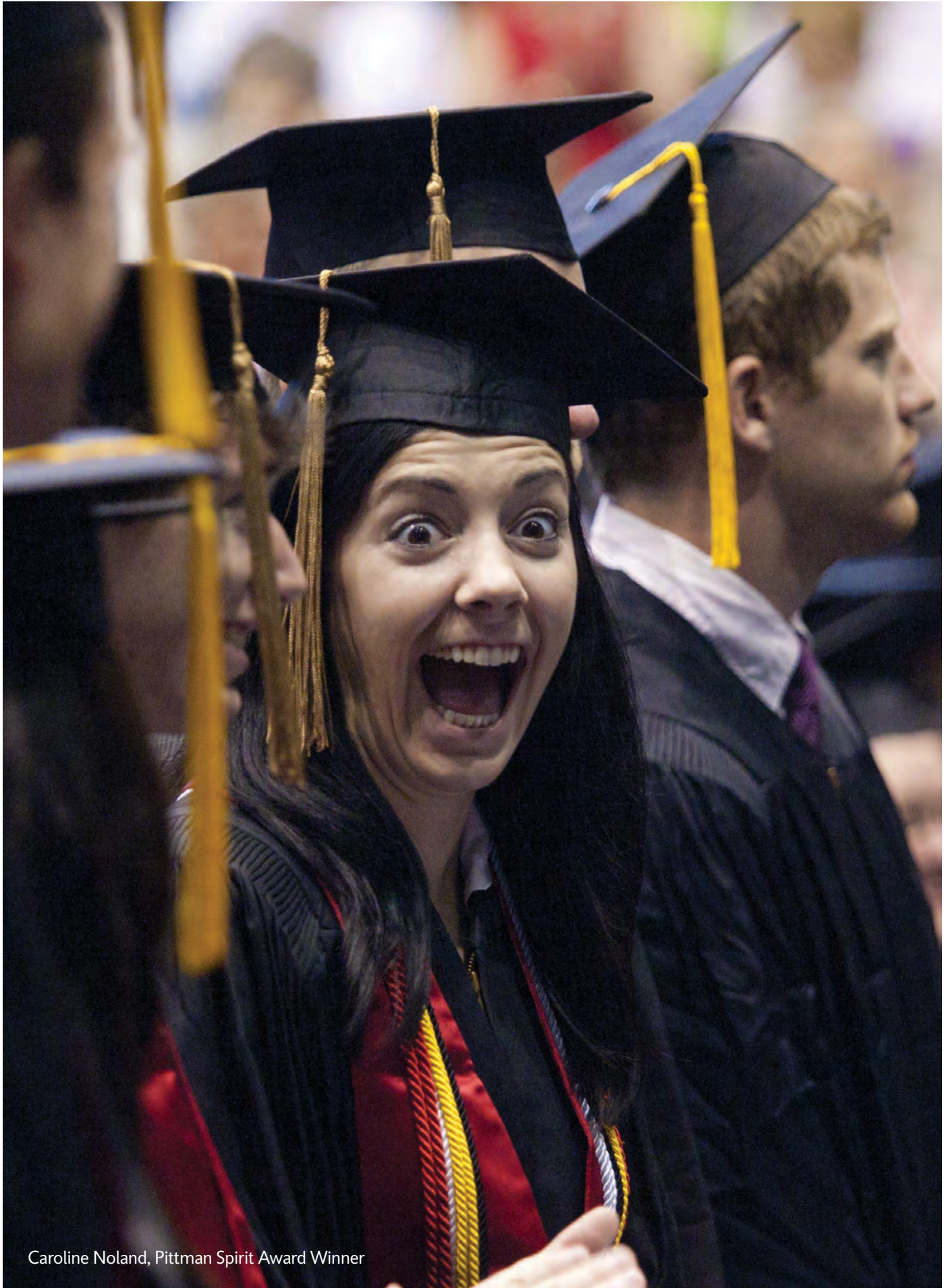
With this stage of academia successfully behind them, the couple's daily concerns can turn more to work life and family. "It has been a constant prayer during our devotion time for God to help us all with our schoolwork to do our best," said Pam. "We feel like we all have a part in this graduation. It has truly been a family affair." ■

For more commencement coverage and images, go to www.samford.edu/news/archive.aspx.





Doug and Pam Lolley, with Blaze, center, and Mykah, right



Caroline Noland, Pittman Spirit Award Winner

Samford Graduates

880

in Two Days of Pomp and Circumstance

by William Nunnelle

Dean of Academic Services and Registrar Paul Aucoin has been responsible for making certain that Samford commencement programs run smoothly for the past 15 years. This year, he took a more active role than usual—he led the processional.

Dr. Aucoin will retire in the fall. In recognition of this, Samford Provost and Executive Vice President Brad Creed asked Aucoin to be the mace bearer at his last commencement on Saturday, May 19.

Kinesiology and nutrition science professor Jim Angel was scheduled to carry the mace by virtue of winning last January's George Macon Award. But Angel had back surgery and was unable to do so. When Aucoin discussed this with Creed, they agreed that Aucoin should carry the 30-pound mace, which is made of sterling silver and ebony.

Aucoin had transported the mace from its display case in Davis Library to commencement ceremonies all through the years, but never to lead the processional.

"It was quite an honor to do so, and I felt both humbled and proud," said Aucoin.

And so it was that, as the University Band played the first few notes of "Crown Imperial" in Pete Hanna Center,

Aucoin began the march at the head of the line. More than 5,000 parents, family members, friends and other onlookers stood in tribute as faculty and graduates, clad in academic splendor (mostly black), moved to their places for the happy occasion.



Dean Paul Aucoin

Following Samford President Andrew Westmoreland's welcome, Dr. Creed paused to recognize Aucoin, thanking him for his notable contributions to Samford. He also recognized

eight members of the Samford faculty who are retiring this spring and summer (*see page 18*).

This was the climax of two days of commencement pomp and circumstance as Samford graduated 880 students in five exercises. Graduates of Samford's largest school, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, and grads of the School of the Arts, and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, received degrees in the Saturday ceremony—about 400 in all. Most of the others graduated Friday, May 18.

Dr. Billy Kim, chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company of Korea and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke during the Saturday program, urging the graduates to make the right choice and to rely on the power of prayer.

"Life is made up of choices," said Dr. Kim. "The choice we make determines the quality of time and life that is worth or not worth living."

Kim, whose radio network broadcasts Christian programming in 140 languages, asked the students to choose to follow Jesus. "If you choose Christ, you'll never go wrong," he said. He also stressed the power of prayer. "Prayer is the key to solving all of life's problems," he said. "In this world, we encounter

many difficult obstacles. Prayer can change your life, your family and this nation.”

Samford awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Korean business and civic leader D. K. Lee, a former president of Rotary International, for his “humanitarian and civic work.” Lee is chair of Bubang Techron Company, a leading Korean manufacturer of consumer household appliances, and is chairman of the Community Chest of Korea.

Senior Riley Westmoreland, president of the Student Government Association, charged her fellow graduates to stay close to Samford as alumni by attending homecoming, going to athletic games and other events, trying to help Samford recruit high schoolers, and staying informed about the school

through Facebook and Twitter.

“Another thing we can choose to do is give,” she said. She committed to give \$20.12 to Samford every year for the rest of her life, and urged her classmates to do the same. “It’s my hope that one day I’ll be able to give more—but all the money in the world couldn’t cover the cost of what my time here has really been worth to me,” she said.

Samford presented its top student awards at the close of the Saturday program. Kara Lynn Peal of Dallas, Ga., received the President’s Cup for the highest academic average. Hannah Michelle McSween of Knoxville, Tenn., received the Velma Wright Irons Award for the second highest average. Caroline

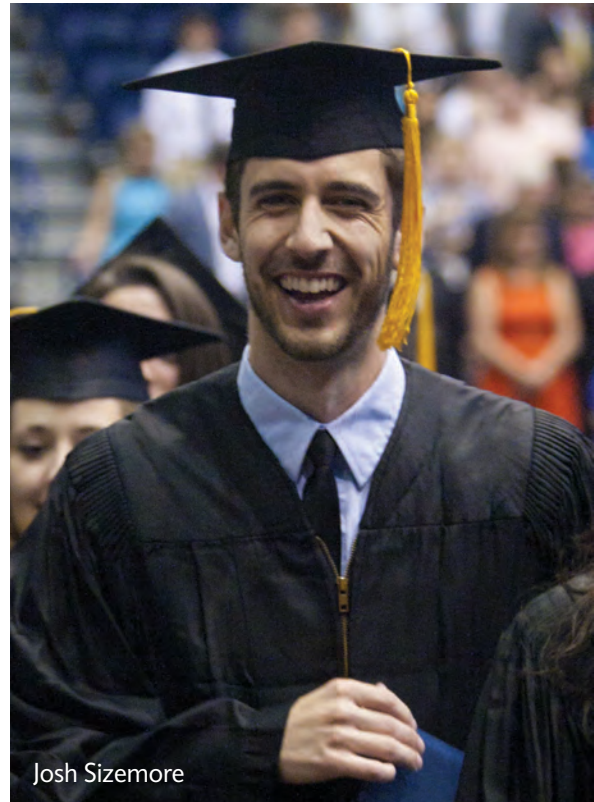
S. Noland of Boiling Springs, S.C., and Andrew Lewis Toney of Collierville, Tenn., received the John C. Pittman Spirit Award.

In Samford’s Friday commencement programs:

■ Bill Robinson III, president of the American Bar Association, told graduates of Samford’s Cumberland School of Law that professionalism was never out of date. “Every day we are reminded that the economy is creating serious consequences and changes for our profession.



Divinity Consecration Service



Josh Sizemore



Todd Buchanan

Hannah McSween, at left with President Andrew Westmoreland, is the Velma Wright Irons Award winner.

One might suspect that as a result, professionalism and such things as fiduciary responsibility and ethics might be subject to compromise. . . . That is not the case.” Robinson said fiduciary responsibility and ethics in general “are timeless and essential to the continued vitality and success of our legal profession. . . .” He encouraged the young lawyers to perform pro bono work, saying it would “reinforce for you two essential qualities of every great lawyer: leadership and compassion.”

■ Bill Dixon, a retired vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, told Brock School of Business graduates to keep good company, not to lose sight of joy in their lives and to give more than they take. “You cannot out-give those who give to you,” he said.

■ Sylvia Rayfield, an entrepreneur and book publisher, reminded Ida V.

Moffett School of Nursing graduates that it’s what they do with their learned information that’s important. “We’re in this together, and we need resiliency so that our own souls can grow,” she said.

■ Joseph Dean, Jr., who served as dean of Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy from 1991 until 2006, urged pharmacy grads to be ready for change. “Be alert to the fact that change is inevitable, embrace the belief that change is positive, equip yourself to deal with change on your own terms and make certain you do your part to shape

our profession for tomorrow,” he said.

In Beeson Divinity School’s commencement May 9, Dr. John V. Upton, president of the Baptist World Alliance, reminded graduates to be open-minded to the call of God’s spirit. “When I am open-minded, I can see more,” he said. “Open-mindedness can change how we regard each other and the strangers that God brings into our lives.” ■

Sean Flynt, Philip Poole and Mary Wimberley contributed to this story.



Andrew Toney, Pittman Spirit Award Winner



Dr. Billy Kim

Faculty Retirees

Looking Ahead to Travel, Reflecting on High Moments

by William Nunnelley

Dr. Nancy Whitt taught virtually every English department course Samford offered during her 39 years on the faculty. She served 10 years as department chair. “One of the things I have enjoyed is that Samford has allowed me to be a generalist,” she said.

Her interests in the field are broad. She wrote her dissertation on Shakespeare in the 1970s, and taught courses on the Bard and other classical British and contemporary American writers over the years. Yet she created and developed Samford’s course in minority literature, which is one of her favorites, she says, “because the literature is so powerful and because it draws



Dr. Nancy Whitt

students who are interested in a world beyond themselves.”

Studying from a broadened canon of works is one of the significant changes she has seen in her field. Last fall, she taught two 19th-century poets “who wrote excellent poetry, whom I had never heard of,” she said. “With literature, there is always a new novelist,

a new playwright, a new poet, some of whom are writing now, others of whom wrote in the past.”

Dr. Whitt retired in May. “I’ll miss far more than I will enjoy leaving,” she said. “I’ll miss the experience of having a student voice an idea in class through which my eyes are opened to something new. I’ll miss not having to read the best poetry and discussing it with students. I’ll miss not having to learn the new (to me) literature I routinely assign in my classes.” But, “I won’t mind not putting a grade on essays, though I frequently enjoy reading them.”

Whitt said highlights of her tenure include her involvement in establishing the faculty senate and seeing colleagues share her interest in adding diversity.

In retirement, she will lead a tour of major religious sites in Turkey next April (she will be happy to send an itinerary), and visit family spread across the United States. She will work with Birmingham’s Seasoned Performers and other community theatre groups, read books she hasn’t been able to get to, give more attention to her Boston terriers, and keep up her regional Quaker activities and volunteer work.

Whitt said she is grateful for her years at Samford, and for students and colleagues “who work very, very hard and who are indeed ‘good and faithful servants.’” She also appreciated being able to speak her mind on sensitive issues.

Dr. Rod Davis spent 46 years in higher education, the last 22 at Samford, his alma mater. “I think I have spent long enough conducting my education in public,” he said as the spring semester drew to a close.

“I am now looking forward to enjoying the great pleasure of reading books without having a notepad at my side, to the bliss of not having to



Dr. Rod Davis

critique and grade a paper ever again,” he said.

