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## The Fame Name Game

I won an argument a few years ago when the suggestion was advanced that Samford name 150 graduates to a Hall of Fame. As part of our sesquicentennial, the idea was to honor 150 graduates who had become famous in positions of power and influence, recognized by peers in their respective professions.

It is an impressive list, and at first blush, the idea sounded good, though it somewhat offended my sense of democracy. How could we be wise enough to know all the worthies? And how could we limit it to 150 from about 35,000? What about, I countered, the graduate who has spent a lifetime as a contented nurse, helping people in time of great need—but without headlines or bylines? How about the minister who is not on radio or TV, whom no reporter ever calls for a quote, but who is ministering to the flock of a small-town church not adjacent to an interstate? Would we overlook the lawyer who has won no signature cases but who works with great integrity, who also coaches Little League Baseball and girls' soccer, and captains a United Way unit? Don't forget the teacher who has taught hundreds of children how to read, but whose name you never read in the newspaper. What about the businesswoman who is on every volunteer list in her community, in effect, minding all the community's business in addition to her own personal enterprise?

Among Samford graduates and former students around the world are people in professions and in selfless volunteer activity, too busy with daily work to make a name for themselves; too committed to little-known causes and communities to be noticed by others. Everywhere I go, I learn of worthy endeavors—in work, school, church, community—made successful by the expertise, care and commitment of unheralded Samford graduates.

We celebrate all those sons and daughters of Samford whose high achievement and generous service is unacknowledged, even taken for granted, as well as all those who have been recognized by press and peers. Your Alma Mater is proud of you, and very grateful!



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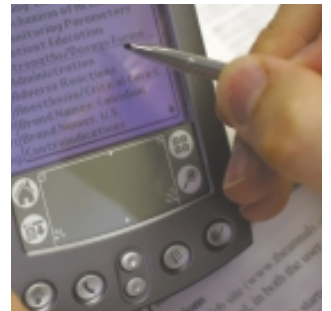
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Something is causing female fish in several north Florida streams to develop male characteristics. It's also happening in Sweden and other places. Samford biology professors Mike Howell and Ron Jenkins think they know what it is.

"It's no mystery," Howell said. "It's androstenedione, the same anabolic steroid that some athletes have used to enhance their performance." Weight lifters call it andro.

It's no mystery now, but Howell's quick answer is based on more than 20 years of research and an intriguing discovery he made along the way.

The professor was studying the genetics of mosquitofish during the late 1970s. Returning with some students from a field trip to Dauphin Island Sea Lab, he made a side trip to collect some specimens. Heading along Interstate 10 near Pensacola, Fla., the group pulled off near a stream known as Elevenmile Creek.

The water was dark and looked like a typical stream in Southern swampy areas. But climbing down the bank, they noticed something different.

"It was the smell of chemicals," said Howell. "The creek was extremely polluted."

There were plenty of the two-inch long mosquitofish in the water, but they all looked like males. Then Howell noticed that one of the "males" appeared to be pregnant and bore a black spot indicating that condition. This fish was actually a female with some male characteristics, including a masculine-like lower fin used by males in reproduction.

All the female mosquitofish present were the same; they looked like males and possessed male-like reproductive fins. But, most were pregnant and full of unborn baby mosquitofish.

The phenomenon was interesting, but Howell had no ready answer about what produced it. He gathered the specimens and returned to Birmingham. Thus began a period of research which ultimately produced what noted toxicologist John McLachlan called "an unparalleled observation in the field of ecology" by Howell. McLachlan, who directs the Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane and Xavier Universities in New Orleans, is internationally known in his field.

By the 1990s, Howell thought he knew what was altering the gender of the fish. He and Jenkins (and colleagues at the University of Alabama at Birmingham) had studied a similar situation in the



# What Is Altering the Look of These Fish?

Female mosquitofish in Florida's Fenholloway River have developed male characteristics, including long lower fins. The top fish is a normal female and the bottom fish a normal male from unpolluted nearby Spring Creek. The middle three are Fenholloway females in various stages of masculinization.

Howell's research produced "an unparalleled observation in the field of ecology."

John McLachlan

Fenholloway River near Perry, Fla. The common denominator: fish in both streams were masculinized downstream from pulp-and-paper mills that were releasing pollutants into the water.

By this time, plenty of research had been done on chemical pollutants that introduced female sex hormones, or estrogen, into the environment. This caused feminization to occur in male species and severe reproductive problems in females. But nobody had discovered how pollutants could produce the opposite effect, masculinization.

Howell worked hard to trace the cause to substances released by the paper mills into the water without success. Androstenedione seemed to be present, but he could not trace it directly to the mill pollutants. Then he decided to investigate whether there might be an intermediate step.

He took some of the chemical in the mill effluent and left it in a bag of water to see what effect bacteria in the water might have. Later, he released that water into a fish tank with normal female mosquitofish.

*Voila!* In time, the females began developing male characteristics. The study indicated that the biotransformation of the pollutants brought on by bacterial action produced an androgen, which works like a male sex hormone.

By this time, extensive research had been done trying to connect the production of androgen directly to substances produced by pollutants. But nobody had reported a study which took into account the intermediate bacterial step—except Howell.

He first reported his findings during a question-and-answer session at a professional meeting in Lake Tahoe. "When people realized what he was saying, he had their immediate attention," said McLachlan. "People were quizzing him, wanting to know more and more about it. I invited him to another international meeting at Tulane in 2001, and there was tremendous interest."

Howell's observation that the action of the bacteria on the mill pollutants to produce androgen "was very significant," said McLachlan, who has performed pioneer



Samples from the Fenholloway River downstream from a pulp mill, left, and from Spring Creek reflect a dramatic difference in water quality.

research on female environmental hormones. He told *Science News* (January 6, 2001) this represented the first environmental androgen ever discovered in nature.

The Tulane researcher said the discovery helped fuel a growth of interest in studying how male hormones are produced in the environment, with millions spent internationally on research.

"One result has been some regulation of water quality in Europe based on this research," he said.

The final proof that the paper mill wastes were being biodegraded by bacteria into the male hormone androstenedione came about through the meticulous analysis of the polluted water

by Jenkins. His findings, along with Howell's observations, were published recently in two benchmark papers, creating a stir in the environmental world. These papers were based on a collaborative effort also involving scientists from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, UAB's medical school and the University of North Carolina's Laboratories for Reproductive Biology.

"This all speaks to what we are putting into our environment and how that may affect us in the future," said Howell. "It has ramifications for all of us . . . so many human cancers are hormonally stimulated." Recently, Jenkins and the research team reported large amounts of the human hormone of pregnancy, progesterone, from the sediment of the Fenholloway River.

Howell and Jenkins continue their research on an intermittent basis, and what it shows is simple. The pollutants are still present, and the appearance of the fish is still being altered. They reported their findings most recently in an

article in the journal, *Toxicological Sciences*, during the spring of 2003.

"We feel that the compounds found to be active in this system are likely to be responsible for the masculinization of female mosquitofish," they concluded. "What we don't know is how these environmental hormones might be affecting human populations."

Until streams are cleaned up, such conditions will continue. And that's no mystery, either. ■

# The Economic Recovery: Is Small Business an Indicator?

by Dr. Marlene M. Reed

Because of their flexibility, tendency to operate efficiently and ability to respond to changing economic conditions more rapidly, small businesses tend to be more recession proof than larger, more cumbersome organizations. Interestingly, as the economy has begun to emerge from the recent downturn, the optimism of small-business owners may turn out to be a credible leading indicator of this rebound.

The National Federation of Independent Business [NFIB] conducts an economic survey monthly of approximately 2,600 small-business owners in an attempt to uncover economic trends. The survey for the past several months did, in fact, reveal some interesting trends.

To begin with, small-business optimism made a strong rebound from April through June of 2003. The 5.3 point jump in the NFIB index in April was the largest monthly increase since the organization began conducting monthly surveys in 1986 (the base year). From April through June, the index gained a total of 7 points to 101.7 with 1986 = 100.

Supporting that data was a recent national poll conducted by the *American City Business Journals*. Their survey indicated that 70 percent of small businesses expected the economy to improve in the next six months.

In addition, 15 percent of the owners surveyed by the NFIB reported that they believe the current period is a good time to expand. This may hint that capital spending will pick up

strength later in the year. With interest rates at a 40-year low, one might wonder why expansion is not already occurring. The reason may be that small-business owners found ways to operate more efficiently and improve productivity during the downturn, and they have not yet felt the need to begin hiring more people and expanding their capacity for this reason. Of the owners who think now is a good time to expand, 35 percent were encouraged by the economy, 23 percent by improved sales prospects, 35 percent by favorable financing and 6 percent by the political climate.

The small-business owners reported that their biggest problem (according to 28 percent of respondents) was rising insurance costs. This is a survey record high. The problem rated as second in importance was poor sales with an 18 percent rating, and taxes rated as number three (17 percent).

Some part of the optimism of the small-business owners may have resulted from the tax cuts recently enacted by Congress ranging from 11 to 16 percent. Small business should benefit also from increased expensing of fixed assets. The amount of fixed-asset purchases that can be deducted as an expense per year has increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for the years 2003 to 2005, and property that is eligible for expensing has been expanded to include off-the-shelf computer hardware.

Further optimism may have resulted from recent government surveys that indicated an improvement in consumer optimism about

the economy. Much of this optimism may have come from the settling of uncertainty that loomed over business conditions since last fall over whether the United States would go to war. Another positive trend has been the decline in the value of the dollar against most world economies in recent months, which makes it easier for U.S. firms to sell their goods abroad.

Although any survey that attempts to analyze optimism may appear to be suspicious because of its subjectivity, such surveys of consumer optimism often have been found to be a fairly good predictor of trends in the economy. Recent data released by the Commerce Department affirms the optimism of small-business owners. The government's revised gross domestic product [GDP] numbers indicate that the economy grew at an annual rate of 3.1 percent, adjusted for inflation in the second

quarter. The earlier estimates of commerce had been for a 2.4 percent growth in the economy during that period. This was also higher than had been predicted by the majority of leading U.S. economists and has caused many of them to revise their GDP growth estimates upward to 4.5 to 5 percent for the fourth quarter of 2003. This would suggest that the optimism small-business owners appear to be exhibiting about the economy may be a precursor of better economic days ahead for everyone, and that they may be more in touch with the economy than many learned economists and the government itself. ■

*Dr. Marlene M. Reed is the Margaret Gage Bush University Professor and Interim Dean of the Samford School of Business.*



## Gooding Leaves Deanship; Reed Named Interim

After 25 years as an administrator, Samford University School of Business Dean Carl Gooding decided during the summer to return to the classroom.

"I have reached the point in my life where I want to teach and have more time off to spend with family and grandchildren," said Gooding, 60. "It is my intention to spend the rest of my working life as a faculty member on a nine-month contract."

Dr. Marlene Reed, named in June as the Margaret Gage Bush University Professor at Samford, was appointed Acting Dean of the School of Business. She will have primary administrative responsibilities until a new business dean is named.

Dr. Gooding, who came to Samford in 2001 after 15 years as business dean at Georgia Southern University, left the deanship in August.

Samford Provost J. Bradley Creed announced Gooding's decision and Reed's appointment.

"Dean Gooding has provided Samford University's School of Business capable and trusted leadership based upon his years of experience as a dean and his knowledge of the field of business education," said Dr. Creed. "He has also served as a valued member of the Council of Deans while at Samford. I am grateful for his contributions to our University."