“Still, I have thoroughly enjoyed what I do and am eternally grateful to have been allowed the opportunity to practice doing it back at the school I have loved since I was a student.”

Dr. Davis was a member of the first class to graduate on the Shades Valley campus in 1958. After teaching at City University of New York for more than two decades, he returned to Samford in 1990 as dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences. He was dean for 11 years before retiring as an administrator to teach English in 2001.

Davis’ retirement plans?

“What I plan now is, unsurprisingly, to enjoy some reading, some writing, some off-season travel, a little gardening—and to give a lot of dinner parties to continue to enjoy the company of good friends who have entertained me so well over the years.”

Dr. Robin Roberts plans to read, exercise, eat and fly more now that he has retired from Samford's sociology department. "What I am looking forward to most is flying more," he said. Both he and his wife, Patty, are pilots, and regularly fly their Beechcraft Bonanza A36 to the Florida Gulf Coast and Keys. They spend most weekends at Pensacola Beach and visit Marathon for holidays.



Dr. Robin Roberts

Roberts is proudest of two projects he and his students accomplished with the help of grants. One was a course he developed in the early 1990s to build sanitary pit latrines in Wilcox County homes that had no water source, a project supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The other was the construction of wheelchair ramps for rural, indigent and handicapped families in Perry County with support from the Lilly Foundation.

"Getting down and dirty, building privies and ramps was the most satisfying experience of my academics career," he said.

Roberts, who taught for 20 years at Samford, said what he enjoyed most were the students. "Sometimes I feel like the proud papa of a thousand teenagers," he said. "Samford is fortunate to have a great group of kids on its campus."

He'll miss the students, he said, but not the challenge of parking.

Dr. Bill Strickland completes 35 years on the Samford music faculty this summer, having directed his final Bells of Buchanan handbell choir concert May 1 before a packed house in Brock Recital Hall. Dr. Strickland founded the handbell program and directed it throughout its 25 years of existence. "Building a culture that enjoys hearing, seeing and ringing handbells, from ringers to the audience, was a highlight of my tenure," he said. "Seeing students come to life on stage and make a performance far better than any rehearsal was what I enjoyed the most."

The School of the Arts professor said he also enjoyed seeing students change their opinions about classical music, including opera, and watching them encounter a musical revelation with chords, notes and melody.



Dr. Bill Strickland

Spending time with his wife, Nina, in Fairhope, Ala., is first on his list of retirement plans. He also looks forward to reading from the Great Books curriculum, learning German and Latin, seeing more Alabama and U.S. historical sites and "seeing more sunsets and a few sunrises, too."

He plans to write a book about the best practices in handbells. "While the electronic media has greatly influenced the entire field of music in the last 40 years, it is only just beginning to affect the art of handbells," he said. "These acoustic instruments require a hands-on approach to performance."

Dr. Robert Schrimsher recalls scurrying through the card catalogs of large university libraries searching for either the subject or book title card of a research project. "This can be an ordeal," he recalled. The fact that students no longer have to locate material this way is the biggest difference he has seen during his 15-year tenure as Samford's pharmacy librarian.

"By far, the most significant change is accessibility to books and journals, especially full text," he said. "The advent of a wholly automated online catalog that can be accessed via desk computer or wherever in the world is marvelous." He and the librarians in Samford's University Library "have strived very hard to make resources easy to access without complications," he said.

Schrimsher says he has "immensely enjoyed" being a part of the Christian atmosphere and mission of Samford. He looks forward to "not having a schedule" in retirement, although he will miss seeing his colleagues in the Drug Information Center, P. J. Hughes and Sandra Boyken.



Dr. Robert Schrimsher

Schrimsher believes that when someone vacates or retires from a university position, the only really important question is whether they have made a difference in the students' lives. "I hope that I have," he said.

Professor Barbara Money said she found the decision to retire from Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing time-consuming and difficult to reach because of her love for students and teaching. “What I do has occupied a large majority of my life for the past 28 years,” she said. Having made the decision, she plans to travel, particularly to Italy, Spain and London, and to give back to her community and Samford as a volunteer.



Professor Barbara Money

“I am a high-energy person and do not like to stay idle for long,” she said.

Money is proud of the progress the nursing school made during her tenure, especially in the areas of innovative teaching strategies, problem-based learning [PBL] and simulation labs. She enjoyed planning and working with nursing faculty to see the undergraduate program recognized by the National League for Nursing as one of the top four schools in the nation.

“I have enjoyed most my time with students in pathophysiology who come in at the beginning of the semester so frightened of the content and seeing them leave the semester in their final PBL presentation so confident in patho content,” she said. She will miss seeing students connect the dots between the disease processes, and “seeing their confidence as they grasp the concepts so vital to the patient at the bedside.”

She also will miss faculty friends and colleagues, if not Friday afternoon faculty meetings.

Professor Judith Vinzant recalls seeing the late Ida V. Moffett pin nursing students at the pinning ceremonies held during commencement weekends, and helping to plan her book-signing event. “She was a great and inspiring nurse who I was so lucky to get to meet,” Vinzant said of the legendary nurse for whom Samford’s nursing school is named.

A faculty member since 1992, Vinzant taught psychiatric mental health nursing throughout her tenure, a freshman foundations course for a number of years and other courses. She also served as liaison for seniors doing



Professor Judith Vinzant

their last hours with registered nurses at Baptist Princeton Hospital. She was “awed at all the changes and also so blessed to be a part of this great school and one of the best nursing programs in the country,” she said. In retirement, she will volunteer at community agencies, serve as a grief counselor “and ride my bike.”

She has a plaque in her office that reads: Teach and touch the world. “I think I have done that with the hundreds of nursing graduates I have taught, especially in the art of nursing,” she said.

Professor Judy Bourrand marvels at the expansion of nursing knowledge since she began teaching at Samford in 1978. “When I started teaching psychiatric mental health nursing, there was only



Professor Judy Bourrand

one short paragraph on Alzheimer’s disease, but now there is a chapter dedicated to this topic in psychiatric nursing texts as well as ongoing scientific literature that is published,” she said. She noted that psychotropic medications for treating psychiatric disorders have increased, and tentative new theories are emerging on the origins of schizophrenia. “Brain research is revealing much about mental illness.”

Bourrand said she enjoyed the students, “especially working closely with them in the clinical area—whether in the hospital setting or the community setting.” Heading into retirement, she will miss them and her colleagues. “I will not miss rising at 4 a.m. on clinical days to be in the hospital by 6 a.m.” Her plans include collaborating with retired friends, joining a health fitness program, reading and volunteering with her church and community.

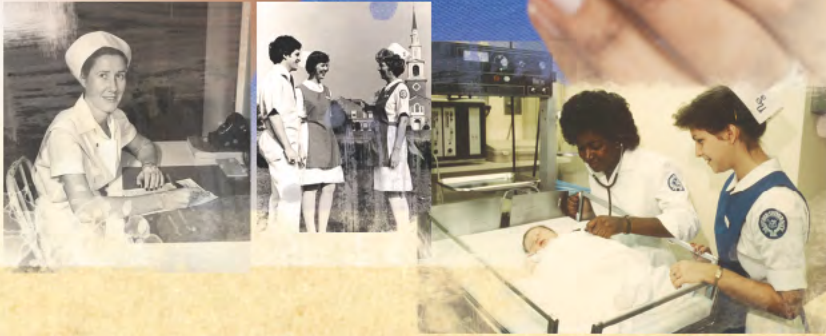
Bourrand believes the quality and rigor of Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing produces quality graduates who are well respected in the profession. “I value deeply that I have been a part of this learning process for students,” she said. ■

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After 90 Years, What's Next?

Nena F. Sanders, Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor, outlines what's ahead for the nursing school.



Nena F. Sanders

Although we are celebrating our 90th anniversary, we must look forward to the challenges and opportunities that will confront Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing in

the future. The Moffett legacy lives within our school as we continue our commitment to fulfilling the health-care needs of the state, nation and world through exceptional teaching, scholarship, clinical practice and service. The acclaimed quality of our school is especially important as we face the impending transformation of the American health-care system.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has been at the forefront of innovation throughout its history. Mrs. Moffett was a leader in providing a vision for the future of nursing. Her ability to anticipate the needs of nursing education and patient care, and to embrace change and lead innovation can be seen throughout her career and in the legacy she provided for the school. Mrs. Moffett's vision focused on maintaining a balance between the art and science of nursing; striking this essential balance remains at the heart of the school today.

What is ahead for us? The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Institute of Medicine jointly released a report to address the demands the public has placed on nursing practice for the next 20 years. *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* is a blueprint for transforming the American health-care system by strengthening nursing care and better preparing nurses to help lead reform. The committee developed four key messages to improve patient-centered care across a variety of health-care settings.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing continues to be committed to responding to the constantly evolving needs of the community, patient and health-care

system. Many of our strategic initiatives directly support the key messages articulated in this joint report.

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training.

The overwhelming need for primary care providers will continue to increase throughout the next 20 years. The Family Nurse Practitioner [FNP] program prepares graduates to provide safe, effective and efficient primary care services. Graduates are prepared to practice to the full extent of their training to improve the health of the nation. A special emphasis is placed on underserved and disadvantaged populations. FNP graduates embrace the opportunity to be on the forefront of change to provide comprehensive primary care to individuals and families.

Students in the Nurse Anesthesia Program are exposed to the nurse anesthetist's full scope of practice, including regional anesthesia, obstetrical care, pediatrics and complicated general anesthetics. Rural and metropolitan clinical rotations allow students to experience varied practice settings, which help them transition to the CRNA role.

2. Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.

Research indicates that the public expects nurses to be educated at higher levels than ever before. The joint report emphasizes the importance of lifelong learning and increasing the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate and doctoral degrees. The nursing school has developed innovative academic programs to increase the number of practicing nurses in the workforce, and to provide nontraditional means for practicing nurses to gain advanced knowledge and skills required to practice in today's highly complex health-care system.

A primary recommendation of the joint report was to increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree or higher to 80% by 2020. Since

the closing of the associate degree program in 2000, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has demonstrated its commitment to preparing baccalaureate and master's degree nurses by offering innovative options for registered nurses and individuals new to the profession: the five-semester second-degree bachelor of science in nursing [B.S.N.], the accelerated second-degree (15 months) B.S.N., and the registered nurse to master of science in nursing [M.S.N.] degree option.

The second-degree B.S.N. programs meet the needs of students who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. Employment rates of graduates from both second-degree programs exceed the average, and many graduates have opted to pursue advanced degrees.

Through the online RN-to-M.S.N. option, the school provides experienced registered nurses who hold an associate of science in nursing degree or a hospital diploma the opportunity to earn an M.S.N. Students may choose from Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator or Nurse Manager tracks. Approximately, 20–25 students enroll each year to seamlessly continue their education.

Nursing residencies and internships provide students invaluable knowledge and experience while they obtain essential leadership skills. For much of the last decade, the school has partnered with Princeton Baptist Medical Center to provide internships during Jan Term.

Students and graduates frequently pursue internships and residencies outside the curriculum. Jessica Johnson, B.S.N. '08, M.S.N. '11, was selected as a National Health Service Corp Scholar last year. Most recently, Johnson was selected from hundreds of applicants for America's first nurse practitioner residency training program. If selected, Johnson will serve as a pioneer in the execution of the joint report and a leader in creating the vision for the future of nursing.

Another primary recommendation of the joint report is to double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020. The nursing school graduated the inaugural class from the doctor of nursing practice [D.N.P.] degree

program in 2009. More than 85 nurses have completed the program and are practicing throughout the United States. Many program graduates serve as deans or administrators in nursing schools, chief nursing officers and entrepreneurs. The D.N.P. program received full accreditation from the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education in 2011.

To acknowledge their commitment to doctoral education, the graduates of the first D.N.P. cohort established the Nena F. Sanders Doctor of Nursing Practice Scholarship. Alumni and friends continue to generously support efforts to grow the endowment to maximize the number of students who benefit from this important scholarship.

The national shortage of nursing faculty must be addressed. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration established the Nurse Faculty Loan Program to grant nursing schools funds to provide loans for graduate and doctoral students pursuing an advanced degree who intend to serve as nursing school faculty. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing was one of 110 schools in the nation to receive this grant in 2011. The school's award was the sixth largest in the nation. Moffett nurses serve as faculty members in nursing schools throughout the nation.

From their first days in nursing courses, students are encouraged to learn everything they can and to never stop learning. The school also encourages faculty to pursue a terminal degree. Currently, six faculty members are enrolled in doctoral programs, and nine have completed their degree within the last five years.

3. Nurses should be full partners with physicians and other health-care professionals in redesigning health-care systems in the United States.

As health-care situations become increasingly complex, it is imperative that nurses be prepared to work alongside a variety of other professionals. In the spring of 2012, the school simulated a community incident to help prepare future nurses to respond in the event of a campus or community emergency. In partnership with Samford University's Department of Public Safety, Homewood police and fire departments, Alabama EMA and the Birmingham Regional Emergency Management System, the school created a situation involving multiple injuries and casualties. Community agencies interacted with students as they would in an actual emergency and provided essential interdisciplinary education. Simulations, service projects and other activities within the school highlight the importance of collaboration. Students learn to effectively interact with other professionals while demonstrating their important roles.