"We are fortunate to have a person with Dr. Reed's experience and skills to serve in this interim capacity," Creed added.

Reed has taught at Samford since 1981, primarily in the areas of entrepreneurship and economics. She was named Alabama Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1994.

Gooding will teach this fall at Jacksonville State University. He taught at East Carolina University, Clemson and the University of Georgia before becoming dean at Georgia Southern in 1986. ■



Dr. Gooding

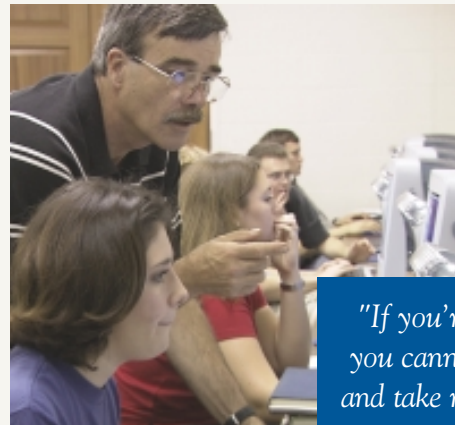


Dr. Reed

## Journalism Prof Dennis Jones Wins Buchanan

Dennis Jones cut his journalistic teeth in an Indiana high school classroom 37 years ago, but only after completing a "postgraduate" course in the newsroom of the local newspaper.

Armed with a degree in English and teaching certificate from Manchester College in 1966, he took a high school teaching job. He was promptly assigned to teach three journalism classes and advise the largest high school student newspaper in his state.



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Dennis Jones

He turned to the local daily for help.

"The *Michigan City News-Dispatch* let me practically move in and learn from them so that I could teach my students," the Samford journalism professor recalled last week. He enjoyed journalism so much he went on to earn a master's and doctorate in the subject at the University of South Carolina.

Jones has learned a great deal about teaching and journalism during the years since. His classroom efforts were rewarded at opening convocation when he was named winner of this year's Buchanan Teaching Award.

Jones stresses classroom participation. "If you're in my class, you cannot just sit back and take notes," he said. "You have to chime in."

He also admits his students educate him. "I've been teaching for 37 years," he said. "I've never gotten tired of listening and learning."

It's a good thing. Jones says technology has radically changed the way newspapers are put out during his years in the profession. "Sometimes, I think I teach computer science," he said of today's techniques.

Jones chaired the journalism department at the University of Southern Mississippi before joining Samford in 1991. He also taught at South Carolina and Radford University.

In addition, Jones has worked at several newspapers over the years, including *The Columbia Record* in South Carolina and the *St. Petersburg Times* in Florida.

The Buchanan Award honors the late John H. Buchanan, longtime pastor of Southside Baptist Church and a trustee of Samford for 21 years. The selection process for the award is based partially on nominations from the previous year's senior class. ■

## Samford Faculty Saluted for Teaching Efforts

A leading specialist on learning among college students is impressed with much of what he sees happening in Samford University classrooms.

"I'm taken with the way Samford seems to personalize education for its students," George Kuh said during preschool faculty workshop Aug. 19. "I like the simplicity of what you're about, even though it's extremely complex."

Dr. Kuh also saluted the efforts Samford faculty take to make sure students graduate with the capabilities to perform successfully.

Kuh, chancellor's professor of higher education at Indiana University-Bloomington, based his remarks on statistics taken from Samford students'

responses to the National Survey of Student Engagement.

He directs IU's Center of Postsecondary Research, Policy and Planning, which houses the National Survey of Student Engagement, the Institute for Effective Educational Practice and the College Student Experiences Questionnaire Research Program.

"Simply getting a degree today doesn't wash," he said. "In terms of learning, it's not who comes in the door, but what they do while they're here."

Faculty must actually engage the student, both inside and outside the classroom, in complementary ways, he said. ■

# A Pocketsize Revolution in Pharmacy Education

by Sean Flynt

(Excerpted from *The Belltower*, Samford's new E-mail newsletter)

On a recent afternoon in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, a student stopped by to schedule a meeting with Dean Joseph Dean. Dean and the student each produced wallet-size computers and, with a few strokes of a stylus, scheduled a meeting. The exchange was a measure of how thoroughly computer technology has infiltrated our daily lives, but it also represents a genuine revolution in pharmacy education.

The Personal Data Assistants [PDAs] Dean and the student used to arrange their schedules are capable of holding the contents of a small library—much more information than even the most diligent students could memorize and recall at will. “Pharmacy has developed into a knowledge profession, an information-driven profession,” Dean said. “It is impossible, now, for anyone to hold in his or her head everything he or she needs to know.” The PDA, Dean said, is “a peripheral

brain at their fingertips” and the focus of a remarkable investment by the school.

Dean felt from the beginning that the school must provide students the technology it expected them to master and take with them into professional life. For the sake of compatibility and equal access to resources, he said, “it must be for everyone.” That required a substantial investment and a certain amount of trial and error in determining which of the various computer hardware formats would serve with equal utility in both the classroom and in clinical practice.

The school first turned to laptop computers, but the limited number of machines provided faculty in the mid-1990s proved to be too cumbersome in practice environments. “The PDA seemed to have the potential for overcoming that limitation,” Dean said. After initial research and experimentation confirmed the

advantages of the technology, the school used a portion of a larger gift from Huntsville alumnus Bill Propst to purchase, direct from Palm, Inc., almost 500 PalmM500 and M515 model PDAs.

In spring 2001, all McWhorter School of Pharmacy faculty members received a PDA and encouragement to experiment with them in classroom settings. The results were encouraging, and by fall of 2002, all students and faculty had the devices. Even school staff members now have PDAs, making McWhorter the only pharmacy school in the nation to be so completely equipped, according to Dean.

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Not everyone is eager to embrace the new technology, however. At first, some students say, “I don’t want my life tied down to that thing,” said pharmacy professor John Sowell. Noting a certain amount of technophobia, he said some students haven’t figured out how to use the technology as efficiently and effectively as possible. “These are just standard learning curve things that the class will go through.” In any case, it seems the more the students use the devices, the more they like them. “Eighty-five percent of students will tell you that they don’t know how they got along without it,” said Sowell.

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Third-year pharmacy student Maryam Farrokh Ryoo is among those who see the technology as a positive development. “It helped us a lot in finding quick information about the drugs and disease states while studying,” she said. Ryoo said that makes the technology “very precious and valuable.” She does worry about the costs of keeping the data current, however. “It would be great if we could get a better price since we have

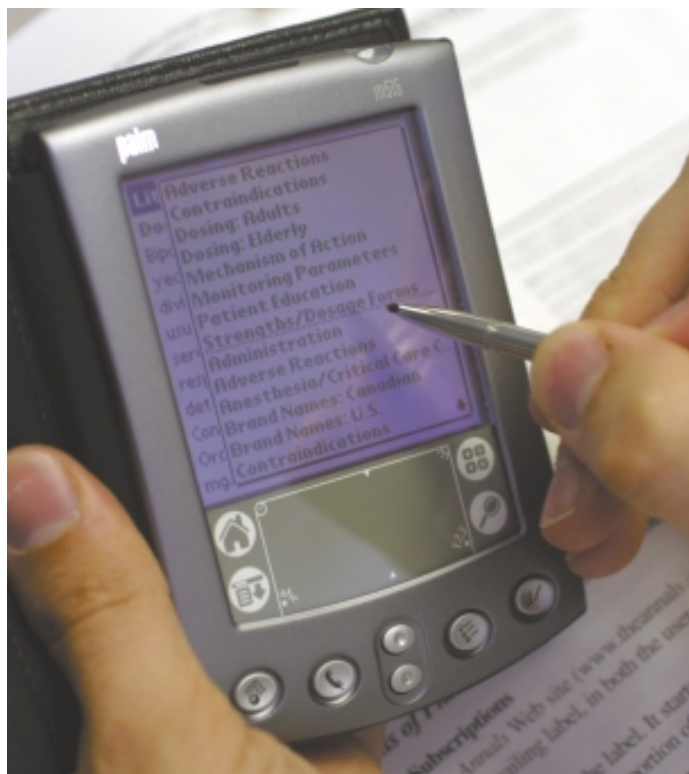
to buy the updates every year as well.”

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PDA software updates are no small concern, not only because of their expense but also because old drug data may be dangerous drug data. Sowell said software companies have a significant legal interest in making sure customers keep their databases up-to-date, though they vary in the way they offer such updates. Regardless of what form they take, digital updates are the equivalent of receiving hard-copy updates and snapping them into a four-inch thick binder like the one on Sowell’s bookshelf.

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The old standby paper references aren’t dead, though Sowell noted that every company that formerly published pharmaceutical guides and databases is moving into the digital field. He said he still values the giant binder, with its frequent paper updates, because it may have more current information from clinical trials. But he said the PDA more quickly reminds him of what is or isn’t stored in his brain. He can then fill in the gaps with the hard copy. “If I were running a pharmacy, I would have that book and update it every month with hard copy,” Sowell said. “I would also have a PDA.” He said the benefits of the technology in a pharmacy setting—especially the linkage between clinical overviews, drug databases and interaction tables—are too great to ignore. “Digital is the way to go.” ■



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# Self-Care with Nonprescription Drugs: A Growing Trend

by Dr. Tim R. Covington

America is experiencing a tidal wave of consumer interest in self-care and self-medicating with nonprescription, over-the-counter [OTC] drugs. Consumers are also seeking more active roles in assisting with the management of their own health care, and they are being intellectually empowered with more and better health information.

Approximately 73 percent of consumers prefer to treat themselves with OTC medication. Over 70 percent of consumers correctly believe that drugs switched from prescription-only (Rx) to OTC status save them money.

Here is a quick overview of consumer OTC self-treatment behaviors:

- U.S. consumers purchase 5.0 billion OTC medications each year.
- Of 3.8 billion health problems treated annually in the U.S., 2.2 billion (58 percent) are treated with one or more OTC medications.
- Forty percent of the U.S. population consumes at least one OTC drug in any given 48-hour period.
- America's elderly population (13 percent of the U.S. population) consumes 33 percent of all OTC medication sold.

Safe and effective OTC drugs are used to manage or assist in the management of more than 450 medical conditions, such as headache, sunburn, motion sickness and many others. These conditions, if untreated, produce significant discomfort.

The frequency of occurrence of some of these conditions is staggering. Heartburn occurs over 6.0 billion times per year in the United States. The common cold occurs approximately

700 million times per year. Prudent selection and use of OTC drugs can be highly effective in treating and relieving symptoms from a variety of medical conditions.

OTC drugs are conveniently available through America's 65,000 pharmacies and thousands of other retail outlets. These drugs are held to the same FDA standards of drug effectiveness and safety as prescription drugs.

Many formerly prescription drugs have been converted to OTC status. Among these are familiar products such as Advil®, Afrin®, Drixoral®, Aleve®, Pepcid AC®, Zantac-75®, Nicorrete®, Rogaine®, Lamisil®, Claritin® and Claritin D®. Over 1,000 OTC products now contain active ingredients that were formerly prescription-only.

Rx to OTC switches historically have been approved at a fraction (usually one-half) of the prescription strength. A potential OTC blockbuster that switched from Rx to OTC status, available in September 2003, is prescription strength Prilosec® (20 mg), used to treat acid reflux disease. Rx to OTC switches at prescription strengths are relatively rare, but Claritin® was also switched from Rx to OTC status at prescription strength in 2002. Social and economic pressures are fostering more Rx to OTC switches.