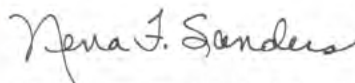
4. Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The lack of relevant health-care workforce data is a major issue within Alabama and has been a barrier for effective workforce planning and policymaking. To address this problem, health-care leaders throughout the state have formed the Alabama Health Care

Action Coalition. One of its goals is to establish a system of data collection for all health-care workers within the state. As dean, I was honored to provide leadership in the development of the coalition and now serve as a member of its steering committee.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is on the front line of responding to the need to improve patient-centered care. Over the next decade, the United States has the opportunity to transform its health-care system, and nurses can and should play a fundamental role in this transformation. Working with government, businesses, health-care organizations and the insurance industry, nurses will help ensure that the health-care system provides seamless, affordable, quality care that is accessible to all and leads to improved health outcomes.

I hope this overview shows how the strategic direction of the school directly aligns with the joint report and fulfilling the demands placed on the nursing profession. Throughout the next decade, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is strategically positioned to continue on the forefront of innovations in nursing education, and to prepare faculty and graduates to meet the challenges they will face in the future.



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- Family Fun Day and Barbecue • Individual Class Reunions
- 90th Anniversary Living Legacy Gala at The Club

Additional event details and registration information will be mailed later this summer. If you have any questions about the celebrations or nominations for the Living Legacy Awards, please contact Katie Stripling at 205-726-2265 or kstripli@samford.edu.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing at 90

Steady Growth, Technological Advances, Commitment to Service

by Jack Brymer



With a history that dates to the founding of the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in 1922, Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing this year celebrates 90 years of meeting the needs for nurse education and leadership in nursing practice.

The school is steeped in tradition. Through the years, it has adapted to the needs of students and the community—even the country—to provide quality nursing education. During World War II, for example, it established the Cadet Nurse Corps to ease the nursing shortage.

In 2005, the school was one of just seven in the nation designated as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing. The designation recognized the school's sustained efforts to "Create Environments that Promote Student Learning and Professional Development." In 2011, all graduate programs were recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing was the first nursing program in Alabama to receive accreditation from the National League for Nursing. It also was the first to accept male students, and the first to offer both an associate and baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Ida V. Moffett enrolled as a nursing

student at the school in 1923, and her presence and leadership has touched the school through much of its history. She served as director of the school for more than half a century, and the school was renamed for her in 1968.

The school has grown consistently over the years, particularly after affiliating with Samford in 1973. While experiencing this transformational growth, it has continued to meet the professional and spiritual needs of its students. Enrollment in the school has grown by more than 170 percent since 2001. Today, nursing is the largest major on the Samford campus, enrolling more than 700 students, noted Dean Nena F. Sanders.

Helping to account for this growth has been the school's broadened appeal in recent years to students from other states. More than 60 percent of the undergraduate student population is from out-of-state. Among graduate students, the figure is nearly 50 percent.

"We have students enrolled from 38 states, including Alaska," Dean Sanders said. "The online master of science in nursing [M.S.N.] and doctor of nursing practice [D.N.P.] degree programs have allowed us to increase our presence in a number of states."

The school has experienced a noticeable increase in male students,

said Sanders. Graduates continuously score above average on national licensure examinations and Moffett nurses are actively recruited by health-care institutions across the country, she noted.

The nursing school has experienced unexcelled growth in the programs and degrees provided by the school in recent years, according to Sanders. Included are the additions of the accelerated second-degree program at the baccalaureate degree level; the nurse anesthesia program at the master's level; expansion of the family nurse practitioner and nurse educator programs at the master's level; addition of the RN-to-M.S.N. degree program; and the addition of the D.N.P. program.

In addition to facilities and programs, the incorporation of technology, especially high fidelity simulation and online education, has grown rapidly. All undergraduate students participate in multiple simulations throughout the curriculum.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing faculty have embraced online education. The M.S.N. and D.N.P. programs (except nurse anesthesia) are offered totally online. Although there is limited face-to-face interaction, graduate students are actively engaged with their instructors and one another.

NURSING SCHOOL PROGRAM Provides Missions Opportunities

“Samford has become a real force in nursing, especially in producing excellent students,” said Cynthia Barginere, who earned a D.N.P. degree this year and was appointed vice president for clinical nursing and chief nursing officer at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Ill. “Samford’s doctoral program . . . made me a better leader and pushed me to do more scholarly work.”

Marie Mompoint, who earned the M.S.N. and D.N.P. degrees, said the school provided her “an excellent education,” especially in higher levels of study. Her model for innovative palliative care was adopted by the Veterans’ Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga.

What of the future?

“The sky is the limit,” said Jo Kicker, a 1958 diploma graduate and president of the school’s advisory board. “The school has such a good foundation.”

Kicker holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing, has taught in Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, and served as a vice president of nursing at the Northeast Alabama Hospital in Anniston, Ala., and Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. “Employers say they see a difference in students from Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing,” she said.

Kicker is impressed with the many ways in which the school reaches out to students to help them succeed. She cited the emphasis on technology, unlimited access to faculty via email and distance learning.

But with all the emphasis on innovation, the school has not lost its sense of missions involvement, according to Kicker. “Students are actively involved in missions, not only around the world but at home,” she said. Sanders attributes this to “our excellent faculty who live the Moffett philosophy, serving as excellent role models for our students.”

The sense of caring and a Christian mission has distinguished the school for the past 90 years and will continue to be at the center of all we do in the future, Sanders said.

Added Kicker: “Mrs. Moffett was all about compassion, caring and meeting the needs of the patient. It is the heart and soul of the school.” ■



Student Anna Beth Shelton shares a happy moment with Mary Austin Head, center, and Jane Head after receiving the first Head Family Missions Scholarship.

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing students continue to put Samford University’s core values into action by demonstrating “service to God, to one another and to the community.” Nursing students and faculty regularly participate in international, national and community mission projects.

During the summer of 2012, students enrolled in the nursing school’s missions course, and faculty members Lora Shelton and Julie Head will travel to Bolivia to provide nursing care in rural areas. Each summer, the school works with e3 Partners Ministry to offer students the opportunity to participate in international missions. Thanks to the generous support of donors, this year’s trip will be chronicled in a documentary produced by Lantern Vision.

With service at the heart of the nursing school’s mission, many students desire the opportunity to participate in mission trips. This year, for the first time, students could apply for the newly established Head Family Missions Scholarship.

The scholarship is named for Julie, Mary Austin, Jane Harris and the late Thomas R. “Tripp” Head. The scholarship maintains a steadfast commitment to missions and service. Prior to Tripp Head’s cancer diagnosis in 2010, the family had seriously considered becoming missionaries. Although they were unable to pursue missions full time, the family will perpetuate their love for service and missions, and continue Tripp’s legacy, by exposing

students to missions work through their scholarship.

The inaugural scholarship was awarded to nursing student Anna Beth Shelton, who has spent much of her time at Samford reaching out to international students.

This summer, she will provide medical care under the supervision of nursing faculty in Bolivia through the missions course.

Volunteers in Belize

Funded by the Baptist Foundation, Danielle Wilson, M.S.N. Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2012, recently travelled to Belize, where she served patients in need while benefiting from a unique anesthesia training experience.

Mission work is not new to Wilson. Prior to entering the nurse anesthesia program, she volunteered as a registered nurse and Bible school instructor in Brazil, Guatemala and Jamaica.

Performing anesthesia in a third-world country meant administering anesthesia with minimal resources. “I was overwhelmed with what can be done when the emphasis is on ‘team,’” said Wilson.

Three nurse anesthesia students have trips planned in the coming months. Each will travel with volunteer nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologists, and will deliver anesthesia to needy patients for surgical procedures. Jennifer Dobbs and Lauren Rutland will go to Honduras, and Jonathan Mathews, Belize. ■

Congregational Health Program Partners with the Historic 16th Street Baptist Church

On a recent Sunday, a visitor at the 16th Street Baptist Church experienced firsthand the benefits of a congregational health ministry. During the service, the visitor suddenly became ill and needed medical assistance. Without hesitation, members of the church's newly established Congregational Health and Wellness Ministry coordinated efforts with the ushers, and they were able to smoothly handle the situation without distraction or interruption of service. Following the incident, the pastor, Reverend Arthur Price, Jr. noted, "The situation was handled so seamlessly that those in the pulpit had no idea something was wrong until after the service was over."

Congregational health ministries are about much more than responding to the occasional medical emergency; they are designed to reclaim the church's role in health, healing and wellness. In January 2012, 16th Street Baptist Church joined more than 140 congregations across Alabama as a partner in the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Congregational Health Program.

The program is committed to forming partnerships with faith communities of various denominations seeking to develop ministries that promote health and healing from a whole person perspective—body, mind and spirit.

Caring for the whole person is central to the philosophy of the school and the motivation for creating the Congregational Health Program. Mrs. Moffett once said, "The whole person must be considered in the process of healing. Healing includes attention to physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. There is no physical condition that does not have an emotional reflection and there is no emotional state that does not have its physical counterpart." Her vision for whole person care is perpetuated daily through this unique ministry.



The 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham has joined the nursing school's Congregational Health Program.

Debbie Duke, director of the program, noted that people of faith have long felt that there is a connection between health and faith, religion and medicine. Scripture supports this relationship between health, healing, wholeness and faith. In addition, scientific research conducted in the arena of faith's role in health and healing demonstrates the connection. "Our congregational health program provides essential tools and knowledge to assist churches in establishing wellness ministries," said Duke.

The Congregational Health Program empowers faith communities to embrace issues that affect the lives of their congregations and communities. Dr. Cynthia Garrett, health ministry leader and parish nurse at 16th Street Baptist Church, said one of the first goals of the church's program was to form a team that would participate in a formal health ministry training and lead

the church's efforts. In February, eight church members participated in training provided by Duke.

"Following the training, our team hit the ground running," said Garrett. "We have established a blood pressure ministry, participated in the Sickle Cell Walk-a-Thon and conducted a health fair where we served more than 80 individuals."

The church received positive feedback from participants in all of the health and wellness activities, and benefits of the Congregational Health and Wellness Ministry are already obvious. "As a result of the health fair, many congregation members have now secured primary care physicians, scheduled physicals and requested more health education information," said Garrett.

The Congregational Health and Wellness Ministry at 16th Street Baptist Church continues to make great strides as it develops its program. "Over the summer, we will host a 'Screening Sunday' to screen members of the congregation to identify opportunities for education and improvement in order to plan future events around specific congregational needs," said Garrett. During September, the church will host a requested seminar to provide wellness information.

The 16th Street Baptist Church is just one example of the more than 140 partner churches across Alabama. The nursing school's congregational health program was established in 1999 and has served churches of all denominations since its inception. ■

If you are interested in learning more about partnering with the school to establish a congregational health ministry at your church, please contact Debbie Duke at 205-726-4451.

Brymer Completed Nursing Degree With Ida Moffett's Encouragement

by Mary Wimberley

Shirley Brymer recalls a recent phone call from a Samford nursing student who was soliciting donations for the school. When Brymer told the caller she had known the nursing school's namesake, Ida V. Moffett personally, the student was thrilled.

"She couldn't wait to tell people she had talked to someone who had actually known Mrs. Moffett," said Brymer, who earned an associate degree in nursing at Samford in 1975.

Theirs was a special friendship. Brymer credits the legendary nurse educator, who died in 1996, with her decision to pursue a degree that has resulted in a satisfying 30-plus year career helping others.

"I would never have done it without her encouragement," Brymer said of her decision to enroll in nursing school. At the time, she was a married mother of three children—ages 5, 10 and 15. Her husband, Jack Brymer '67, was the busy managing editor of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper and minister of music at West End Baptist Church, where the couple first got to know Moffett.

"I thought I was too old to return to school," Brymer said, but Moffett thought differently. "She didn't seem to think I couldn't do it. Mrs. Moffett was a sweet, sweet lady."

The confident spirit that Brymer caught from Moffett is alive and well, thanks to a newly endowed scholarship that will now encourage another generation of nurses.

In 2009, to honor his wife on the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary, Jack established the Shirley Jarman Brymer Nursing Scholarship Fund for Samford nursing students. The fund is now fully endowed. At the couple's request, preference will be given to a minority student with financial need.

"I knew how much Shirley loved and admired Mrs. Moffett, and she has been the Rock of Gibraltar in my life. She put me through school," said Jack, who graduated from Samford after they married, and then earned a master's degree at the University of Alabama. "Nursing has been a large part of her life, and meant a lot to her."

"I love Samford, and the school of nursing is very special to me," agreed Shirley, who received a secretarial

diploma from Birmingham Business College after graduation from Dora High School in Walker County. As a young adult, she worked at several area businesses.

At Samford, she always took a full load of nursing courses, which at the time were taught mostly at Baptist Medical Center—Montclair. Students rode a bus from the main campus to Montclair. Juggling an active home life and studies wasn't always easy, but the effort was satisfying and rewarding. "I never failed a course," she stated proudly, and the only classes she missed were two days when her father died.

Moffett was a former chief of nursing for Baptist Health Care System who was known and loved as a pioneer in nursing education, and a champion of compassionate care. She would be proud of Brymer's health-care career.

After receiving her Samford degree, Brymer worked 10 years at Baptist Medical Center—Princeton. When the family moved to Jacksonville, Fla., she worked 13 years at the Baptist Medical Center there. Returning to Birmingham in the 1990s, when Jack joined Samford as director of communication, she began work at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Although she retired in 2003, she continues to work part-time when needed, which is frequently, in outpatient cardio/pulmonary rehabilitation, a job she enjoys immensely.

"We start them slowly and tell them it's not a fitness program, but rehabilitation," said Brymer, who often visits hospitalized heart patients before their discharge to encourage them and their families. "I enjoy that."

Although it's been 37 years since she earned her degree, Brymer still remembers a phone call she received from then-nursing dean Lorene Gilmore, who asked if she was speaking to Shirley Brymer, registered nurse.

"I said I didn't know if I was a registered nurse or not, because I was still waiting on the results of my state nursing board exams," said Brymer. "She said 'well, you are.'"

Now, thanks to a thoughtful legacy, other men and women may pursue and claim their place in the nursing profession. ■

Shirley Brymer



Beers, Berry to Investigate Value of Hand-held Technology

Dr. Geri Beers and Dr. Cindy Berry of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing faculty have received grants to study the effectiveness of certain technologies in teaching baccalaureate nursing students. They will collaborate on both grants during the fall semester of 2012.

The first is a Faculty Development Grant to compare perceptions of faculty who use traditional resources (books) with those who use electronic resources (iPad with applications) in the clinical setting.

The second grant, an Innovative Technology Grant, will be implemented simultaneously and will compare perceptions of students who use traditional resources with those who use electronic resources in the clinical setting.

Full-time faculty from four nursing courses will use the electronic resources, while clinical associate faculty from those same four courses will use traditional resources. Nursing Central is an electronic application that includes four frequently used resources—Davis Drug Guide, Davis Lab Guide, Tabor's Medical Dictionary and the book *Diseases and Disorders*.

The application will be loaded onto the iPads for faculty, and the identical hard copy versions will be given to the clinical associates. An investigator-developed tool will be completed by clinical groups in all four courses at the end of the semester to evaluate faculty and student satisfaction with both electronic and traditional resources.

"Faculty are constantly challenged to incorporate innovative teaching strategies into their courses," said Beers. "Faculty need to incorporate the use of informatics and information technology into their courses that match the learning styles of today's students who have been raised on computers, smart phones, the Internet and touch-screen technology to prepare nursing students to deliver evidence-based, safe, effective, high-quality care to patients."

She noted that undergraduate nursing education differs significantly from most other majors "because of the extensive amount of clinical practice [three clinical hours for every classroom hour] required in a wide variety of health-care environments."

Both students and full-time faculty spend between eight and 18 hours each week off campus in a clinical setting that varies depending on specific course requirements, she said. Clinical is a fast-paced, stressful environment with each faculty member being responsible for up to eight students who are providing care to patients with complex health problems, she added.

"Another unique aspect of nursing education is postclinical conference, a time for students and faculty to meet at the end of the day to discuss that day's experiences," said Beers.

Berry said, "As a practice discipline, nursing is constantly evaluating care and looking for ways to improve patient outcomes, and currently, there are few resources available to faculty and students after arrival on the clinical unit. Faculty and students would prefer to access resources electronically; however, that is currently not a realistic expectation as hospitals have only a limited number of computers available on each unit specifically for use by the nursing staff."

Having access to electronic information would enable faculty to quickly guide the students in developing a safe and effective plan of care, she said.

"There are many teachable moments during the clinical day, and having access to electronic information would be a

tremendous benefit," she said.

"Postconference is a valuable learning time. Having access to online resources such as the Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals, the Institute of Medicine reports—including the study on Health Professions Education—the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Never Event list, and nursing specialty websites such as the American Association of Critical Care Nurses could revolutionize the way post-conference is conducted and enhance the learning experience."

Beers and Berry noted that nursing literature is sparse with regard to using handheld technology as a teaching strategy, with the majority of the papers having been written prior to 2008 when iPad technology was not yet available. They believe the results of these two studies will contribute to the growing evidence that the use of handheld technology in the presence of supportive faculty enhances teaching and learning at the point-of-care in clinical education. ■

Dr. Cindy Berry, left, and Dr. Geri Beers ready for their study of handheld technology.



Pusey Gives Students Some Tips on Leadership

Leigh Ann Metzger Pusey '84 believes society is screaming for leadership. She also believes good leaders take initiative, complete tasks and own the results.

The Samford graduate uses that approach in her role as president and chief executive officer of the American Insurance Association [AIA] in Washington, D.C. AIA is a property-casualty insurance trade association that represents 300 insurers who write more than \$117 billion in premiums each year.

"Any of us can be leaders," Pusey told students at the spring convocation of Samford's Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society. She urged them to get involved, whatever

their passion. "If you have passion and vision, people will follow."

Leadership begins with recognition of the process, which wasn't always clear to her as a college student, she said, when she wasn't sure what her academic major would be. "But I knew to keep moving forward," she said, and she went on to earn a degree in public administration.

After graduation, she settled in Washington, where opportunities began to fall her way. "But they didn't just happen. I worked hard, and when given the chance, took on more responsibility," she said.

Pusey joined AIA in 1996 as senior vice president for public affairs.

Before being elevated to the top post in 2009, she was chief operating officer and senior vice president of government affairs,

assistant to President George H. W. Bush for the White House Office of Public Liaison.

Pusey encouraged students to develop their own leadership style, recalling how in one job she had tried to emulate a predecessor who was known for being aloof with employees.

"I distanced myself from staff, but that was not my personality," she said. "I was a failure."

A leader knows when to lead and when to let others lead, she said. "Letting others lead develops their skills, and delegating strengthens your own leadership. People who are entrusted with a task will be loyal to you. Giving tasks to others helps to build a strong unit."

When things don't go as planned, she said, learn from failure and how to deal with it. "Look back at the situation and see where it went wrong, so the next time you will know where the weaknesses are."

Attitude and a good work ethic are also important. "Be self-assured and confident, but not arrogant," she said.

"God has given us different talents to be different kinds of leaders at different times," she said. She encouraged students to take advantage of Samford, with its great faculty and opportunities for leadership, as a place to grow and test themselves.

"Keep trying to move forward, and take opportunities even if you don't know where they are going to go," she said. ■

representing AIA's interests before congress and state legislatures.

Prior to AIA, her Washington career included work as deputy

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Leigh Ann Metzger Pusey



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'48 **Bruce F. Connell** of Santa Ana, Calif., clinical professor of surgery at the University of California—Irvine, continues a long career as he teaches and lectures at plastic surgery conferences in the United States and internationally. He credits his Howard College studies for his fluency in German, French and Spanish, which has helped him treat patients and perform charity surgery in many countries. At age 85, he plans to limit his practice to charity work that relates to children's deformities and international medical groups. The pharmacy graduate earned his medical degree at University of Buffalo and interned in plastic surgery at Mayo Clinic.



Robert Weaver

'49 **Robert Weaver** of Talladega, Ala., won the inaugural Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award sponsored by the NASCAR Foundation. Known as the "Ice Cream Man" because of the many treats he

delivers to students at Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind [AIDB] in Talladega, he won online voting among four finalists to capture the 2011 honor. As winner, he received an expense-paid trip to Champion's Week in Las Vegas,

Nev., in December, a 2012 Ford Explorer and \$100,000 for AIDB—his children's charity of choice. Weaver, a former Samford *Crimson* editor and longtime shoe store owner, has volunteered with AIDB for more than 50 years in ways ranging from creating intramural basketball teams and bowling programs to teaching students how to ride tricycles. In March, the city of Talladega recognized the honoree by renaming a street Robert Weaver Way.

'59 **Marion Louise Rost Freeman Sample**, M.S. '67, recently moved to Gulf Shores, Ala. During her college years, she was in the band and drama club, and is now a life member of the Samford Legacy League.

'65 **Tracy L. Brinson** retired from Second Memorial Baptist Church in Perry, Ga., after serving 50 years as a pastor in Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky. He continues in ministry as associate pastor of senior adults and pastoral care at First Baptist Church in Perry. He and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Bruce Hoven and his wife, Mary Virginia Wright Hoven, who met as Samford students, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 4, 2012. The retired teachers live in Jackson, Ala., where he practices pharmacy and she is a pharmacy technician. They also serve as music director and pianist,

respectively, at Springhill Baptist Church in Washington County. They have a grown son and daughter.

'67 **Dianne Crews Teer** is a retired math teacher who substitutes and also teaches ACT test preparation courses. She and her husband, Philip, have six grandchildren and spend time between homes in Maylene, Ala., and Orange Beach, Ala.

'71 **Sid Burgess** is the author of *Scripture Apps Made Easy: Biblical Applications for Today's Tough Times* (Wipf and Stock). The book includes scriptures in an accessible format and also provides commentary. Burgess is pastor of Edgewood Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Birmingham.

'72 **Jerry Ronald Hankins** teaches at Seinan Gakuin University in Japan, where he has lived and worked for most of the last 36 years. He and his wife, Lydia, have two sons, Luke and Micah.

James Patrick Siragusa, Jr., is retired and lives with his wife, Jane Hebb-Siragusa, in Birmingham.

Darryl Wood is pastor of First Baptist Church in Vincent, Ala. He wrote *Lifeway's Explore the Bible* adult leader guide commentary on Luke for spring 2012, and an article, "Wearing Purple," for the spring 2012 issue of *Biblical Illustrator*.

Shores Biography Penned by Nunnelley



Carol Nunnelley

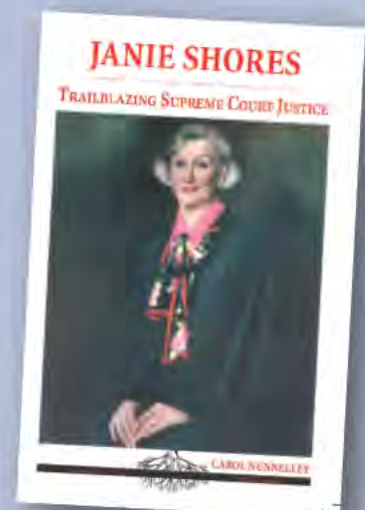
Justice Janie Ledlow Shores '68, a Samford graduate and former Cumberland School of Law professor who was the first woman on the Alabama Supreme Court, is the subject of a new book by another Samford graduate, Carol Fishburne Nunnelley '65. The book, *Janie Shores: Trailblazing Supreme Court Justice*, is an Alabama Roots biography, part of a series for young readers about notable Alabamians.

Published by Seacoast Publishing, the book traces Shores' path from a childhood working on farms in Butler and Baldwin counties through her career as a legal secretary, and ultimately to earning a law degree and overcoming hurdles facing professional women in the 1960s and '70s. She taught at

Cumberland School of Law from 1965 until 1975, when she was elected to the Supreme Court.

Nunnelley is an Alabama journalist who worked for newspapers in Montgomery, Mobile and Birmingham from the 1960s through 2000. She was managing editor of *The Birmingham News* and later projects director for the Associated Press Managing Editors Association nationally.

The book is available in the Samford bookstore.



Samford Art Grad Miller Works on *The Avengers*

by Mary Wimberley



Jed Miller '03

It's not every day that audiences can applaud a Samford graduate's involvement in a film that is smashing box office records. That's the case, however, for Jed Miller '03, for his work on the current hit, *The Avengers*, and earlier in *Rango*.

Both have come during his tenure as assistant technical director at Industrial Light and Magic [ILM], a Lucasfilm Company headed by noted

producer/director George Lucas.

Since joining ILM in 2010, Miller also has worked on other popular movies, including *Super 8*, *Transformers 3*, *Cowboys and Aliens*, *Pirates of the Caribbean 4* and *I am Number 4*.

But *The Avengers*, about Marvel superheroes who team up to save the earth, is one of his most personally rewarding to date, said Miller. "It was a lot of work in a small amount of time, but I think it looked good at the theatres," he said.

Millions of filmgoers have agreed, as the movie starring Robert Downey, Jr., Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson has broken several box office records since opening in Europe in April and in the United States in May.

"ILM did most, if not all, of the last third of the movie," said Miller. "All the big action scenes. There were shots throughout the movie, but anything that had the destruction of New York, that was us.

"New York itself was reconstructed in a computer and rendered out," said Miller, noting that a *New York Times* article calculated that the potential damage in reality would be about \$160 billion. "Good thing it happened in a computer."

Miller admits that his job, in which he creates tools and helps artists with technical issues, is not easily explained.

"Assistant technical directors give all the tools to the artists so they can concentrate on making the best images and creatures possible," explained Miller.

ILM is one of the best in the business and one of the oldest, he said of the company that George Lucas started in 1975 for his production of the film *Star Wars*.

Miller's own VFX (visual effects) journey traces to his childhood, when he grew up watching a lot of films. "I enjoyed the storytelling and visual aspects," said Miller, who earned a degree in computer engineering from Auburn University in 2001. He chose the major, he said, because he was "pretty good with computers."

"I finished out and realized that I didn't want to program for banks, so I set out to work in VFX."

That decision led to a degree in fine arts from Samford, where his mother, Nancy Miller, is associate registrar. His father, Ray Miller, is a former adjunct math professor at Samford. His brother, Blake, is a 1998 graduate, and his sister-in-law, Nikki Topham Miller, is a 1997 graduate.

"I learned a lot at Samford," said Miller. "The professors taught me about composition, photography, color theory and many other principles; most being easily transformed to the creation of animation and VFX."

From Samford, he enrolled in Vancouver Film School to study animation and visual effects. After several art and graphic-related jobs in the southeast and at Nanotoon Entertainment in Troy, N.Y., he landed his current job with ILM, he says, "by being lucky and applying at the right time." ■

'73 Walter F. Johnson, Jr., J.D., of Columbus, Ga., is listed in the 2012 edition of *Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers*, and achieved Martindale Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards in areas of bankruptcy, real estate and probate law.