Not only are OTC drugs safe and effective, they also create further value by relieving society of the cost of unnecessary medical office



visits and over-treatment of many clinical conditions with much more expensive prescription drugs. OTC drugs actually reduce health-care costs by more than \$30 billion per year. That matches the \$32 billion annual expenditure on OTC drugs; thus, the OTC drug dividend equals their cost.

The average cost of an OTC drug purchase is approximately \$7 versus the average cost of \$19.82 for a generic prescription drug and \$74.90 for a brand-name prescription drug. OTC drugs frequently cost less than a patient's copayment for a prescription drug covered by an employer-sponsored drug benefit. In some cases (e.g., Claritin®, Prilosec®), the OTC is as effective or more so than certain prescription drugs.

The labeling of OTC drugs has improved tremendously over the past two years. The new "Drug Facts" label format is patterned after the "Nutrition Facts" label on food products. Print is larger and bolder, and information is organized consistently in sections. The information is structured so that directions for use are likely to be understood and

followed by the typical consumer.

However, the label cannot and does not address all relevant issues. It addresses proper use of that single drug to treat one particular condition.

Pharmacists, the only health professionals who receive formal education and training in nonprescription drug therapy, are readily available to assist patients in diagnosing self-treatable conditions and guiding proper OTC drug selection, use and monitoring.

OTC drug therapy should not be trivialized or undervalued. Prudent use of OTC drugs should be encouraged. Consumers should develop a relationship with a pharmacist and utilize that pharmacist as a nonprescription drug therapy consumer information specialist. A viable patient-pharmacist relationship will produce excellent health benefits for the self-medicating consumer. ■

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# Hymn-sing Oct. 5 To Feature Bliss Works

Some of the greatest hymns of the ages will be featured during a special program at Samford Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5. The hymn-sing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Reid Chapel.

Under the direction of legendary gospel musician Dick Baker of Dallas, Texas, the program will pay tribute to the life and works of Philip Paul Bliss, who has been described as “one of God’s gifts to modern Christian music.”

Sponsored by the Samford University Auxiliary, the program is open to students and the public.

Additionally, Samford’s president and first lady, Thomas E. and Marla Corts, will talk about Bliss, his compositions and the tragic 1876 train wreck in Ashtabula,

Ohio, that cut short the lives of Bliss and his wife.

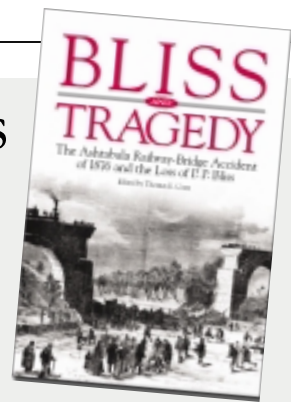
Bliss was a gifted musician whose gospel songs were widely appreciated in Britain, America and other parts of the world. Many are still enjoyed today.

**Ten Most Popular Bliss Hymns and Songs**

1. “Almost Persuaded,” 1871
2. “Hallelujah, What a Savior,” 1875
3. “I Gave my Life for Thee,” 1859
4. “It is Well with my Soul,” 1873
5. “I Will Sing of my Redeemer,” 1876
6. “Jesus Loves Even Me,” 1871
7. “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning,” 1873
8. “The Light of the World Is Jesus,” 1875
9. “Whosoever Will,” 1870
10. “Wonderful Words of Life,” 1874

In the foreword of *Songs of Bliss, A 125th Year Remembrance of Songwriter Philip Paul Bliss*, Corts writes, “While time, setting and the fashion of the day always impact the popularity of music, some Bliss songs were wildly popular in given time frames (‘Hold the Fort’ in the period after the Civil War). Other Bliss compositions seem strangely plaintive in our day (‘Father, I’m Tired’). Still, most modern hymnals include several Bliss songs even 125 years after their composition.”

Bliss and his wife accompanied evangelist D. W. Whittle to Alabama in early 1876 before their tragic death in December of that year. Of their meeting at Government Street Presbyterian Church in Mobile, *The Mobile Register*



reported the crowd as “the largest congregation ever gathered in a church in Mobile,” estimated at 1,500 with half again as many turned away. ■

**Editor’s Note:** *Sherman Oak Books, Popular Reading from Samford University Press, published Bliss and Tragedy: The Ashtabula Railway-Bridge Accident of 1876 and the Loss of P.P. Bliss. Edited by Thomas E. Corts, a native of Ashtabula, the book may be ordered from the Samford Bookstore for \$9.95 plus shipping. Call (205) 726-2834.*

## Students Serve Summer Missions Around the Globe

Samford students this year served summer missions in such far-flung locations as Botswana, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and China. Fifty-nine students were commissioned for summer mission work last May, and several dozen others served in local and international missions.

Michelle Roark worked in children’s day camps with International Mission Board missionaries in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine. “The camps thus far have drawn lots of children,” she wrote in July. “It is amazing to see how God also uses the camps to bring their parents.”

Students served community ministries in New York, San Francisco, Hawaii and, closer to home, with the Sowing Seeds of Hope program in Marion. Erica Jordan and Natalie McIntyre spent 10 weeks in Marion assisting with various youth projects and hosting the 600 volunteers

who came to lead Vacation Bible Schools and sports, art and literacy camps, as well as to work on renovation projects at homes and downtown buildings.

Nursing professor Leigh Ann Chandler and several graduate nursing students went to Honduras in July on a week-long mission trip sponsored by the Baptist Medical Dental Mission International. Working in the remote village of San Francisco de Ojera, they provided medical care to 1,406 patients, filled 9,100 prescriptions, performed eye exams and provided glasses for 361 people, and saw 250 dental patients.

“We also held numerous adult and children’s services, health education seminars, did line witnessing and provided food for persons visiting this free medical clinic,” said Chandler. ■

## Samford Nurse Anesthesia Program Accredited, Gets \$310,495 Grant

Samford University’s new graduate-level nurse anesthesia program received accreditation from the Council on Accreditation [COA] of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs. The program also received a \$310,495 Title VII federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to assist with program development.

Students completing the program will receive a master of science in nursing degree from Samford’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and fulfill requirements to take the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist [CRNA] exam.

Graduates will help meet a national CRNA shortage, which is more severe in the Southeast. The new program is one of two in Alabama and 90 in the nation. The first class began work in August and will graduate in

December of 2005.

The Title VII grant—the first advanced nursing training grant ever awarded to the Samford nursing school—will assist with faculty salaries, curriculum development, program consultants and capital equipment, such as computers and instructional photography and video equipment.

“The financial support provided by the grant will significantly enhance the development and implementation phases of the anesthesia program,” said Dean Nena F. Sanders of the nursing school.

Dr. Michael A. Fiedler is chair of the Department of Nurse Anesthesia. ■

# Alumni and Parents Associations Form New 'Samford Club'

**N**urturing lifelong relationships with Samford University is the primary focus of an expanded Samford Club concept being implemented this fall.

Samford Club will be the umbrella organization for the Samford University Alumni Association and the Samford Parents Association, according to Michael D. Morgan, vice president for university relations.

"Alumni and parents are important to Samford University, and we want to emphasize that importance through the Samford Club," Morgan said. "The University's motto is 'nurturing persons for God, for learning, forever.' We want to nurture persons in their relationship to the University from the first point of contact through graduation and beyond. It's more than just the four or five years as a student. Parents are an important part of that process. We want their relationship to Samford to be more than just paying tuition."

The Parents Association, which is open to parents of all current and former students, will have its first meeting Oct. 4 during Family Weekend. The 10 a.m. meeting will be in Dwight Beeson Hall.

The expanded Samford Alumni Association, which is open to all former Samford students, will have its annual meeting Oct. 24 during Homecoming. The 5 p.m. meeting in Harrison Theatre will precede the alumni banquet and bash at 6 p.m. on the Wright Concert Hall stage.

There are no membership fees for either the Alumni Association or Parents Association.

National alumni organizations at Samford date back to the 1890s and have re-emerged in various forms through the years. In the past decade, an Alumni Council that includes class agents for each graduating class has assisted with alumni fund-raising and some activities. The Alumni Council will continue as a part of the national alumni association with primary focus on alumni giving to Samford.

Bennie Bumpers '63 and Sonya Bumpers '63 of Birmingham are national alumni co-presidents. Vice president is Tom Armstrong '73 of Birmingham, and secretary is Brooke Dill Stewart '95 of Birmingham. The officers will serve through 2004.

University staff will assist the two associations with their work, according to Morgan. Elizabeth Stanford McCarty '92, alumni relations officer, will work with national and local groups on programming and networking. Monty Hogewood, director of annual giving and senior development officer, will work with the Alumni Council and Parents Council in fund-raising. Philip Poole, executive director of university communications, will be primary liaison for the Parents Association.

The Alumni Council and Parents Council, which have focused primarily on fund-raising, will be extensions of the Alumni Association and Parents Association.

Alumni and parents are encouraged to form local or regional Samford Clubs to promote the University in local communities and to strengthen ties to the campus.

Interest in forming local chapters already has been expressed in Anniston, Birmingham, Cullman, Huntsville and Mobile; Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Charlotte, N.C.; Atlanta; upstate South Carolina; and Washington, D.C. Existing alumni groups, including pharmacy, law, Student Ministries Choir and the Half-Century Club, will be invited to be part of the larger national Alumni Association. School of education alumni are being organized into an alumni chapter this fall.

A guide for chapter organization is being developed by the Office of University Relations to assist parents and alumni in organizing at local or regional levels.

Information about the Samford Club is available at [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu) or by calling toll-free, 1-877-SU ALUMS. ■



Samford students enjoy the Seibert Stadium Welcome Back party at the start of the fall semester.

## Samford Ranked Fifth by *U.S. News*

**S**amford University again ranks as one of the top institutions in the South in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of America's Best Colleges.

Samford ranks fifth in the South in its category, Best Universities—Master's, which includes schools offering a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, and some doctoral programs. Samford offers 26 degree programs, including 18 at the master's and doctoral levels.

*U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on a school's academic reputation, freshman retention rates, faculty resources, class size, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

The rankings were announced Aug. 22. In addition to the Best Universities—Master's category, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Best National Universities—Doctoral, Best Liberal Arts Colleges—Bachelor's and Best Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor's. Schools are divided into groups reflecting their missions—basically, programs they offer—as described by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Best Universities—Master's category includes the largest number of schools (573) and is divided into four regions.

Samford has been ranked in the top 10 in its category by *U.S. News & World Report* since 1990. ■



# Milestone Moments: 1983–2003

## Corts Completes 20 Years as President

During the fall of 1983, Samford University was an institution approaching its 150th birthday, situated on a beautiful campus, with a student population of about 4,000. Having made noteworthy progress on a campus barely 26 years old, Alabama's largest independent university was in many ways an institution on the move.

But it had less than \$8 million in endowment, very few computers, no London Centre, no divinity school, nor had it captured the attention of either national college ranking magazines or foundations with funds to give for worthy projects. It hadn't played a college football game in 10 years.

Thomas E. Corts became president Sept. 1, 1983. His inauguration noted, "A New Era Dawns." Although he appreciated the accomplishments of the past, Corts—like most new leaders—focused on the future. "We strive to be even better," he said, and, quoting poet Robert Browning, "The best is yet to be."