Ricky Clay

'76 Ricky P. Clay joined University of Mississippi Health Care as chief of the division of plastic surgery at the medical center in Jackson. He is a former major in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical

Corps and a professor of plastic surgery at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

'77 Gary Wayne Barkley of Fukuoka, Japan, president of Seinan Gakuin University, is the newly named chancellor of the Seinan Gakuin Educational Foundation.

The foundation has more than 10,500 students and 500 full-time teachers and staff in preschool, kindergarten, middle and high school, and university levels. He and his wife, Carolyn Anne, have two daughters and a son.

'78 Mike Glenn is the author of *The Gospel of Yes: We Have Missed the Most Important Thing About God. Finding It Changes Everything* (WaterBrook), which includes discussion questions for personal and group use. He is senior pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tenn.

'80 John Rochester, J.D., of Ashland, Ala., is the new executive director of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. The recently retired presiding circuit judge for Alabama's 40th judicial circuit led the restoration of the Clay County courthouse and is known for having made the humanities a part of his alternative sentencing program.

'81 Dennis Culbreth, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., opened the U.S. House of Representatives in prayer as guest chaplain on March 28. He gave the prayer from the same spot where the president stands when he gives the state of the union address. He and his wife, Marybeth Frahler Culbreth '82, have three children, Andrew, Matthew and Grace.



Richard Smith

Richard E. Smith, J.D., '85, was selected for inclusion on the list of Alabama Super Lawyers 2012 in the area of business litigation. He is an attorney in the Birmingham law firm of Christian & Small. He was also listed

in *Birmingham Magazine's* 2012 Top Attorneys' section in the area of civil litigation.



Dent Morton

'82 **Dent M. Morton, J.D.** '87, was recognized as a 2012 Alabama Super Lawyer in the practice area of employment and labor. He is an attorney in the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman, LLP.

'83 **Ralph B. Burch, J.D.**, of Houston, Texas, is deputy general counsel, international, with ConocoPhillips.

Kate Campbell of Nashville, Tenn., has recorded her latest release, *1000 Pound Machine*, which features the singer-songwriter on vocals and piano.

Karen Estes Lowry of Silver Springs, Fla., and her teenage daughter, Jennifer Lowry, have written a book, *Dear Miss Adams: Girls from the Class of 1942 Describe Life During World War Two*. Karen hopes the fictional account of the lives of girls from a small Alabama town in the early 1940s will serve as a catalyst for conversations between generations about their own family stories.



Sylvia Young

Sylvia Snider Young was named president of the Continental Division of HCA Holdings, Inc. The division oversees seven HealthOne hospitals in the Denver, Colo., area and two in Kansas.

'85 **Edwin Cleveland** and **Sharon Pate Cleveland** '87 live in Pike Road, Ala. He recently retired after a 26-year career teaching choral music in Birmingham area schools and is now associate minister of music at First Baptist Church in Montgomery. They have a daughter, Lindsay, a Samford senior music education major, and a son, Patrick.

'86 **Anne Pope, J.D.**, was appointed executive director of the Tennessee Arts Commission. She has long been involved with education, technology, economic development and arts-related initiatives in the state. Most recently, she headed the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network.

Ginny Whitehouse received the Eastern Kentucky University [EKU] Student Government Association's Distinguished Education leadership Award for Outstanding Classroom Performance. She is completing her first

year on the journalism faculty at EKU after teaching at Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash., for 15 years. She and her daughters, Kaili and Marie, live in Richmond, Ky.

'87 **Sharon Donaldson Stuart, J.D.**, '90, was selected for inclusion on the list of Alabama Super Lawyers 2012 in the areas of business litigation. She is an attorney in the Birmingham law firm of Christian & Small.

'88 **Andy D. Birchfield, Jr.**, was selected for inclusion on the list of Alabama Super Lawyers 2012. He is a shareholder with the Montgomery, Ala., law firm of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.

Chris Blackerby of Hoover, Ala., is an account executive with Choice Home Care Specialists, specializing in in-home private duty nursing care and services.



Gregory Reece

'89 **Gregory L. Reece** is the author of *Creatures of the Night: In Search of Ghosts, Vampires, Werewolves and Demons*. In addition to writing books, he is a technical writer and consultant who

provides human resources support to municipal governments and colleges. He and his wife, Kristen, live in Montevallo, Ala., with son, Sam, and daughter, Olivia.

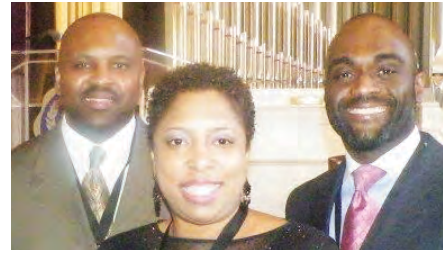


Denise Dickinson

'91 **Denise Hall Dickinson, J.D.**, of Atlanta, Ga., has named and cofounded a global development nonprofit organization, See the Needs, Inc., which helps people in need to build a better life for themselves and

their communities. Active in mission work for a decade, she travels frequently to Mexico and India.

Ben Casey, M.B.A., of Alabaster, Ala., is a teacher assistant with Shelby County schools.



From left, Lee Frazier, La Vonda Jones Primus and David Primus, Jr.

'92 **Lee Frazier, La Vonda Jones Primus** and **David Primus, Jr.**, each received an Outstanding African American Award presented by the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP in February. The three were cited for their community outreach and service through a variety of leadership roles. Lee is clerk for the city of Birmingham. David is director of the Roosevelt City Recreation Center. La Vonda is an accounting assistant for the city of Homewood. La Vonda and David met at Samford, where David and Lee were football teammates. Lee was best man at their wedding in Reid Chapel.

'93 **Kenyon Ross** is director of marketing at Sanders Beach Rentals, located in the community of WaterColor in northwest Florida. He and his wife, **Ami Phillips Ross** '93, and children, Jackson, Katie and Izzy, live in Birmingham.



Suzanne Lane

'94 **Suzanne Lane** is vice president and corporate controller for O'Neal Industries in Birmingham. She oversees the company's accounting, financial reporting, payroll, cash and treasury activities.

'96 **Eric Michael Agrillo** is a research associate at the Institute for Intergovernmental Research in Tallahassee, Fla.

Kimberley Benner, Pharm.D., was appointed coordinator of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists national clinical skills competition for 2012-14. She will coordinate local competitions at all U.S. pharmacy schools, choose winning teams and coordinate the yearly national competitions. She is a professor of pharmacy practice at Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

Brian Disher, M.B.A. '00, is vice president/private client adviser with Greenwood Capital Associates in Greer, S.C. He and his wife, Lara, have two children, Madison, 6, and Jake, 3. **Patrick O. Jones** of Orlando, Fla., an

Godfrey Lands *Blue Like Jazz* Role by Philip Poole

Photo by Brad Roller '08



Matt Godfrey '08

Matt Godfrey '08 epitomizes the aspiring actor who travels to Hollywood in hopes of making it big in the movies. He fully understands that it takes hard work, ingenuity and persistence. Fortunately, his hard work is paying off. His most recent role is one that he really wanted.

Godfrey landed a part in the recently released movie *Blue Like Jazz* after emailing the movie's director

of photography. "That probably was against protocol and certainly not the way this is usually done," Godfrey said. But, it worked, and Godfrey plays the role of Yuri in the movie based on a novel by Donald Miller.

Godfrey's wife, Ellen, is "a huge Don Miller fan" and had heard in 2008 that Miller was turning his popular novel into a movie. Godfrey said he "frantically" sought out anyone who was involved in the movie and eventually found contact information for the director of photography.

"I said 'I love the book. I'm an actor. I'd love to be in the movie.'"

The movie's director called Godfrey and invited him to Nashville, Tenn., for an audition. Although he read for several roles, Yuri was not one of them. After returning to his Los Angeles home, Godfrey received a call that the producers and director wanted him in the movie but in the role of Yuri.

"They asked if I could do a Russian accent," Godfrey

explained. "I said yes, of course, and promptly found someone who could teach me to do a Russian accent!"

Adapting to fit a role is not new to Godfrey. It is something he often did while performing on Samford's Harrison Theatre stage for four years.

"I got to act a lot at Samford. Had I been at most other schools, that might not have happened. It was an amazing experience. At a university, you get to play so many different roles, and it tests your acting muscles because you get to play completely different things from yourself," he explained. At Samford, Godfrey played roles ranging from teenager to senior adult.

Yet, Yuri was a new experience. "Yuri is pretentious, academic and mean, sort of an amalgam of a lot of people you meet in academia. I never got to play someone who is mean." The movie, which opened nationally in the spring, has received generally positive reviews. And, Godfrey already has moved on to other projects, including one of his own.

"I am working on a short film that I wrote that takes place in the South," he said. "Hopefully we'll be able to film it in the South. If you can surround yourself with the right people and make amazing work on your own, that gets the attention of the industry. That's where I am headed—writing my own stuff, making something I believe in and seeing if it gets someone's attention." ■

To learn more about Blue Like Jazz, go to bluelikejazzthemovie.com. To follow Matt Godfrey's career, go to mattgodfrey.net.

ALUMNI

Patrick O. Jones of Orlando, Fla., an actor with *Addams Across America*, is in his first national tour of *The Addams Family* musical. The tour began in September 2011 and will conclude in December.



Michael Mullis

Wealth Management in Birmingham.

Michael Mullis was recognized by *Barron's* as one of America's top 1,000 financial advisers and was ranked among the top 10 in Alabama. He is managing partner and wealth manager at Kelley & Mullis



John Roland

promoting business development with local businesses, the military and municipalities.

John Roland is director of development at the College of Continuing Professional Education at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Ga. He is responsible for fund-raising and

'98 **Jamie Lynn Minton Garrett** is director of financial planning programs at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in financial planning.

Anne Marie Kinman Trammell is a medical social worker with Gentiva Health Services in Greensboro, N.C. She and her husband, Jim, have two sons, Cooper Kinman, 4, and Elliot Joseph, born in August.



Matthew Mitchell

'01 **Matthew T. Mitchell, J.D. '05**, was named a 2012 Alabama Rising Star in the practice area of consumer law. He is an attorney in the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman, LLP.

Jodi Dansby Searcy, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist with Martin Colley Drugs in Enterprise, Ala. She and her husband, Jason, have four children, twins Jackson Thad and Jon Cole, 4, Jase Dansby, 2 and Josi Westbrook, born in April.

'02 **Jared Micheal Monahan** is an assistant state attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida in Sarasota, Fla. He lives in Ellenton, Fla., with his wife,

Miranda, and three children, Hannah, Sarah and Teagan.

'03 **Michael Lowell Milton II** of Sierra Vista, Ariz., is a systems test engineer with TASC, one of the government's largest advisers to defense contractors.

Katherine Ponder married Willis Hudson Israel in December. They live in Birmingham.

'04 **Brian Cosby** is the author of *Giving Up Gimmicks: Reclaiming Youth Ministry from an Entertainment Culture* (P&R Publishing). The book proposes a return to biblically prescribed methods that bring success. He is associate pastor of youth and families at Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Peachtree City, Ga.

Justin Heberling is audit manager with Sellers, Richardson, Holman & West, LLP, in Birmingham. He and his wife, Chasen, have a son, Kyler, 7, and a daughter, Anna Chase, born in April.

Kevin Law is a dentist with Law Family Dentistry in Knoxville, Tenn. He and his wife, Muriel, have a daughter, Olivia, 1.

Scott Rosen graduated from medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and will begin a residency in internal medicine at the University of Arizona in July.



Leigh Perry

'05 Leigh Davis Perry, M.B.A., was named a 2012 Woman of Distinction by The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama in recognition of her special contributions to the community through civic, academic or professional involvement. She is president of Alabama Power Foundation.

'06 Erica Marie Hughes married Wesley Jerome Hagood in April. She is a case manager with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. They live in Hoover, Ala.

Jeff Smith is pursuing a master of divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He and his wife, Rachel Smith '07, have a daughter, Madeline Grace, born in November.

'07 Angela Marie Armstrong of Pell City, Ala., is an interior designer with Creative Touch Interiors in Birmingham.

Mary Kathryn Covert married Michael Anderson Steel in May. They live in Washington, D.C., where she is vice president for public affairs at FTI Consulting and he is press secretary to Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner.

Larry Kloess of Brentwood, Tenn., founded a music blog, Cause a Scene, and hosts house concerts in the Nashville, Tenn., area. He was accepted into the master's of education in leadership and organizational performance program at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College.

Tim and Canaan Helms Worley live in Athens, Ga., where he is a teaching assistant and is pursuing a doctorate in communication studies at the University of Georgia. They have a son, Ethan Cunningham, born in March.

'08 Jordan Andrew Beard is completing Ph.D. research in the chemical biology and therapeutics department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He presented a research poster and was a workshop

speaker at the Keystone Symposia for nuclear receptor research in Whistler, British Columbia, in April.

'10 Andraya Phillips, Pharm.D., married Casey Clark in April. They live in Vine Grove, Ky.

'11 Danielle Brown and Stephen Bailey married in Reid Chapel in March. They live in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Both work for Teach for America.

Whitney Ray, Pharm.D., is a volunteer with Ordinary Hero, a nonprofit organization that supports an Ethiopian orphanage, where she recently spent four months assisting with health-related needs. The orphanage, which Ray was introduced to while in Africa for an advanced pharmacy course in Zambia, is a philanthropy of Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity. A floater pharmacist for Walgreens in Winston-Salem, N.C., she returned to Ethiopia for three weeks in June.