Corts celebrated completion of his first 20 years as president Aug. 31, 2003. The accomplishments of those two decades are many, underscoring Samford's ongoing

progress. Yet Corts still looks to the future.

"We are not there yet," he wrote, surveying his two decades in a column for the summer issue of *Seasons*. "When more of the journey is behind you than before you, it is tempting to find greater delight in the memories of what has occurred than in the possibilities that might be. But anchored in history, Christianity is yet a religion of hope and prospect and future. All the best has not been used up for any of us, or for our University.

"Full speed ahead," he exhorted.

But even as *Seasons* continues to focus on the future, and the "unfulfilled hopes [that] loom on the horizon," the magazine pauses to look back at some highlights of the past 20 years. In chronological order, they represent moments of significance in a period of progress.

**Purchase of London Centre, 1984**—More than 8,000 students have studied at Samford's address in central London, now called Daniel House. The former



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Dr. Thomas E. Corts

bed-and-breakfast hotel was bought to

serve as a focal point for international programs that now touch five continents.

**Football and Women's Sports, 1984**—Samford breathed new life into its intercollegiate athletics program by reinstating football, dormant since 1973, and adding women's athletics. Football, begun as a Division III nonscholarship program,

moved up two levels to Division I-AA in 1988. By 1991, Coach Terry Bowden had the Bulldogs in the semifinals of the national playoffs.

**Computer Intensification, mid-1980s**—Samford recognized the significance of personal computers early and provided every faculty member a PC in 1986–87. By 1993, more than 1,000 PCs were available in 14 student labs. Later, residence halls were wired for PCs.

# 1984

Daniel House, Samford's London Study Centre, is located in the West End of London. "Its significance in making Samford globally aware is immeasurable," said President Thomas E. Corts.



# 1988

Benefactor Ralph W. Beeson sits on a park bench at Samford next to his statue. When he died in 1990, the photo ran in newspapers around the nation with stories of his record-breaking bequest to Samford.



# 1997

Samford's International programs touch five continents. Pharmacy Dean Yoshio Suzuki of Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan, signs affiliation agreement with Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. President Corts and Dean Joe Dean look on.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gets a quick tour of Samford courtesy of President Thomas Corts during her 1992 Sesquicentennial visit.



**100 Years in Birmingham, 1987—**Samford observed its first century in Birmingham by opening Centennial Walk.

**Campus and Programs Improvements, 1980s—**The addition of Beeson Woods, begun in 1986, was Samford's first new housing program in 25 years. Construction of Bashinsky Fieldhouse (1986) and the classic Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center for the Healing Arts (1988) provided much-needed facilities.

Samford also established strong programs of faculty benefits and sabbaticals.

**Beeson Divinity School Opens, 1988—**The divinity school, made possible by a generous gift from Ralph W. Beeson, became the first theological training program on a Southern Baptist undergraduate campus. Over the years, other Baptist universities have emulated the trend established by Samford.

**PARCA Established, 1988—**To remedy Alabama's lack of an independent, non-partisan fact-finding body, Samford helped establish the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, with former Governor Albert Brewer as the first head.

**National Magazine Recognition, 1990—***U.S. News & World Report* recognized Samford as one of the nation's best regional universities. The recognition continues today. Other publications also discovered the school: *Money*, *Peterson's*, *The Princeton Review* and *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*. Applications grew.

**Beeson Bequest, 1990—**When Ralph W. Beeson died in the fall of 1990, he left Samford \$54.8 million—at the time one of the largest gifts ever to an American university. Beeson was "a titanic figure in the history of Samford University," said Corts. In all, he and his family donated more than \$100 million to the school.

**Sesquicentennial, 1991–92—**Samford celebrated its 150th anniversary with a two-year observance highlighted by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit on April 7, 1992.

**Charter Change, 1994—**Samford Trustees voted to elect their own members. The action was taken to protect the University, while intensifying its commitment to Baptist and Christian principles. The University enjoys a covenant relationship with the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which continues its generous support of Samford.

**Campus Expansion, mid-1990s—**Samford completed Hudnall Library and a major renovation of Davis Library in 1993, and Divinity Chapel and Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library in 1995 at a cost of more than \$25 million. West Campus housing brought additional residential capacity. The Children's Learning Center opened in 1998 with major support from Memphis philanthropist Paul Piper. Divinity Chapel was named for longtime Trustee Andrew Gerow Hodges in 2002.

**Endowment Growth, '80s and '90s—**Samford invested heavily in building its Lakeshore campus during the '50s, '60s and '70s. An aggressive investment program, coupled with generous gifts and development of Samford's Lakeshore property, spurred dramatic growth through the

late '80s and '90s. Even with economic downturns, endowment hovers near \$230 million.

**National Foundation Support, 1997–2002—**In 1997, Samford received a \$1 million grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to implement problem-based learning [PBL] techniques into undergraduate education. A \$750,000 Pew grant in 2000 provided for continuing study and establishment of an international clearinghouse for PBL materials. Faculty used the grants to make Samford's name a watchword in PBL. These were followed by two \$2 million grants from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., in 2002. One established a Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence; the other set up Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation.

**The Big Dance, 1999—**Samford men's basketball won its conference tournament and made its first trip to the NCAA Tournament, reaping national exposure. Coach Jimmy Tillette's team repeated in 2000.

**Sciencenter Opens, 2001—**Samford opened its largest academic building, a \$29 million science center, in the fall of 2001 for its biology, chemistry and physics departments. Encompassing 90,000 square feet and 35 labs, the building also houses a 100-seat planetarium—Alabama's largest—and medicinal plant conservatory. Every undergraduate takes at least one year of classes in the structure. ■



2000

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley presents the first National Award for Effective Teacher Preparation to Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. Dean Ruth C. Ash, left, and Associate Dean Jean A. Box accept.



2003

Dr. Thomas E. Corts awards a diploma to graduating senior Andy Wilbanks during May commencement, one of more than 15,000 he has presented during his years as Samford president. Provost Brad Creed looks on.



# Grammy Award-winning Nickel Creek to Highlight Homecoming Oct. 25

Grammy Award-winning trio Nickel Creek will perform at Samford this fall as a highlight of annual Homecoming festivities. The popular Sugar Hill Records group will appear Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. in Wright Center.

Nickel Creek's album, *This Side*, was named Best Contemporary Folk Album at the 45th Annual Grammy Awards this year. Produced by Alison Krauss, it debuted as #18 on *Billboard's* Top Album Chart and was described as "a musical force" by the *Dallas Morning News*.

The band—fiddle player Sara Watkins, guitarist Sean Watkins and mandolin player Chris Thile—is a bluegrass band and more. Its music expands on those roots to incorporate Beatles-flavored music, left-of-center alternative rock, pop and folk.

The band's first album, 2001's *Nickel Creek*, earned Grammy and Country Music Association nominations as well as critical acclaim from the likes of *Time* magazine, which named the band "music innovators for the new millennium."

Other highlights of Homecoming Weekend will be reinstatement of a Samford tradition, the Candlelight Dinner, now known as the "Alumni Banquet and Bash," Friday night, Oct. 24; the annual barbecue luncheon followed by the football game Saturday afternoon; and the worship service Sunday morning, Oct. 26.

Samford Alumni of the Year awards will be presented at the Alumni Banquet and Bash, scheduled for 6 p.m. in Wright Center. Samford alumni have gathered for annual candlelight dinners since the mid-1800s. For many years, the annual event was held in conjunction with spring commencement.

"This is a centuries-old tradition that we wanted to restore," said Michael D. Morgan, vice president for university relations. "This seemed an excellent way to honor our alumni of the year in a setting that will be meaningful to many of Samford's former students."

Following dinner, there will be a dessert reception with entertainment on the Wright Center terrace.

Samford will play Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee State

in the Homecoming football game at 2:30 p.m. in Seibert Stadium. The Homecoming Court will be introduced at halftime.

Dr. William Turner '60 of Houston, Texas, will deliver the message during the annual Worship Service Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Andrews Gerow Hodges Chapel. Turner is retired senior minister of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

The J. Roderick Davis Lecture Series will open Homecoming Weekend Thursday, Oct. 23. Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, a research specialist with the National Cancer Institute, will speak.

For additional Homecoming information, visit the Samford Web site at [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu) or call the Samford Alumni Office at 1-877-782-5867 (in Birmingham, call 726-2807). ■

## Homecoming Week Activities (as of Sept. 10)

### Tuesday, Oct 21

7:30 p.m. Samford Orchestra, Wright Center, free

### Thursday, Oct 23

7 p.m. Davis Lecture Series, Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Reid Chapel, free

### Friday, October 24

12 p.m. Bulldog Letter Club Golf Tournament  
Robert Trent Jones

3 p.m. Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting, place TBA

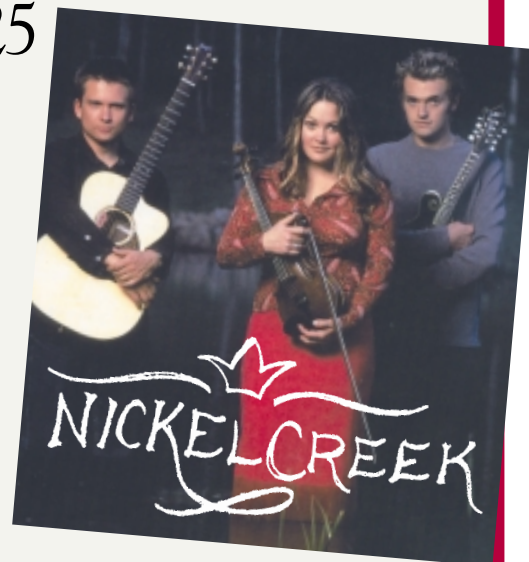
4 p.m. Alumni Council meeting, Flag Colonnade

4:30 p.m. Golden Reunion Reception and Dinner honoring the Class of 1953, Rotunda Club

5 p.m. National Alumni Association Meeting, Harrison Theatre

6 p.m. Alumni Banquet, Wright Center Stage

8 p.m. Alumni Bash  
Wright Center Terrace  
Free



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### Saturday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Half-Century Plus Brunch, Flag Colonnade, free

9:30 a.m. BSU/Student Ministries Choir Reunion Reception and Rehearsal for Sunday's worship service, Wright Center Recital Hall

10 a.m. Hot-Air Balloon Tethered Ride over campus  
Bulldog FunZone Children's Carnival

Sciencenter Open House

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Alumni Barbecue, University Center

1–2:30 p.m. Open houses for academic departments and campus organizations

2:30 p.m. Football game vs. Tennessee State, Seibert Stadium

5–7 p.m. Class of 1973 Reunion  
Highland Coffee Company  
Contact: Tom Armstrong

8 p.m. Nickel Creek concert, Wright Center Concert Hall

### Sunday, October 26

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Hodges Chapel, Beeson Divinity School



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**'38**

ED and NINA STRICKLAND '40 live in Oakhurst, Calif., where they retired to in 1976 after long teaching careers in Fresno, Calif. They have traveled to six continents and 76 countries.

**'39**

ARMINDA H. THOMPSON lives at St. Martin's-in-the-Pines apartments in Birmingham. She is a retired teacher.

**'52**

H. WALLACE GARRETT, CLU, was named to the Houston Area Texas Leaders Round Table for outstanding achievement in the life and health insurance and related financial services industry. He is president of Garrett Financial Group, Inc.