'12 Kay Lavon Shaw, Pharm.D., and Kyle Andrew Dean, Pharm.D., married in April. They live in Athens, Ga. ■

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ALUMNI

'93 Michael and Melissa Waldron McMahan of Decatur, Ala., a daughter, Lucy Josephine, born Jan. 30, 2012.

'95 Phillip and Jennifer Wyatt Carter of Birmingham, a son, Philip William Wyatt, born Oct. 3, 2011.

'98 Jim and Anne Marie Kinman Trammell of High Point, N.C., a son, Elliot Joseph, born Aug. 25, 2011.

'99 Ty and Jessica Waldron Jennings of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Elizabeth Brown, born Aug. 30, 2011.

'01 Jason and Jodi Dansby Searcy, Pharm.D., of Enterprise, Ala., a daughter, Josi Westbrook, born April 26, 2012.

'03 Mitch and Celeste Williams Coffman, a daughter, Harper Jane, born April 2, 2012.

Charles Nathan Lumbatis and Allison Reid Lumbatis, '03, J.D. '06, of Dothan, Ala., a daughter, Lily Allison, born Feb. 7, 2012.

Alex and Ashley Stidham Seligson of Birmingham, a daughter, Brooklyn Kai, born Dec. 6, 2011.

'04 Chasen and Justin Heberling of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Anna Chase, born April 2, 2012.

'05 Jamie and Bekah Woosley Butler, of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Emma Kate, born Feb. 4, 2012.

'06 Amy and Trent David Hadley of Grapevine, Texas, a daughter, Riley Kate, born Aug. 1, 2011.

Jeff and Rachel Smith '07 of Ballwin, Mo., a daughter, Madeline Grace, born Nov. 25, 2011.

Nathan and Katie Amanda Bullock Speulda of Hillsboro, Ore., a son, Benjamin Gabriel, born Oct. 9, 2011.

'07 Travis and Susan Miller Prewett of Fairhope, Ala., a daughter, Olivia Grace, born April 13, 2012.

Matt and Aubrey Naish West of Brentwood, Tenn., a son, Carter Naish, born March 12, 2012.

Tim and Canaan Helms Worley of Athens, Ga., a son, Ethan Cunningham, born March 11, 2012.

'10 Jackie and James S. House, Pharm. D., of London, Ky., a son, Gavin Kenneth, born March 13, 2012.

'11 Casey and Hannah Joy Frees Asher of Huber Heights, Ohio, a son, Nathanael Evan, born March 9, 2012. ■

Do you have new arrival to your family? Send the information, along with a high-quality photo if you'd like to do so, to samnews@samford.edu. We'd like to know the child's name, the parents' names and Samford class year(s), the current city, the date your new arrival joined your family and any other pertinent details that you would like to share.



Philip William Wyatt



Harper Jane



Brooklyn Kai



Anna Chase



Emma Kate



Benjamin Gabriel



Olivia Grace



Carter Naish



Gavin Kenneth

in memoriam

'34 **Marguerite Hardin Green**, age 99, of Fort Payne, Ala., died March 19, 2012. She taught high school math for more than 30 years, and with her husband owned and operated two shoe stores.

'42 **Roscoe Parker Goldsmith**, age 91, of Augusta, Ga., died Feb. 23, 2012. He was an executive accountant with U.S. Steel before and after World War II, when he served in the U.S. Army. He was a reservist until the 1950s. At Samford, he was an officer of his sophomore and senior classes and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and managing editor of the yearbook.

'44 **Sara Young Mullins**, age 92, of Helena, Ala., died April 15, 2012. She and her husband, Charles, were longtime missionaries in Hawaii and Macao, East Asia. She taught English as a second language to students from 17 countries. After retirement in Birmingham, she was involved in ministry to Vietnamese congregations.

'46 **Sarah Garrett Reeves** of Birmingham died Feb. 28, 2012. An organist, pianist and vocalist, she shared her talents with organizations and church groups of various ages. She was active in the Samford Faculty Women's Club and the Legacy League. As a student, she was a member of Phi Mu fraternity and the student council.

Regina Elaine Denley Slaughter, age 87, of Dothan, Ala., died March 1, 2012. A teacher in the early days of the Head Start program, she was a longtime leader in church and community outreach programs such as the Hawk Houston Boys Club. She was married to her college sweetheart, Clarence Slaughter '46.

'48 **Harry B. New, Sr.**, age 84, of Dothan, Ala., died Feb. 28, 2012. He enrolled at Samford on a pharmaceutical scholarship at age 16, before serving a tour with the U.S. Navy. He was a pharmacist in Dothan, co-owning Medical Arts Pharmacy from 1967 to 1991, and worked part-time at Northcutt's Pharmacy until fully retiring in 2004.

'49 **Bobby Lott**, age 85, of Birmingham died April 8, 2012. During 43 years in education, he was a head football coach, a school principal and executive director of the National Education Center. He was elected to Alabama, Marion County and Fayette County sports halls of fame. A brigadier general in the Alabama National Guard, he

served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II prior to entering Samford, where he played football.

'50 **John Stephen Epps**, age 83, of Huntsville, Ala., died March 7, 2012. He worked 35 years at Thiokol Chemical Corporation, where he developed several patented inventions. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

'52 **Milton Murray Baker**, age 87, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died April 12, 2012. He was an accountant before beginning a career as a German language professor at Mississippi State University, Shorter College and Georgia State College. He was with a U.S. Army anti-aircraft artillery battery in the European Theater during World War II.

'54 **Frances Eloise Dozier Skelton**, age 81, of Pell City, Ala., died April 6, 2012. She was active in children's ministries with her husband, Cole Skelton '52, at several Alabama Baptist churches. They met at Samford.

Peter J. Tcherneshoff, age 79, of Huntsville, Ala., died Dec. 30, 2011, after a stroke. After serving as a Southern Baptist missionary in Brazil for 17 years, he was a pastor in Decatur, Ala., and a director of missions in north Alabama.

'55 **David Eugene Ridley**, age 79, of Aiken, S.C., died April 22, 2012. He served 21 years in the U.S. Navy as a supply corps officer, retiring in 1978 as a commander. He was active in church, community and music programs in Falls Church, Va., and Aiken, S.C.

James A. West, age 79, of Tempe, Ariz., died in May 2012. He was a pharmacist with Ryan-Evans Drug Store and Walgreens, and was a former "Man of the Year" at his church.

'56 **Marcell "Bo" Burchfield**, M.S.E. '68, age 83, of Tarrant City, Ala., died April 5, 2012. He was a teacher and principal, and a Baptist minister who served on the board of trustees of the Jefferson County Mental Health Board.

Cooper McDuff Horton, Jr., age 81, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died April 21, 2012. He was a founding partner of Horton, Lee, Burnett, Peacock, Cleveland and Grainger Certified Public Accountants firm. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Earl Judson Calvert, age 76, of Birmingham, died March 21, 2012. He was a pastor of churches in Tennessee and Virginia, and taught native pastors during mission trips to Tanzania.

'57 **William Glenn Garner** of Trussville, Ala., died April 25, 2012. He was a partner in Garner & Grabowski Realty and a president of the Huffman Lions Club. Active in various realtor-related groups, he also was a member of the Birmingham Planning commission. He served with the Alabama Air National Guard during the Korean War.

'58 **Joseph Lloyd Davis**, age 79, of Alabaster, Ala., died April 2, 2012. He worked in the financial industry for 37 years in Birmingham and Huntsville, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

James Morris Jones, age 75, of Shelby, Ala., died April 13, 2012. He retired from Doane Products. He enjoyed mission work and sports. A football official for 20 years, he played football at Samford under coach Bobby Bowden.

Raymond L. King, age 76, of Birmingham, died March 21, 2012. He retired in 2007 after 35 years on the faculty of Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, and was named professor emeritus. He had earlier been a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent in Florida and Alabama public schools. He was a board member of the annual Kenny Morgan golf tournament that raises money for Samford scholarships.

'62 **Lucille Avery Woodham**, age 90, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., formerly of Anniston, Ala., died April 15, 2012. She was a retired teacher.

'63 **Henry D. "Hank" Moyer** of Spring Hill, Tenn., died Aug. 20, 2011. At Samford, he was a member of Lambda Chi fraternity.

'64 **Reneau Pearson Almon, J.D.**, age 74, of Montgomery, Ala., died April 30, 2012. He served as an associate justice on the Alabama Supreme Court from 1974 until his retirement in 1999. He had earlier served on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and as judge of the 36th judicial circuit. He served in the U.S. Army and the Alabama National Guard.

'65 **Robert E. Bonnett, Jr.**, age 69, of Birmingham, died in February 2012. He was a claims negotiating attorney for State Farm Insurance and a gifted musician.

'72 William B. Watson, age 65, of Huntsville, Ala., died Feb. 5, 2012. He retired from Wachovia Bank as regional president of north Alabama and Tennessee. He served on various civic and professional boards. A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a longtime member of the Alabama National Guard and the Army Reserve, retiring in 2005 as commanding general of the 87th division.

'75 Billy P. Cox, Sr., age 60, of Birmingham, died April 2, 2012. A pharmacy graduate, he co-owned Bariatrics of Alabama.

David Alfred Purcell, age 61, of Bessemer, Ala., died Feb. 10, 2012. He was a minister of music at Birmingham area churches.

Keith B. Vines, J.D., age 61, of San Francisco, Calif., died Feb. 9, 2012. He was an assistant district attorney and a trial attorney assigned to the Federal Narcotics Strike force and mental health unit before retiring in 2004. He had been a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force.

'76 Lynn Jett Fleming, age 60, of Pinson, Ala., died in March 2012 of cancer. She was a teacher who enjoyed reading, painting and mission work.

'77 James Robert Fuqua, J.D., age 59, of Ozark, Ala., died March 31, 2012. An attorney in private practice, he also served on the Ozark Public Building Authority.

'78 Randall O. Gladden, J.D., age 61, of Huntsville, Ala., died Feb. 9, 2012. He practiced law in Huntsville and was the attorney for the Southern States Police Benevolent Association.

Mable Irene Wood, M.M.E., age 83, of Springville, Ala., died Feb. 15, 2012. She taught music in Birmingham schools for 20 years and played with bluegrass music groups for many years. She mastered the fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, dulcimer, piano and concert string instruments.

'80 Doris Jean Bridgmon Aldridge, age 76, of Bessemer, Ala., died March 25, 2012. A nurse, she retired from Home Health Care.

'81 Robbin Andre Bumbry, age 52, of Quincy, Ill., died Feb. 10, 2012. A four-year starter on the Samford basketball team, he played professionally in Scotland and Chile for several years. More recently, he was operations manager at a hotel in Dallas, Texas, and a territory manager for AT&T.

David Tindel Cummins of Ormond Beach, Fla., died April 26, 2012. An anesthesiologist, he was a pioneer in the practice of acute pain management.

'85 Forrest George Kontomitras, age 48, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Feb. 10, 2012. He worked in sales and trading for financial institutions, specializing in credit-sensitive cash-flow assets for institutional investors. He attended Samford on a debate scholarship.

Julianne M. Stern, age 50, of Dothan, Ala., died April 3, 2012. She taught math at Wallace State Community College in Dothan for 24 years.

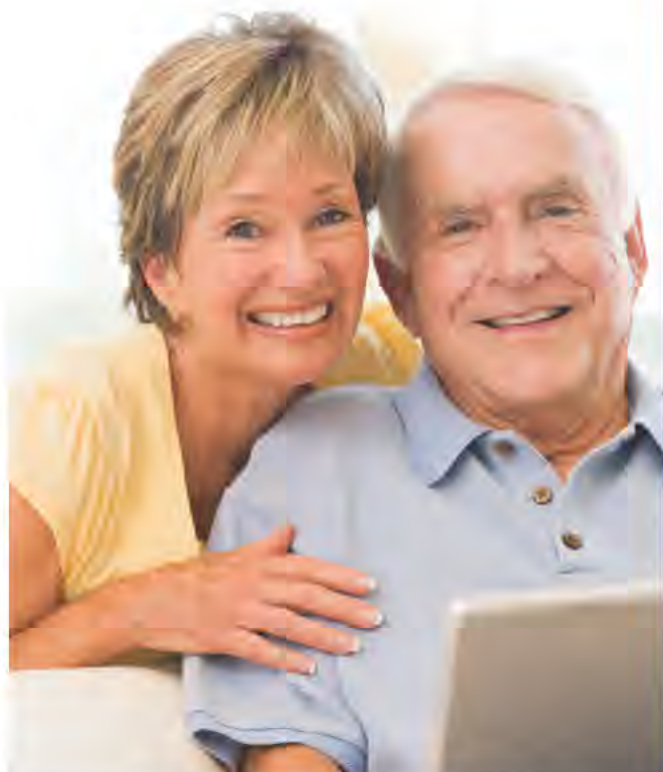
'97 Larry Lee Guthrie, Jr., J.D., age 40, of Birmingham, died April 8, 2012, of a heart attack. He worked with law and accounting firms in Alabama and Tennessee, and most recently with the Social Security Administration.