**'53**

JAMES LEE HOLLAND, Jr., lives in Birmingham, where he works at Alabama Goodwill Industries.

**'55**

VELMA LEE SEBRING lives in Scottsboro. Age 82, she enjoys taking Samford Extension Division courses.

**'56**

DONALD G. BURGE and his wife, Jo Ann, live in Las Vegas, Nev. He retired in 2000 after a career with State Farm Insurance Co. in Costa Mesa, Calif. He was manager of the 1954 Samford football team.

**'59**

JAMES DONALD MASON retired in December as pastor of Sandy Plains Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., after 15 years of service.

**'61**

TOMMY E. COLE retired after 35 years as band and choral director for Attalla City School System and Etowah High School. He teaches chorus at Westbrook Christian School in Rainbow City. The new band hall at Etowah

High School is named in his honor.

**'62**

MILDRED NELSON HOLMES of Huntsville is the author of an autobiography, *Poor Orphan Trash*, which chronicles her childhood and life at the Alabama Baptist Children's Home in Troy.

PEGGY GUFFIN TROUT of Annandale, Va., recently retired.

**'63**

ORVILLENE DOWNS KISER recently retired from teaching in the special education and gifted programs in Washington County, Tenn. She is included in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*, and was recently invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma education honor society. She lives in Jonesborough, Tenn.

**'65**

M. MICHAEL, Jr., and EVELYN LAY FINK '66 live in Dandridge, Tenn. He retired after 25 years at LifeWay Christian Resources, and she retired as founder and teacher for 24 years in the Parents' Day Out program at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville.

**'69**

BETTY LOU J. LAND, professor of reading, was named 2003 Distinguished Professor at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C. The award is the highest honor the school bestows upon a faculty member.

**'70**

CHARLES PARKER is staff minister, Interface Ministries, Nashville, Tenn.

**'71**

SID BURGESS, pastor of Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Homewood, spent the summer on sabbatical leave. The church received a \$12,000 grant from Louisville Institute to fund expenses related to his sabbatical. He is married to Samford

journalism and mass communication professor Melissa Tate.

J. THOMAS HELTON of Shiloh, Ga., is assistant director of the Columbus (Ga.) State University Foundation and Foundation Properties, and director of planned giving.

**'73**

THOMAS A. LAWSON '76 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is attorney magistrate, 63rd District Court.

TOM E. WALKER of Tampa, Fla., is president and CEO of Members Trust Company, a federal savings bank.

**L'73**

THOMAS W. STERLING is senior vice president-human resources, U.S. Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Penn. He is chairman of the board of directors of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and president-elect of the Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**'74**

DARLENE YARBROUGH COWSERT, chief of media relations for the 86 Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, won the 2002 Air Force Public Affairs Award as the top civilian in the career field.



Dr. Kerry Gatlin '74

KERRY GATLIN is dean of the College of Business, University of North Alabama.

BRUCE SLOAN is senior pastor of Tokyo Union Church, Tokyo, Japan.

**'75**

BARBARA BLASS DILKS is music specialist at Woolridge

Elementary School, Richmond, Va. Her husband, BOB DILKS '75, works with the International Mission Board.

WILLIAM B. STARK, Jr., of Duluth, Ga., and his wife, Sallie, have four children: Billy, Jacob, Jamie and Christian.

**'76**

RICHARD H. BROWN of Huntsville was recalled to active duty by the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and is assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

BELVA GLOVER GILBERT of LaFayette, Ga., is kindergarten teacher at Naomi Elementary, Walker County, Ga.

LUCIANNE WOOD WARREN is supervisor of outpatient services, Western Tidewater Services, Suffolk, Va.

**L'76**

JAMES THOMAS HILL of Durham, N.C., was elected District Court Judge, 14th Judicial District, North Carolina, in November.

**'77**

GARY BARKLEY was elected by the faculty of Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan, to serve a two-year term as dean of religious affairs. He is also a trustee and executive committee member of the Asian Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary.



Marty Feazell Estes '77

MARTY FEAZELL ESTES of Trussville began a new career as a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines in 2002. She uses her Samford music degree when she sings on each flight. She and her husband, JOE ESTES '74, have two children, KENNA ESTES CLARK '01, and Justin.

JO ANNE FOREMAN, M.S.E., retired on Feb. 14 as a Southern Baptist missionary in Honduras, and married Leonard Rollison on Feb. 15. They live in Marion, Ohio.

DAVID MARTIN of Toronto, Canada, is co-writer and producer of "War," a song on *Peace Songs*, a benefit album to help children affected by war. The song is performed by co-writer Liam Titcomb.

LEONARD HUGH PARTON is pharmacy manager at Kroger Pharmacy, Smyrna, Tenn. He and his wife, Rebekah, have four children.

**'78**

GEORGE B. SALEM, M.B.A., of Birmingham was recently elected to the Birmingham-Southern College Board of Trustees. He is president, CEO and co-founder of GuideStar Health Systems, Inc.

**'79**

KEITH CARDWELL will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bay Minette, in October.

He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Heather and Pate.

WALTER I.D. SASSER of Woodbridge, Va., is in his fourth assignment to the Pentagon, where he is director, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Washington Liaison Office. He is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Melissa, have two sons, David and Andrew.

**'80**

MICHAEL GILBOW is owner and chief pharmacist at Gilbow's Drug Store, Drew, Miss. His daughter, Elizabeth, is a student at Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

JOHN JERNIGAN received the Professional of the Year Award from the Council of Organizations Serving Deaf Alabamians [COSDA]. Director of student development at the Alabama School for the Deaf, he is pursuing a doctoral degree in deaf education.

**L'81**

DAVID MARSH was elected president of the 1,500-member Alabama Trial Lawyers Association.

He is founder of the Birmingham law firm of Marsh, Rickard & Bryan.

**'82**

DANNY PAUL RUSSELL of Moulton is clinical coordinator of geriatric services, Riverbend Center for Mental Health, in Florence. He also conducts a nursing home ministry in Russellville. He and his wife, Annette, have two children, Joshua, nine, and Emily, five.

**'84**

EDDIE LAMAR GILLEY graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a doctor of ministry degree. He is Baptist collegiate ministries director at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

CHRIS OWENS is minister of music and adult education, Capitol Heights Baptist Church, Montgomery.

**'85**

JOSEPH ANDREW IVEY and his wife, Ana, live in Fayetteville, Ga.

**'86**

TIM BETHEA, head golf coach at Montgomery Academy, led his team to an undefeated regular season and to the 2003 Alabama High School Athletic Association 3A golf state championship. He was named All-Metro Coach of the Year.

**'87**

MARTHA ANDERSON DEWITT of Louisville, Ky., traveled with a medical team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in late summer.

WILLIAM HATHAWAY, vice president of Hathaway Family Funeral Home, Fall River, Mass., is president of the 500-member Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association. He and his wife, Jan, have three children, Alyssa, Scott and Derek.

**'88**

BRYAN and ALLISON HOLLEMAN HANCOCK '87 live in Birmingham with their four children: Russell, nine, Catherine, seven, Jenna, four, and Holly, three.

**L'88**

JACK CRISWELL is creator of a unique photographic lithograph

of Birmingham, "Gold Magic." He is managing attorney in Alabama for Cincinnati Life Insurance.

**L'89**

DANA LATHAM THRASHER is a specialist in ERISA/employee benefits law with Constangy, Brooks and Smith, LLC, in Birmingham. She and her husband, David, have four children.

**'90**

WILLIAM H. CAROTHERS is assigned to the A32 Operations and Intelligence Division, HQ 16th Air Force, Aviano Air Base, Italy. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, he has completed four deployments in support of Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He and his wife, Tara, have two children, William and Rachel.

BILL CLEVELAND received a doctor of education degree from Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional studies in May. He is assistant principal, Spain Park High School, Hoover. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Andrew, four, and Mary Katherine, three.

JOY KIRKLAND FISHER is a freelance writer in Nashville, Tenn. More than 50 of her magazine articles were published last year. She and her husband, David, have three children: Samuel, Jacob and Lara.

NANCY A. JOHNSON of Cumming, Ga., earned a master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University in May. She is a member of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**'91**

GARY M. BULLOCK is a family medicine physician with UAB Health Systems. He and his wife, MICHELE B. BULLOCK '92, have three children, Mary-Morgan, Laura Grace and Sara Elizabeth.

ED DAY, M.B.A., is senior vice president of engineering and construction services for Southern Company Generation and Energy Marketing. He is responsible for engineering, procurement and construction services to the existing and planned generating plant fleet.

GINA SPITALE SANFORD lives in Morgan City, La., with her husband, Joe, and their three

## Hale To Star in New Sitcom

Tony Hale '92 will star in a FOX network situation comedy, *Arrested Development*, to air on Sunday nights this fall.

Produced by Ron Howard, the show will premiere Nov. 2. Hale will join Will Arnett, Jessica Walter and Jason Bateman in the cast.

Hale, who appeared over the past several years in television shows and commercials made in New York City, has relocated to Los Angeles for the sitcom role.

The Macon, Ga., native recently married Martel Thompson, a theatrical makeup artist who won an Emmy for her work on *All My Children*. They met at

Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan several years ago when she attended a Bible study for actors and artists started by Hale. ■



Tony Hale '92

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children: Joshua, Mary Margarete and Carolyn.

MARTA SMITH SCROGGIN lives in Lexington, Ky., with her husband, Brad, and their four children: Meredith Leigh, seven, Brandon Tyler, six, Shelby Grace, four, and infant Sloan Louis.

DAVID VALLE recently earned an M.B.A. at the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Gabriela, live in El Paso, Texas, with their two children, Kristen, eight, and Dante, two.

MIKE and DANA McMINN WESTVEER live in Old Hickory, Tenn. He is principal of Donelson Middle School and she is preschool director at Tulip Grove Baptist Church. They have two children, Dallas and Brady.

## '92

MICHAEL GASS, M.Div., recently merged his advertising company, Tri-Ad Group, with Means Advertising, Inc., Birmingham. He is director of business development.

EVE PENNINGTON HENRY lives in Suwanee, Ga., with her husband, Steve, and their two children, Austin, eight, and Rebecca Skye, born in February.

## '93

MALLIE ELIZABETH WILLIS FISHER and her four sons, Hunter Edgar, Wyatt James, Ty Edward and Austin Willis, have relocated from Anchorage, Alaska, to Marietta, Ga.

CAROL GUTHRIE is communication director for U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Oregon). As 1993 Class Agent, she looks forward to the 10-year class reunion at Homecoming in October.

KEVIN STRINGHAM is minister to children at Western Heights Baptist Church, LaGrange, Ga. He and his wife, VIKKI SHEETS STRINGHAM '95, have two daughters, Kate, five, and Emily, two.

## '94

KEVIN GLENN BRANNON is minister of music at Dalraida Baptist Church, Montgomery. He and his wife, Kara, have two children, Matthew and Hannah.

MARK BREWER is associated with Linklaters, an international law firm in London, England. Under a joint degree program at Cornell University Law School

## White House Assistant Motley Named Henry Crown Fellow

White House staffer and former Samford Student Government Association president Eric L. Motley '96 has been named to the 2003 Class of Henry Crown Fellows by the Aspen Institute.

Motley, in his third year on the White House staff, was promoted to special assistant to the president and associate director, Office of Presidential Personnel, in May.

The Henry Crown Fellowship program is designed to engage the next generation of leaders in the challenge of community-spirited leadership. It brings together young executives and professionals under age 45 who have already achieved conspicuous success in their chosen fields of endeavor.

Motley, 30, is the youngest of this year's 20 honorees, who hail from the



Eric Motley '96

U.S., Singapore, France, England, Israel and Finland. The new Henry Crown Fellows will meet four times over a two-year period and will undertake individual community service commitments.

The Henry Crown Fellowship Program honors the life and career of Chicago industrialist Henry Crown, and is funded by the Henry

and Gladys Crown Charitable Trust Fund. The Aspen Institute is a global forum for leaders. Through its seminar and policy programs, the institute promotes the cause of enlightened, morally responsible leadership.

At the White House, Motley manages the appointment process for over 1,200 part-time advisory board and commission positions, while serving as a special assistant to the President.

Motley chaired the Samford Speaker Series as an undergraduate and the Saint Andrews Symposium while in graduate school in Scotland. In Washington, he founded the Dialexis Society at the Cosmos Club to foster the intellectual development of young professionals, and created the 1600 Penn Book Club for White House colleagues. ■

and Humbolt University in Berlin, he received law degrees from both schools in June. He was president of the International Law Society at Cornell. He earned a Ph.D. in international politics from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1998.

CHAD EATON is associate pastor/minister of recreation at First Baptist Church, Simpsonville, S.C., and is also worship leader for the church's contemporary worship services. He and his wife, Kim, have a son, Cole Hayden, born in May.

AMY MARLER FENTON and her husband, Dale, live in Franklin, Tenn., where they have opened a multimedia studio, Isometric Productions. She is also coordinator of Centri-Kid Christian summer camps.

TIFFANY TOWNSEND FESSLER is senior account executive with GCI Group, a public relations firm in Atlanta, Ga., and is college recruitment chair for the Atlanta chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She and her husband, Eric, live in Roswell, Ga.

SHANE HUFF is assistant vice president, MMC Materials, Inc. He and his wife, STACY MELTON HUFF '94, live in Jackson, Miss., with their children, Will, five, and Jenny, two.

VIVIAN VANESSA SMITH is senior executive in charge of training for the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. She is assigned to the Plantation, Fla., office.

## '95

RON EZELL, Jr., married Laura Cole in February. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

MATTHEW LANSON HUDSON, M.Div. '99, is Baptist Student Ministries Director for Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas. He and his wife, Emily, have two children, Hannah Grace, and Joshua Fisher.

DAVID HUNKE, M.S.E.M., was named 2003 Planner of the Year by the Alabama Chapter, American Planning Association. He is principal planner, City of Birmingham.

APRIL MRAZ is CEO and creative director of Open Creative Group, a collective of professionals

from around the U.S. She lives in Mt Laurel.

BRAD O'REAR was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors, Birmingham Advertising Federation. He is employed with High Cotton direct marketing firm.

JUSTIN MATTHEW PETTY is senior statistical consultant at SRI Analytics, Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Robin, have a daughter, Ragon Elizabeth, born in September, 2002.

E. J. SMITH earned a master's in intercultural ministries at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., in December, and is working on a master of divinity degree at the seminary. He married Christina Branson in January.

GEOFFREY G. and DANA HILL WHITE live in Birmingham where he is a part owner of Gibson & Anderson Building Services. They have three children: Morgan, five, Davis, three, and Avery, born in April.

## L'95

ROBERT L. MARTIN is senior law instructor for the

Department of Homeland Security Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Ga. He is also a reserve judge advocate and is called to active duty until 2004.

**'96**

SARA JANETTE HERRON BORGESON received a master of fine arts in acting from Ohio State University in June. She and her husband, David, live in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she is a freelance actor and voice and speech specialist, and he serves with the Air Force.

CADA MILLS CARTER and his wife, Sammie, live in Greenville, S.C., with their three children: Frieda, Jeremy Jay and Rachel.

EDWARD WRIGHT CRONIN is director of admission at Brentwood Academy, Brentwood, Tenn.

KIM GREEN, M.B.A., is vice president of finance, Southern Company. She and her husband, Ted, have two daughters, Cassidy, six, and Kendall, three.

SHERRI SPURLING, M.T.S. '02, is pursuing a master's in counseling at the University of Alabama. She is a ministry associate at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church.

WENDY SKELTON WHITLEY of Mount Berry, Ga., is a houseparent with WinShape Homes. She and her husband, Jonathan, have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in October.

**'97**

DARREN NOBEL BROWN was named a doctoral fellow at Brandeis University, Boston, Mass., where he is completing a Ph.D. in social policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. He earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, in December, receiving the Michael P. Hale Award for Academic Excellence.

STEVEN and CHRISTY LANGFORD GUM live in Knoxville, Tenn. He is a teacher and varsity baseball coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville. They have a daughter, Caroline Mary, born in June.

JENNIE MONTGOMERY HARCHFIELD and her husband, Shane, live in Louisville, Ky. She earned a master's in theological studies from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

HEATH HYNEMAN and JOHN BUCHANAN '99 are founders of Celecast, Inc., Villa Rica, Ga.

ELLIE JO LOGUE received a doctorate in physical therapy at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn.

BRAD MEDCALF married Carri Booth in May. They live in Greenville, S.C.

JAMIE GUY RATLIFF is a freelance paralegal in Montgomery. She and her husband, Danny, have two children, Brody, two, and Addison Marie, born in March.

REBECCA THOMAS recently received a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology from the University of Chicago. Her dissertation was entitled "The Evolution of Cranial Ossification Sequences in Ostariophysan Fishes."

**L'97**

PHILIP ANDREW STROUD is a founding member of the Southaven, Miss., law firm of Stroud & Harper, P.C. He practices in the area of general litigation with a focus on personal injury law.

**'98**

HEATHER BURK is fitness coordinator with Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham.

JOHN CLINTON BOYETTE, Pharm.D., and JENNIFER NORRIS BOYETTE, Pharm.D., live in Cookeville, Tenn. She is a pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy, and he is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy. They have a daughter, Ryleigh Claire, born in January.

BRIAN GISSING, M.Div. '02, and ANNA ELIZABETH MOSELEY, M.T.S. '03, married in Reid Chapel in May. They live in Birmingham.

JOHN and ELLEN BELL HAMRICK '99 live in Atlanta, Ga. He recently graduated from Georgia State Law School with honors, and works for Swift, Currie, McGee and Hiers law firm. She is a registered nurse in the AFLAC Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

KARLYN MARIE HOENES earned an M.B.A. in international business at Georgia State University. She is a senior project management analyst at Lockheed Martin, Marietta, Ga.

BRYAN HUNTER is copy chief of *Southern Accents*, a division of Southern Progress

Corporation. He oversees copy editing for *Southern Accents*, as well as *Entrée*, an exclusive Neiman Marcus publication produced by *Southern Accents*.

COURTNEY HOWELL and SCOTT McCRORY married in September 2002. She works in the Samford athletics department, and he is a C.P.A. with Dent, Baker & Co., LLP.

RYAN THOMAS RAMAGE earned an Executive M.B.A. at the University of Alabama in May. He is a real estate loan officer for Colonial Bank, Birmingham.

TERRA SPARKS graduated from the University of South Alabama Medical School in May, and is in a neurology residency program at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Penn.

KRIS WENZEL STEJSKAL earned a master's in elementary education in 2002. She and her husband, Mark, live in Fairhope.

CHRISTINE BONAR WINDHAM and her husband, RANDY WINDHAM '81, of London, Ky., both pharmacists, have opened four drugstores.

**'99**

MIKE ERKMANN and RACHEL RITTER married in May. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

ERICA HAYNES of Cordova, Tenn., is senior marketing representative for Apollo Group, Inc., and is pursuing an M.B.A. at Belhaven College.

VICKI RENEE GLOVER KEE, Pharm.D., recently completed a residency in drug information at the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. She is assistant clinical professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and Iowa Drug Information Service. She and her husband, James, live in Coralville, Iowa.

LOUIS MARTIN recently married Janell Andermann and graduated from Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tenn. They live in Albuquerque, N.M.

CAREY A. OLDFIELD married Chris Reynolds in June. They live in Gulfport, Fla. She is a freelance publicist.

REBECCA JEANNE VARNELL received a master's in physical therapy at East Tennessee State University in May. She lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., and is a pediatric physical therapist with Hamilton Health Care System in Dalton, Ga.

**'00**

JENNIFER ANN CRABB is a student in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

SUSAN FLEXER and LUKE ROY married in June. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in fisheries at Auburn University. She is a family nurse practitioner.

JEREMY and SHANNON KUNTZ FRANK live in Marietta, Ga., with their infant daughter, Catherine Grace. He works with Georgia-Pacific.

KATIE FUNDERBURK is a buyer with Carmax in Atlanta, Ga.

MARY MICHAEL GARVER is director of student activities at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. She lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

LEIGH TAYLOR HANSON graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia Law School and is a clerk with U.S. district judge Ashley Royal in Macon, Ga.

NANCY TINA MOORE is a costume designer with the American Village, Montevallo.

AMANDA OWENBY recently earned double master of arts degrees in Christian education and ministry-based evangelism from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She is childcare unit director for the YMCA of Arlington, Texas.

MICHAEL WAYNE SMITH graduated from Yale University in May with a master's in organ performance. He received the Hugh Porter prize for excellence in organ playing.



Ray Thornton '00

RAY THORNTON, M.B.A., is manager of analysis and programming for Gulf States Paper Corporation's Information Services Division. He is located at company headquarters in Tuscaloosa. He and his wife, April, have a daughter, Ansley.

## L'00

MELISSA DARDEN GRIFFIS is an associate with the law firm of Rosenzweig, Jones & MacNabb, P.C., in Newnan, Ga.

## '01

DANIEL GLENN AUSBUN received a master's in divinity at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May, and will begin the Ph.D. program in evangelism this fall.

ROBERT SCOTT BERTINI is marketing and community relations coordinator for RehabCare Group in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. He markets rehabilitation services for stroke and severe trauma victims.

EMILY CAROL BOBO married Barron Polk in February. They live in Pelham.

BOYD BOWLING, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist with the VA Hospital in Lexington, Ky. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Winchester,

Ky. They have a daughter, Emma Grace, born in December.

CORRI ALEICE CORNUTT and NATHAN DANIEL EDWARDS married in Reid Chapel in May. She is coordinator of communications for the Samford Office of Admission. He is an accountant with Ernst & Young LLP, Birmingham.

JOSHUA MICHAEL DEAR is interim youth minister at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. He is co-writing a book with minister/writer Dolphus Weary.

CARRIE ELIZABETH ROLLWAGEN is a copy editor/designer at the *Birmingham Post-Herald*.

JAMIE DELOACH SCOTT and her husband, Brian, live in Nashville, Tenn.

LATASHA CATHERINE SMITH is a registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center—Montclair, Birmingham.

BRIAN SMOTHERS is enrolled in the master's degree

program in counseling psychology at Boston College, and is completing an internship with the student counseling service at Tufts University.

SHELLEY ELIZABETH VAIL-SMITH of Pinson earned a doctor of education degree at Samford in May.

JOHN G. WYATT is business development officer with Gary C. Wyatt, Inc., Birmingham.

## '02

LESLEY BAKER married Curtis Sewell in November. They are in training to be missionaries. They live in Jackson, Mich.