'00 Timothy Robert Fiedler, J.D., age 40, of Deland, Fla., died Jan. 30, 2012. He was an owner/managing member of Fogle & Fiedler, PLLC, in Deland, and an associate in the consumer fraud division of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., in Montgomery, Ala. Memorials may be made to the Timothy R. Fiedler Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

'11 Zachary La Fleur, J.D., age 28, of Ogden, Utah, died March 4, 2012, of cardiac sarcoma. He was an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Brewer Professionalism Award as the outstanding law student in his graduating class. He was a research intern for U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

Samford Trustee

Wynema Junkins Lowry, age 79, of Cullman, Ala., died May 16, 2012. A 1953 Samford graduate, she served on Samford's board of trustees from 1997 until rotating off the board last year. During that time, she served as assistant secretary, and on the student affairs, university relations and executive committees. A retired teacher, in recent years she had served as vice president and secretary of the family-owned Hospital Discount Pharmacy. She was married to Aubrey Lowry, a 1957 Samford pharmacy graduate. Memorials may be made to the Aubrey and Wynema Lowry Endowed Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. The couple established the fund to benefit students from smaller high schools in rural Alabama counties who have financial need. ■



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Brandon Miller

Baseball Wins SoCon, Two in NCAA Miller Leads Nation in Homers

It was a season of records for the Samford baseball team, including two NCAA Tournament wins over Southeastern Conference champion Mississippi State. Led by a pair of record-breaking individuals, the Bulldogs won their first Southern Conference Tournament, earned their first trip to the NCAA Tournament and posted a record number of wins for the season.

They finished with a 41-23 mark.

Outfielder Brandon Miller (*see cover*) led the nation in home runs with 23. Righthander Josh Martin led the nation in victories with 12.

The Bulldogs beat Mississippi State, 5-0 and 3-2, in the NCAA regional tournament June 1-3 at Tallahassee, Fla. They lost to host Florida State, 8-1 and 5-2, to finish second in the region.

"These guys played their hearts out," said Head Coach Casey Dunn. "I couldn't be any prouder of the way we competed."

Samford qualified for the NCAA by sweeping four straight wins in the SoCon Tournament May 23-27 in Greenville, S.C. The 'Dogs beat Georgia Southern, 9-6, in the championship game on the strength of second baseman Zeth Stone's bases-loaded triple in the top of the 10th inning.

Miller took over the national leadership in home runs with a pair of two-run round-trippers in Samford's final regular-season home game, a 12-7 win over No. 3-ranked Florida. He duplicated that feat in the SoCon Tournament, blasting another pair of two-run shots against No. 1 seed Appalachian State in another 12-7 win. He added No. 23 in the first win over Mississippi State.

Those home runs boosted Miller's Samford career record to 39 round-trippers over the past two seasons. He also set a Bulldog season record with 65 runs batted in this year. He led the team in slugging percentage (.650) while batting .301.

"He's truly left his mark on the program," said Dunn. "Brandon will not only leave Samford as the top home run hitter in school history, but as one of the top power hitters in



Josh Martin

the country. He has been a huge run producer for our team."

Martin's pitching performance left him with a school-record 24 career victories. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National

League last summer but decided to return to Samford to complete his degree. A Beeson Scholar, he maintains a high academic average.

"Josh represents what we hope all Samford baseball players can strive for," said Dunn. "In his four years on campus, he has improved as much as any player in our program. His work ethic and passion for success have made him into a truly special player."

Hard-hitting first baseman Saxon Butler and designated hitter-pitcher C. K. Irby posted Samford's best batting averages (.340 each). Butler hit 15 homers and drove in 61 runs. "Saxon is a pure hitter," said Dunn. "He is a guy you want at the plate with the game on the line." Irby was 5-2 with 10 saves.

Other Bulldogs who enjoyed standout seasons were pitcher Charles Basford (10-2 including the 5-0 win over Mississippi State) and three other position players who batted better than .300—centerfielder Philip Ervin (.327), and Stone and catcher Brad Moss (both .321).

"This is a special group of kids who took advantage of the shot we were given," said Dunn.

Basford's father, Al, wrote Dunn a note complimenting not only his leadership of the program, "but the character and leadership that you have displayed [that] has impacted young men and parents alike." ■

For more information on Samford baseball, go to www.samfordsports.com.

Spring Sports Highlights



Emily Allen

Golf—Junior Casey O’Toole fired a three-round 219 to lead the men’s golf team to fifth in the SoCon Tournament at Daniel Island, S.C. O’Toole’s score was fourth in the 54-hole tournament, earning him All-SoCon honors. He became the first Samford player to qualify for the NCAA Tournament as an individual. He was SoCon Golfer of the Week twice and led the team with an average round of 72.28. Bulldog Drew Almone shot 223 in the conference tournament and also earned All-SoCon recognition. Sophomore Natalie Mitchell fired a 240 to place Samford’s eighth-place finish in the women’s SoCon Tournament at Hilton Head Island, S.C. She was 20th overall. Bulldogs Bailey Gray and Emily Stallings were named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team. All of the men’s team and all but one member of the women’s team return next season.

Tennis—The men’s and the women’s teams enjoyed highly successful seasons. The men were 17-5, winning their first SoCon regular season title before losing to College of Charleston in the conference tournament finals in Charleston, S.C. The women went 15-6, losing to Chattanooga in the quarterfinals of the SoCon. Individually for the men, Zac Dunkle was All-SoCon first team in singles with a 12-7 overall record and 8-6 at the talent-laden No. 1 spot. Elliott Barnwell finished 17-2 at No. 3 and Alexander Sajonz 13-5 at No. 5 to earn second-team All-SoCon honors. Fernando Costa and Carson Kadi went 15-4 in No. 3 doubles. For the women, sophomore Kristen Lewis and freshman Stephanie N’tcha earned All-SoCon honors. Lewis was 9-9 in No. 1 singles and 15-6 in No. 1 doubles with Lindsey Mallory. N’tcha was 13-5 in No. 3 singles. Madelie Janse Van Rensburg went 14-7 mostly at No. 2 singles and Rebecca Kirven 12-7 mostly at No. 4. They were 14-6 at No. 2 doubles.

Track and Field—Both the men’s and women’s teams finished third in the SoCon Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Bob Elliott II was named Men’s Freshman of the Year and Emily Allen Women’s Most Valuable Field Performer in the SoCon. Samford recorded five firsts in the two-day meet at Cullowhee, N.C. Ashley Cope won her second consecutive outdoor heptathlon title with 4,743 points. Bulldog pole vaulters won the men’s and women’s titles, Owen Wagoner at 17’0.75” and Claire Goodson at 12’9.5”. Thomas Oliver claimed his second straight javelin title with a 206’5” throw. Allen led the hammer throw with a school-record 181’0”, was second in the triple jump (39’01.25”) and sixth in the long jump (18’00.25”). Elliott finished fourth in the high jump (6’07”), fourth in the triple jump (46’07.25”) and eighth in the long jump (21’08.25”).

Softball—Catcher Madison Dickey was named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team after leading the Bulldogs in hitting (.356), home runs (7) and runs batted in (28). Sophomore infielder Julianne Surane (.340) and junior first baseman Alex Adams (.323) also topped the .300 mark. Junior pitcher-designated player Misha Aldridge tied Dickey for the home run leadership and Adams for the runs batted in leadership. The youthful Bulldogs, who started as many as six freshmen in some games, finished 14-42. ■

Bulldogs Return Talented Team, Look for Leader at Quarterback

Kelsey Pope



Coach Pat Sullivan will have one of his most experienced teams returning, and that prospect has him looking forward to the season.

“I’m really excited about this year,” he said. “If things fall into place, we have a chance to have our best football team.”

Eighteen starters and 49 lettermen in all return from last year’s 6-5 team that trailed at Auburn only 21-16 in the fourth quarter before losing, 35-16. But among the missing is an important cog: graduated quarterback Dustin Taliaferro, who passed for 7,165 yards as a four-year starter.

“Dustin has been our quarterback for the past four years and did a great job,” said Sullivan. But the coach is encouraged about the quarterback situation because of three players who worked there in spring practice.

“Ben Neill has done a really good job and understands what we are doing,” said Sullivan. “Andy Summerlin is a transfer from the University of Memphis that I am really excited about. Carson Barnett is a redshirt freshman who is a little behind the other two, but I think he has a bright future.”

Eight starters return on offense, including four of the starting five interior linemen—Charlie Sanford, George Allers, Ryan Dudchock and Jacob Kirschenbaum. Joining them will be receivers Riley Hawkins, Chris Cephus and Kelsey Pope and running back Fabian Truss.

Pope led receivers with 86 catches for 810 yards last year. Truss was the top runner with 847 yards and a 5.6 average per carry.

On defense, Sullivan counts six returning starters—lineman Nicholas Williams, cornerback Tae Lewis, strong safety Alvin Hines II, and linebackers Durell Hill, Keith Shoulders and Darion Sutton.

Hines led the returning players with 66 tackles (52 solo) and three interceptions.

A key loss was cornerback Corey White, who was drafted in the fifth round by the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League.

The other two starters back are placekicker Cameron Yaw, who scored a record 101 points last year, and punter Greg Peranich, who averaged 41.1 yards a punt.

Samford opened last season’s schedule at home against Southern Conference opponent Georgia Southern, one of the highest ranked teams in the Football Championship Subdivision. The Bulldogs once again will open against conference foe Furman.

Does that help or hurt a team?

“Hopefully, it helps,” said Sullivan. “If you are an experienced football team, it probably helps you in that you have a chance to get off to a good start. If you’re not experienced, then it hurts you, and I think we fall in between with our quarterback situation. So, it will be a test for us. Furman is really good . . . [but] they lost their quarterback, too.”

Sullivan predicts a battle. The game will be Sept. 1 at Samford. ■

2012 Football Schedule

Sept. 1 Furman
 Sept. 8 West Alabama
 Sept. 15 at Gardner-Webb
 Sept. 22 at Western Carolina
 Sept. 29 at Georgia Southern
 Oct. 6 The Citadel

Oct. 13 Appalachian State (Homecoming)
 Oct. 20 at Chattanooga
 Nov. 3 Wofford (Family Weekend)
 Nov. 10 at Elon
 Nov. 17 at Kentucky

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Benny Seltzer

New Basketball Coach Plans Up-Tempo Approach

New Samford basketball coach Bennie Seltzer plans an up-tempo game both defensively and offensively. One of the first things he talked about with his new team this spring was leading the Southern Conference in defensive shooting percentage.

"I think you have to start defensively to have a championship team," the former Indiana University assistant told an April press conference when his appointment was announced. "You have to be able to stop your opponent."

Tenacious defense, plus an emphasis on toughness in rebounding, will translate into offensive success, he believes.

"We want to lead the league in turnovers caused, which gives you an opportunity to lead the league in fast-break points because now we're trying to get points off turnovers. We're going to have an up-tempo offense. We're going to get up and down the floor a little bit. It's going to be a lot of fun."

He added that, "to get to that point, it's going to take a lot of hard work."

Seltzer's appointment came three weeks after Samford Athletics Director Martin Newton announced a change in leadership of the basketball program. Seltzer follows Jimmy Tillette, who had a 229-219 record in 15 seasons as Bulldog head coach.

Seltzer has been a key assistant at Indiana, Marquette and Oklahoma.

"I couldn't be more excited about the future of Samford basketball," Newton said. "After an exhaustive national search, all roads led to Bennie Seltzer. His character, energy, enthusiasm and work ethic make him the perfect fit at this time for this university." Newton said Seltzer "brings the total package with his ability to coach, recruit and develop players, not to mention his ties to the Birmingham community."

Seltzer signed two Florida high school standouts to scholarships in May, 6-6 forward Clide Geffrard of Pompano Beach and 6-0 point guard Russel Wilson of Lake Wales. Both led their team to the state championship in their classification.

Geffrard averaged 17.4 points and 7.3 rebounds for Blanche Ely High School. Wilson averaged 13 points, six rebounds, seven assists and 3.5 steals a game for Lake Wales.

They will join four returning starters and six other returnees from last year's Samford team.

Seltzer's appointment represents a homecoming. He is from Birmingham and played basketball at Parker High School. He worked out and shot baskets in Seibert Hall during high school summers. His wife, DicQues, is also from Birmingham, and their families continue to reside in the city.

Seltzer played college basketball at Washington State University, where he became the all-time assists leader with 473. He was All-Pac-10 as a senior, when he averaged 17.9 points a game. He ranks second in career 3-pointers (230), and sixth in steals (147), points (1,423) and minutes played (3,227) at WSU.

After college, Seltzer played professionally for four years in Turkey, Venezuela, Poland and Holland before beginning his coaching career at the University of Oklahoma. He coached there nine years before joining the staff of Coach Tom Crean at Marquette. Following two consecutive NCAA Tournament trips at Marquette, Crean was named Indiana's coach four years ago. He took Seltzer with him. Indiana was struggling, but Crean and his staff turned the program around.

"After six years of working with Coach Seltzer, I know he is an outstanding coach," said Crean. "He helped take us to high levels at Marquette and, after four years at Indiana, helped us . . . get to a point where our program is nationally relevant again."

Indiana dealt national champion Kentucky its only regular-season loss last season and also went to the NCAA Tournament. ■

A Cappella Choir Wins Honors in International Competition



A Cappella Choir performs at vespers in Hodges Chapel.

Samford's A Cappella Choir took some of the top honors at the Florilège Vocal de Tours competition in Tours, France, May 25–27, including the following:

- First Prize, Renaissance Competition
- Ronsard Prize, Renaissance Competition
- First Place, Free Expression
- Third Place, Mixed Choirs

In addition to its recognition as an outstanding international choir, the ensemble brought home €2,600 (\$3,260) in prize winnings.

"The choir was completely magnificent in the Grand Prix competition today," A Cappella Choir director Philip Copeland wrote on his blog on the last day of the competition. "It was easily the best performance we've ever given together, and many of us were crying after the concert." Copeland also noted that most of this year's choir members were freshmen and sophomores.

Copeland is completing his second year as choir director after nine years as director of the choral program at UAB. He also leads the newly formed Alabama Symphony Chorus.