MARGARET BIRK and DEREK DOSS married in April. They live in Montevallo.

TRICIA BROWNING married Luke Gunnells '03 in June. He is a management associate at AmSouth Bank corporate headquarters. She is a customer sales representative for Kraft Foods. They live in Birmingham.

JESSICA LYNNE FRANZ married Ryan Mays in July. They live in Birmingham.

SHARON SETTLE MASON is manager of membership and development with the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce. She and MICHAEL MASON '02 married in November.

MELANIE MONEY is a teacher at Liberty Park High School, Vestavia Hills.

MICHAEL MUNCHER married KELLI PARRISH '03 in Reid Chapel in June. They live in Stillwater, Okla., where he is pursuing a master's in percussion performance/pedagogy, and she is pursuing a master's in special education at Oklahoma State University.

MARIE TODD is a clinical nurse specialist, cardiovascular ICU, at Baptist Medical Center—Princeton, Birmingham. ■

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## BIRTHS

Tim and **LAURA LAMB ATKINS '93** of Pelham, a daughter, Amanda "Mandy" Hope, born May 8, 2003.

**SCOTT, Pharm.D. '95**, and **ALICIA PAGAN BAKER '92** of Birmingham, a son, Nathaniel Stephen, born April 7, 2003.

Keith and **SUSAN SANDERS BAKER '91** of Woodstock, Ga., a son, Jackson Paul, born Dec. 22, 2002.

Richard and **ADRIENNE GANTT BAKER '93** of Dawsonville, Ga., a daughter, Sidney Steele, born July 13, 2003.

Jimmy and **SUSANNE ELEDGE BALLARD '90** of Leoma, Tenn., daughters, Harper Rose, born Dec. 26, 1999, and Kirby Elizabeth, born July 7, 2002.

Josh and **KRISSY LINHART BENNER, Pharm.D. '97**, of Oakton, Va., a son, John Preston, born April 15, 2003.

Lynn and **BOYD BOWLING, Pharm.D. '01**, of Winchester, Ky., a daughter, Emma Grace, born Dec. 25, 2002.

**JOHN CLINTON, Pharm.D. '98**, and **JENNIFER NORRIS BOYETT, Pharm.D. '98**, of Cookeville, Tenn., a daughter, Ryleigh Claire, born Jan. 23, 2003.

Derren and **GLORIA FREY BURRELL '96** of Brandon, Fla., a son, Luke Arnold, born April 23, 2003.

Sammie and **CADA MILLS CARTER '96** of Greenville, S.C., a daughter, Rachel, born May 30, 2003.

Jeff and **LAURA FULP CASTEEL, Pharm.D. '99**, of Riceville, Tenn., a son, Jeffery Larkin, born May 14, 2003.

Justin and **REBECCA GAIL JAKOBY CENTENO '99** of Miami, Fla., a son, Ethan Benjamin, born May 28, 2001, and a daughter, Annabella Marie, born May 5, 2003.

Katy and **PAUL CHRISTOPHER CLARK '93** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Anna Katherine, born Oct. 25, 2002.

David and **REBECCA ROWELL COOKE '94** of Douglasville, Ga., a son, Karl David III, born April 29, 2002.

Sylvia and **DAVID L. CORTS '90** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Sophia Jane, born Feb. 26, 2003.

**TONY '94** and **EVELYN ALLEN DERRISO '99** of Duncan, S.C., a son, Thomas Cross, born Oct. 3, 2002.

Kim and **CHAD EATON '94** of Simpsonville, S.C., a son, Cole Hayden, born May 14, 2003.

**DAVID GARLAND '92** and **CAROL BROWN ENOCH '92** of Franklin, Tenn., a son, David Stuart, born April 15, 2002.

**MALLIE WILLIS FISHER '93** of Marietta, Ga., a son, Austin Willis, born Aug. 12, 2002.

David and **JOY KIRKLAND FISHER '90** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Lara Miriam, born March 24, 2003.

**TIMOTHY '89** and **MARY CUNNINGHAM FRANCINE '88** of Suwanee, Ga., a son, Hollis Timothy, born June 12, 2003.

**JEREMY '00** and **SHANNON KUNTZ FRANK '00** of Marietta, Ga., a daughter, Catherine Grace, born Sept. 30, 2002.

Greg and **KIM HARALSON GAGLIANO '93** of Vestavia Hills, a daughter, Samantha Elizabeth, born Aug. 22, 2002.

Mark and **KRIS CROSBY GRIFFIN '91** of Vestavia Hills, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, born May 22, 2003.

**STEVEN '97** and **CHRISTY LANGFORD GUM '97** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Caroline Mary, born June 25, 2003.

Scott and **HEATHER GRIMM HANCOCK '96** of St. Petersburg, Fla., a daughter, Alicia Vivian, born March 6, 2003.

**STEVEN M. '94** and **AMY PERKINS HARRIS '93** of Knoxville, Tenn., twin sons, William Matthew and Andrew Robert, born April 15, 2003.

Steve and **EVE PENNINGTON HENRY '92** of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Rebecca Skye, born Feb. 26, 2003.

**MARK HUNTINGTON '97, M.A. '98**, and **CAROL POINTER HINSON '97** of Birmingham, a son, Luke Huntington, born May 17, 2003.

Keith and **ELLEN MOORE HOWARD '86** of Wetumpka, a son, Andrew Emerson, born March 5, 2003.

**BRYAN '96** and **AMY HOWELL '96** of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son, Caleb Spencer, born Feb. 24, 2003.

Kevin and **EMILY HELTON JACKSON '93** of

Midland, Ga., a daughter, Emma Caroline, born June 7, 2003.

Darla and **SCOTT BOWERS JOHNSON '87** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Davis Bailey, born Dec. 10, 2002.

Kevin and **RACHEL PINSON LANGSTON '89** of Vestavia Hills, a daughter, Rachel Raines, born May 20, 2003.

Don and **JUDY PITTS LEIPERT '94** of Alabaster, a daughter, Anna Olivia, born Dec. 11, 2002.

John and **LAURA WRIGHT LEWIS '93** of Birmingham, a daughter, Elizabeth Ellis, born Feb. 20, 2003.

Tim and **LISA WHITE LYON L'92** of San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Emily Grace, born May 12, 2003.

Carrie and **MARK KENNETH MAHANES '94** of Hiram, Ga., a son, Christian David, born May 14, 2003.

Kerry and **TRACY TUGGLE MILLER '00** of Alabaster, a son, Lee, born July 25, 2002.

Reed and **DANA KING NYFFELER '97** of Omaha, Neb., a daughter, Elise Claire, born May 7, 2003.

Jennifer and **DAVID ALAN PARKS '97** of Louisville, Ky., a daughter, Corrie Elise, born July 18, 2002.

Robin and **JUSTIN MATTHEW PETTY '95** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Ragon Elizabeth, born Sept. 26, 2002.

Danny and **JAMIE GUY RATLIFF '97** of Montgomery, a daughter, Addison Marie, born March 27, 2003.

**TIM '90** and **LEANNE YOUNG RAU '91** of Hoover, a son, Justin Thomas, born May 9, 2003.

Ronald Justin and **MEGAN KENNEY RAULSTON '95** of Charlotte, N.C., a son, William Andrew, born April 30, 2003.

Anthony and **LAURA LETHBRIDGE RITENOUR '93** of Sebring, Fla., a daughter, Elizabeth Arlene, born March 31, 2003.

Johnny and **BARBARA HARBIN ROBERSON '91** of Gallatin, Tenn., a daughter, Rebecca Paige, born Nov. 8, 2002.

Jonathan and **BRITTANY ROBSON '96** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Peyton Elizabeth, born Feb. 14, 2003.

**GREG L'94** and **LYNN HOGWOOD SCHUCK '93**,

L'03, of Birmingham, a daughter, Grayson Duncan, born May 23, 2003.

Brad and **MARTA SMITH SCROGGIN '91** of Lexington, Ky., a son, Sloan Louis, born Nov. 14, 2002.

David and **DANA LATHAM THRASHER L'89** of Birmingham, a daughter, Lynlee Alexa, born May 22, 2003.

**MERLE, Jr. '97** and **CHRISTA PRATER WADE '97** of Tampa, Fla., a daughter, Isabella Evelyn, born June 10, 2003.

Trey and **STEPHANIE LEIGH HAMES WEST-MORELAND '96** of Madison, a son, Mitchell Blake, born June 9, 2003.

**MIKE '91** and **DANA MCMINN WESTVEER '91** of Old Hickory, Tenn., a son, Brady Mac, born Feb. 5, 2003.

**DARREN K. '96** and **RHIANNON REYNOLDS WHITE '98** of Hayden, a son, Caden Luke, born July 9, 2002.

**GEOFFREY '95** and **DANA HILL WHITE '95** of Birmingham, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, born April 16, 2003.

Jonathan and **WENDY SKELTON WHITLEY '96** of Mount Berry, Ga., a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 8, 2002.

Ashleigh and **CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMS '01** of Birmingham, a daughter, Madeline, born Oct. 1, 2002.

**JUDD '94** and **MARTHA ANN COLE WILSON '96** of Tupelo, Miss., a daughter, Mary Conlee, born Nov. 2, 2002. ■

## IN MEMORIAM

**MILDRED L. BAILEY** '57, age 85, of Birmingham died May 12, 2003. She was a school-teacher in the Birmingham area, where she taught typing, short-hand and business courses.

**FRANKLIN T. BRANCH** '43, age 80, of Sandy Springs, Ga., died June 11, 2003. He founded Carriage Cleaners and Laundry, and also owned several of Atlanta's first bowling establishments. He earned an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and a degree from Atlanta Law School. In retirement, he was an accomplished woodworker and adult literacy tutor.

**DEXTER HANCEL BURDESHAW** '61, age 65, of Macon, Ga., died May 3, 2003. He held a master's in business management from Georgia College. In the 1960s, he worked with NASA Mission Control as a technical writer for the Saturn V and the early Apollo space programs. He later worked 29 years with TRW. After retirement, he was an office supervisor and prepared taxes for H&R Block.

**LEONARD IVERY BURT, M.B.A.** '73, age 79, of Montevallo died July 7, 2003. He was retired from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was manager of property accounting. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

**RONALD C. BUSBEE, Sr., L'**73, age 62, of Pensacola, Fla., died June 24, 2003. He was a partner in Busbee Tomatoe Company.

**LISTON E. CARTLEDGE, Jr.,** '81, age 44, of Hoover died April 22, 2003. He worked for America's First Federal Credit Union. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

**J. ANNA RUTLEDGE COOPER** '52, age 78, of Birmingham died April 22, 2003. Former president of the Classroom Teachers of Alabama, she was retired from the Mountain Brook School System. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Delta Kappa and Delta Zeta.

**CHARLES CREEL** '64, of Shelby County died July 3, 2003. He was an award-winning salesman for various companies.

**JERRY DALE GALLUPS** '69, age 55, of Pell City died June 22, 2003. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson College of

Law. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

**IVAN L. GLAZE** '49, age 74, of Gardendale died May 7, 2003. He served the U.S. Army in the Air Transport Command on the North Atlantic Route, and worked 44 years at American Cast Iron Pipe Company, most recently as manager of the analytical laboratories in the technical division. He was active in scientific and professional groups.