Founded in 1939, Samford's A Cappella Choir performs free concerts on campus throughout the fall and spring each year, including the new Choral Vespers series, which formally combines the university's sacred spaces and Christian mission with several School of the Arts musical ensembles. ■

Ready to Grow, Interior Architecture Joins School of the Arts

by Sean Flynt

Throughout the past academic year, Samford's School of the Arts has worked to integrate a significant new addition—the Department of Interior Architecture. With 30 students, full-time professors Jeannie Krumdieck, Ken Brazil and Charles Ford, and adjunct professor Mike Hubbs, the department represents a range of specialties and many decades of professional experience and service.

Formerly known as interior design and housed in Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, the department moved to the School of the Arts to be closer to the academic disciplines at its foundation.

The work of the interior architecture department is sometimes misunderstood as interior decoration. It is actually concerned with the design and use of the entire interior space, and requires academic grounding in visual arts, art history, graphic design and architecture.

Specifically, the department provides a foundation that enables design students to do the following:

- Follow safe, practical standards of construction and ergonomics.
- Plan projects and effectively communicate those plans, visually, orally and in writing.
- Arrange space, color, light, texture and other elements in harmony with existing architecture and the users' requirements.
- Apply strong general education to responsible professional practice.
- Work interdependently with other designers and related professionals to produce a team product.
- Understand client needs, both stated and discerned, and create environments that function accordingly.

"The addition of this department is a great new strength for the School of the Arts," said School of the Arts dean Joe Hopkins. "By changing the name to interior architecture, we are recognizing the serious professional direction of our faculty and the depth of our curriculum, which now includes a B.F.A. in interior design and a concentration in pre-architecture."

Department chair Jeannie Krumdieck, who holds International Interior Design Association [IIDA]

accreditation, said the department, founded more than two decades ago, is a natural fit for the School of the Arts in general and the Department of Visual Arts in particular.

"We speak the same language, we use the same design elements and fundamentals as the basis for what we do," she said. "There's a lot of opportunity for collaboration."

There's opportunity beyond Samford as well. Seeking to expand its offerings, the department partnered with Judson University in Elgin, Ill., to create a two-year concentration in pre-architecture that allows students to transfer into Judson's undergraduate architecture degree program and shorten the path to its master's degree in architecture. Of course, Samford hopes students will earn their B.F.A. at Samford and then take the shortened path to Judson's National Architectural Accrediting Board-accredited master's degree, Krumdieck said.

Interior architecture professor Charles Ford, who holds the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Accredited Professional certification, said many of the department's alumni continue into graduate programs such as Judson's. Those and others find work in graphic design, interior design, architecture and historical preservation. "There are quite a few options for students," said Ford.

Many students start building their professional reputations before they leave Samford. Eleanor Hodges recently earned Student of the Month honors from the Birmingham-area chapter of the IIDA. She and fellow interior design major Chris Magidson won awards in the IIDA's statewide student competition in March.

This year, interior architecture students also developed and presented four design solutions for the proposed restoration of the historic Turner Hotel as part of a broader plan for Fayette,



Samford students provided concepts for a hotel revitalization project in Fayette, Ala.



Ala., developed by Auburn University's Urban Studio. "The projects turned out nicely, and the presentation/reception was well-attended by citizens of Fayette," Krumdieck said. "The students got involved and had a passion for it."

Samford's interior architecture department is one of only about 170 U.S. programs accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. It boasts a large group of majors and successful alumni. Its faculty are widely respected professionals. Ironically, it seems that the only things it lacks are architecture and interior to accompany its transition to the School of the Arts. There currently is no space that can accommodate it and the allied visual arts department, so its offices, classrooms and studio spaces will remain in Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall for the near term.

In spite of the physical separation, Krumdieck said the department is looking forward to the new inspirations and opportunities of the coming academic year. "There will be so many benefits, particularly for our students to be surrounded by the creativity that exists in the School of the Arts," she said.

"Everything's fresh starting in the fall." ■

For more information on the Department of Interior Architecture, go to arts.samford.edu.

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July 2–31 Exhibit: Recent Works by Doug Barrett, Samford Art Gallery, arts.samford.edu

July 4 Independence Day holiday, university closed

July 6 Final exams, first summer session

July 8–13 Super Summer, sponsored by Alabama State Baptist Convention

July 9 Second summer session classes begin

July 9–13 Adventures in Music camp, arts.samford.edu

July 13 Summer Workshop for rising high school seniors, sponsored by Office of Admission, admission.samford.edu

July 16–20 All Aboard for Music camp, arts.samford.edu

July 23–26 Pastors School, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, beesondivinity.com

Aug. 1–3 Church Media Institute, howard.samford.edu/church-media

Aug. 9–10 Trial Academy, sponsored by Alabama Defense Lawyers Association and hosted by Cumberland School of Law

Aug. 9 Last day of classes, second summer session

Aug. 10 Final exams, second summer session

Aug. 13 Orientation begins for first-year students, Cumberland School of Law

Aug. 17 Gaither Vocal Band, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, gaither.com

Aug. 20 International student orientation begins

Aug. 20–22 Faculty and staff back-to-school workshops

Aug. 22–Sept. 21 Exhibit: One Man Show by Richard Dendy, Samford Art Gallery, arts.samford.edu

Aug. 23–24 New student orientation, fourth session, admission.samford.edu

Aug. 27 First day of classes for fall semester

Aug. 28 Opening convocation, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall

Sept. 3 Labor Day holiday, university closed

Sept. 4 Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, alabamasymphony.org

Sept. 11 School of the Arts faculty gala, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, arts.samford.edu

Sept. 13 High school journalism workshop, howard.samford.edu/jmc

Sept. 18 Faculty recital: Joseph Hopkins, baritone, 7:30 p.m. Brock Recital Hall

Sept. 20–24 Panhellenic recruitment, samford.orgsync.com/GL_home

Sept. 25 Davis Architects Guest Artist Series: William Bolcum and Jane Morris, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, arts.samford.edu

Sept. 25–27 GoGlobal! missions fair, beesondivinity.com

Sept. 29 Preview Day, hosted by Office of Admission, admission.samford.edu

Sunset 5K Run, sponsored by Samford Legacy League, samford.edu/legacyleague

Information was compiled from the main university calendar as of May 10, 2012. Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please go to www.samford.edu for a complete university calendar and for updated information. ■

For a complete academic calendar, go to http://www4.samford.edu/groups/sturec/acadcal_nextyear.html

For ticket information, performance details and schedule updates on all arts events, go to arts.samford.edu.

For schedules and information on Samford athletics, go to samfordsports.com.

For a list of Samford After Sundown classes, to go samford.edu/sundown.

For a list of Lay Academy of Theology classes, go to beesondivinity.com.

Corrections



The March issue of *Seasons* carried a photo (above) of Dr. Howard Clark '47 and a woman mistakenly identified as his wife, Julia. The woman was actually Sara Jordan Coe '42, who was pictured with Clark as a fellow recipient of the Lockmiller Award during a 2010 Homecoming event.

The March issue also carried photos of Alpha Omicron Pi and Pi Kappa Phi members performing in Step Sing in which the names of the organizations were misspelled.

The same issue identified Dan Hall as a business student. Actually, he is a graduate of the exercise science and sports medicine department who minored in business.

On the masthead, the Samford Alumni Association vice presidents were listed incorrectly. Katie Murnane '07 is vice president, activities, and David Spurling '98 is vice president, development.

Seasons regrets these errors.

See you on the Quad **for Homecoming 2012**

OCTOBER 12 AND 13

Food • Fellowship • Friends • Football • Fireworks

Homecoming weekend will include a 90th anniversary celebration for Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. Reunions are scheduled for the classes of 1952, 1962, 1967, 1987, 1992, 2002, 2007 and 2011, plus many other affinity groups.

A highlight of the full weekend of events will be the annual homecoming banquet on Friday. The banquet program includes recognition of the 2012 Alumni of the Year, Outstanding Young Alumnus and other alumni recognitions.

Alumni of the Year are Kerry Gossett '73, owner of Anesthesia Resources Management, LLC, in Birmingham; James L. Huskey '69, a career diplomat with the U.S. State Department, now based in Washington, D.C.; MaryAnn Buffington Moon '76, a teacher at Huntsville (Ala.) High School; and Rickie D. Moon '77, an environmental scientist for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Ala.

Outstanding Young Alumnus is Robert Patrick Devereux '05, vice president for clinical operations and pharmacist with FMS Pharmacy, Bessemer, Ala.

Also recognized during the weekend will be reunion homecoming queens: Flo Taylor Peters, 1962; Christie Dykes Taunton, 1987; Sarah Hedgspeth, 2002; and Elizabeth Gettys, 2011.

There will be a reunion of missionary kids [MKs]. Information will be posted by Dr. Tom Cleveland and the MK homecoming committee on Facebook at "Samford MK," or you may email Doug Wilson at dwilson@samford.edu.

Reunion classes have received special mailings about homecoming events and ticket package options, according to David B. Goodwin, Samford's director of alumni programs.

Goodwin said he expects other activities to be added to the schedule before fall and encouraged alumni to keep checking the homecoming schedule online for updated information.



Alumni, Parents and Friends Invited to Celebrate Homecoming 2012

The weekend schedule, as of May 15:

Thursday, Oct. 11

7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias*, Harrison Theatre. This comedy-drama shows the bond of a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. The 1987 play by Robert Harling also inspired an award-winning movie. Tickets: arts.samford.edu.

Friday, Oct. 12

11:30 a.m. Golden Bulldog Luncheon, President's Home. This event is for graduates of 50 years or longer. Check-in begins on campus at 11 a.m. with shuttle service from the campus to the luncheon site. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. **Limited seating available.** \$20 per person

3-6 p.m. Registration and check-in, west lobby, Ralph W. Beeson University Center. Advance registration is suggested. Be sure to register so that classmates can find you during homecoming. An updated list of events and locations will be available at registration.

3:30 p.m. Class of 1962 50th anniversary reunion gathering. Check at registration or online for location and event updates.

5:30 p.m. Vespers, Reid Chapel. A service of worship, scripture and song features the Samford University Chorale, A Cappella Choir and alumni.

6:30 p.m. Homecoming Banquet, Dining Hall, Beeson University Center. The banquet celebrates the 146-year tradition of the Candlelight Dinner, and honors the 2012 Alumni of the Year and Outstanding Young Alumnus as well as recognizes reunion classes and groups. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. \$30 per person

7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias*. See Thursday schedule for details.

8 p.m. Homecoming Bash/ Concert/Bonfire/Pep Rally, parking lot adjacent

to Seibert Stadium and Seibert Hall. Enjoy refreshments, live music with a special guest artist, a bonfire and pep rally featuring the Samford Marching Band, cheerleaders, Bulldog Dancers and Spike, plus the introduction of the 2012 homecoming court. Cosponsored by the Student Government Association and Samford Alumni Association

Saturday, Oct. 13

9 a.m. Live @ the Library, Davis Library. "The Crimson: When I was editor . . ." Hear musings from former and current Howard College/Samford *Crimson* editors, and issues and challenges facing past and present editors, as well as Dr. Jon Clemmensen's study about the university's student newspaper.

9:30 a.m. Morning Sing, Reid Chapel. This program features the Samford A Cappella Choir and celebrates the years the choir was directed by S. Milburn Price.

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration and check-in, west lobby, Ralph W. Beeson University Center. Advance registration is suggested. Be sure to register so that classmates can find you during homecoming. An updated list of events and locations will be available at registration.

10:30 a.m. The Thomas E. and Marla H. Corts Homecoming Parade, around campus on Montague Drive. This year's parade will be a special treat with floats, bands, cheerleaders and dignitaries winding through the campus. Several reunion classes will have parade-watching parties at various campus locations. Check the final homecoming schedule for details.

11:15 a.m. Samford women's basketball red and blue game, Hanna Center. The 2012 Southern Conference champions host a preview of the 2012-13 season.

Journalism and Mass Communication Wall of Fame Ceremony, Bolding

Studio, Swearingen Hall. JMC's Wall of Fame honors those whose contributions to the department that have made a meaningful and significant difference in the lives of its students through the years.

11:30 a.m. Tailgates and reunions, Quad. Special reunions include the classes of 1987, 1992, 2002, 2007, 2011, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Brock School of Business, School of the Arts, and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. Reservations are encouraged. Reunion packages and individual costs are online. Most reunion groups require payment for lunch. Full details are available online.

Class of 1952 60th anniversary luncheon, Howard Room, Beeson

University Center. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. \$25 per person

Class of 1962 50th anniversary luncheon, Wright Center Concert Hall stage. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. \$25 per person

Class of 1967 45th anniversary luncheon, Wright Center Concert Hall lobby. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. \$25 per person

2 p.m. Football: Samford vs. Appalachian State, Seibert Stadium. Pregame festivities will begin about 1:45 p.m., and feature the Samford Marching Band and other special recognitions. Reunion classes will be recognized throughout the game, and halftime will include the crowning of the homecoming king and queen. Tickets: www.samfordsports.com.

7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias*. See Thursday schedule for details.

Sunday, Oct. 14

2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias*. See Thursday schedule for details.

Go to www.samford.edu/alumni to register for events and view updated schedules.

The 2012 alumni award recipients will be profiled in the fall issue of *Seasons*.





His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth, Her Royal Highness, visits with Samford President and Mrs. Andrew Westmoreland during a breakfast April 29 at the Samford President's Home. Prince Edward was in Birmingham to present several Duke of Edinburgh awards. (See page 3.)