**ALVA LEE CAINE HILL** '62, age 83, of Homewood died May 18, 2003. She earned masters and A.A. degrees from University of Alabama at Birmingham, and taught for 25 years in area school systems.

**MARTHA HOLCOMB HOLLEY** '73, age 81, of Birmingham, died July 26, 2003. She was active in study groups, and tutored second- and third-grade students in reading at Barrett School.

**NANCY FRASA JOHNSON** '86, age 63, of Hoover died May 22, 2003.

**LUCILE HAZLEGROVE JORDAN** '26, age 96, of Hueytown died June 25, 2003. She taught many years at Berney Points Baptist Church Kindergarten.

**MARCIA AULD LOWERY** '61, age 65, of Hoover died April 18, 2003. She taught at Edgewood Elementary and area kindergartens.

**DWIGHT LAMAR LYON, Sr.,** '57, age 80, of Birmingham died June 11, 2003. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific with the 650th Engineer Corps. He was vice president of Miller Wire Works.

**JAMES EDWARD MABE, Sr.,** '60, age 73, formerly of Birmingham, died June 28, 2003. He retired from Standard Oil (Chevron U.S.A.) after a 31-year career. He supported small Baptist churches in Europe, India and Michigan, and was an avid art collector and art classroom volunteer.

**LINDA GREENE MARTIN** '83, age 55, of Birmingham died May 23, 2003. A musician, artist and early childhood educator, she performed with the Samford University Orchestra.

**THOMAS EARL McLENDON** '61, age 68, of Fairhope died June 27, 2003. He earned a master's from the

University of Alabama and was the owner of Sunbelt Fire, Inc. He was in the fire truck industry for 40 years.

**MURRAY P. McCLUSKEY L'**71, age 87, of Sylacauga died June 18, 2003. He was a former state legislator and Sylacauga City Council member. A businessman and attorney, he specialized in Social Security disability and was public defender for Sylacauga in the 1980s. He joined the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and was later squadron commander in Okinawa, flying BT25's and C47's.

**JOHN MIMS** '67, age 59, of Atmore died June 6, 2003. He was a pharmacist, amateur ornithologist and conservationist who served on the board of directors of the Turtle Creek Environmental Center.

**EDWIN L. NELSON L'**69, age 63, of Cropwell died May 17, 2003. He became a federal judge in Alabama's Northern District in 1990 after serving as a magistrate. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a field representative to former U.S. Rep. John Buchanan, and practiced law in Fort Payne before becoming a magistrate in 1974.

**NEWTON ODOM** '51, age 81, of Homewood died July 8, 2003. He was retired from Lloyd Noland Hospital as a comptroller. He served with the Army medical corps during World War II.

**JOHN MARTIN PATTERSON** '60, age 76, of Talladega died April 7, 2003. He served 30 years in the U.S. Army, founded Patterson Insurance and Realty, and was a minister. He earned a doctor of divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1998, when he was 70 years old, and was honored by Samford as an Alabama Baptist Minister of the Year in 1999. He served as interim pastor at churches all over world.

**BEVERLY LEE SANDERS** '03, age 21, of Birmingham, died July 9, 2003. She was a member of Cutting Edge Ministries. At Samford, she was a history honors student, Black Heritage Association president, Student Government Association ethnic and cultural affairs co-chair, Circle K president, Diversity University delegate, Women's Christian Leadership Center student advisory board member and a leader in other campus and community groups.

**PRENCIE "Joye" BROWN SANFORD** '54, of Massillon, Ohio, died April 23, 2003. She was a practicing registered nurse for more than 48 years.

**WILBUR G. SILBERMAN** '39, age 83, of Birmingham died June 6, 2003. He graduated from University of Alabama law school, and was a founding partner of the law firm of Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins & Childs. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II and retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

**BRENDA BURNETT TALLEY** '64, age 60, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died July 5, 2003. She was active in her church, the Kiwanis Club and other community groups.

**ROBERT M. VELARDE** '75, age 52, of Tampa, Fla., died June 4, 2003. He was employed at Brewster Technical Center. He was active in various nursing and healthcare associations, and was president of Health Occupations Educators Association of Florida during 1995-97. ■

# Samford Jumps into OVC Play

Samford last competed for a conference football championship in the 1930s, when then-Howard College played in the Dixie Conference. Seven decades later, the 2003 Bulldogs get their chance in league play as new members of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Coach Bill Gray has 17 starters among 37 lettermen on this year's squad, but only 30 of the 76 players on the preseason roster were upperclassmen (seniors or juniors). That means a number of younger players will have to provide depth.

Quarterback Ray Nelson will try to regain the form he flashed as a freshman two years ago, when he passed for 1,466 yards and 13 touchdowns in nine games. Nelson threw for 941 yards and four scores while sharing quarterback duties with graduated Josh Kellett last year.

Record-setting receiver

Aryvia Holmes also graduated after catching 84 passes for 1,158 yards and nine scores. Efre Hill, who caught 39 for 569 yards and six touchdowns, should be Nelson's prime target this fall.

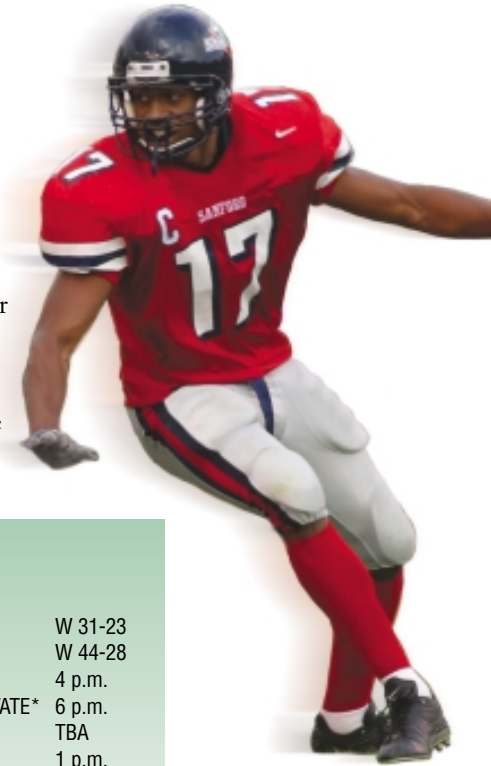
The offensive line is experienced, led by tackle Chip Adams and guard Mitch Wellborn, and Samford hopes to run the ball more effectively this fall. Last year, the 4-7 Bulldogs passed for two of every three yards they gained (2,439 to 1,205). Fred Gilliam is a talented runner who has averaged 5.1 yards a carry over three years.

Five senior starters return to lead the way on defense—ends Darold Williams, linebacker Derrick Wheeler, rover Russell Delk, tackle Ross Newton and cornerback Leo Randall.

Kick returner Cortland Finnegan, who also plays cornerback, could ignite special-team play. He

averaged 32.2 yards a return (with two touchdowns) to finish second in the nation last fall, earning All-Independent First Team Defense/Special Teams honors.

"We're becoming a faster team, and we're recruiting along those lines," Gray assessed his team. "That will help us in every phase of the game, especially in special teams." ■



Linebacker Derrick Wheeler helps lead Samford Defense.

## Samford 2003 Football Schedule

Aug. 28	Chattanooga	W 31-23
Sept. 4	WEST ALABAMA	W 44-28
Sept. 20	San Diego State	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE*	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	Eastern Kentucky*	TBA
Oct. 11	MURRAY STATE*	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	UT-Martin*	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	TENNESSEE STATE* (HC)	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Tennessee Tech*	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.

\*Ohio Valley Conference game  
HC—Homecoming

## Evans Shows Hitting Promise in First Pro Baseball Stint

Robert Evans was a consistent run-producer during his four years with the Samford baseball team, and he proved to be the same in his first year of pro baseball.

A career .337 hitter at Samford, Evans signed with the Boston Red Sox minor league organization after graduating last May. He hit .265 for the Lowell (Mass.) Spinners of the Class A New England League and showed promise as a clutch hitter by driving in 33 runs on 48 hits, a high ratio.

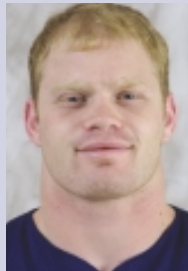
He also demonstrated some power, hitting 13 doubles, four triples and six home runs in 58 games.

An outfielder who occasionally pitched for Samford, Evans finished second in career hits (249), runs (140)

and doubles (50) for the Bulldogs. He also hit 30 home runs and drove in 134 runs.

A two-sport star, Evans played four years at free safety in football and led last year's team in tackles.

Ehren Wasserman, another member of last spring's baseball team, also signed a minor league contract with the Chicago White Sox organization. A pitcher, Wasserman was 1-1 as a reliever with Kannapolis, N.C., of the Class A South Atlantic League. ■



Evans

## Samford Earns NCAA Recertification

Samford University has earned certification once again for its athletics program from the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. Samford joined 14 other Division I member institutions that have undergone the association's second cycle of athletics certification.

The purpose of athletics certification is to ensure integrity in the institution's athletics program and to assist institutions in improving their athletics departments. NCAA legislation mandating certification was adopted in 1993.

The certification process, which is a self-study led by an institution's chief executive officer, includes a review of these primary components: governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, fiscal integrity, equity, welfare, and sportsmanship.

"The NCAA recertification process is very thorough, so it feels good to be meeting the standard on a continuing basis," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "I am pleased that [Athletics Director] Bob Roller and his staff, our coaches, and student-athletes value this process. They are responsible for the wholesome nature of the Samford intercollegiate athletics program in which we take great pride."

Roller added, "We are pleased to receive the affirmation from our peers regarding the integrity of Samford's athletics programs. This was a broad-based effort on the part of the entire University to receive this certification." ■

## Bulldog Medallion Project to Feature Names of Students and Alumni

The Class of 2003 purchased a 24" bronze medallion of the Samford Bulldog logo to be set in a plaza on a column near Seibert Stadium. Bricks with the names and class years of Samford students and alumni will adorn the monument.

Bricks may be purchased to honor people in the project. A 4" x 8" brick carrying a name and graduating year is \$100. An 8" x 8" brick with name, year and four lines of text is \$250.

Information on the Bulldog Medallion project is available from Philip Poole in the Office of University Relations. E-mail [ppoole@samford.edu](mailto:ppoole@samford.edu) or call (205) 726-2823.



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## Leaving a Legacy for Samford

It took Mary Cooper Ogletree 11 years to earn her Samford degree. She worked full-time at the University and went to class at night, graduating in 1970. Her degree means a great deal to her.

"To show my appreciation for what Samford means to me, I established an endowed scholarship to help students with the financial burden of attending college," she said. "Earnings from my endowed scholarship go to students, while the principal is invested to keep pace with inflation."

Ogletree, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., also arranged her will so that a portion of her estate will go to the scholarship.

Supporting their University is one thing many Samford graduates agree on. Many want to do more than they are able to do during life. They choose from several planning options.

"I feel blessed to have a Samford education, and I wanted to give something back," said Bette Houlditch Sawyer '44 of Gainesville, Fla. "The people in Samford's Office of Gift and Estate Planning helped me set up a charitable gift annuity that pays me income for the rest of my life and leaves the remainder to Samford."

Michele Slay '89 of Birmingham also made Samford a part of her will.

"I prepared my will at a relatively early age because it was important to me that my family was taken care of and that the charities I care about, such as Samford, received support after my lifetime."

Eddie and Gayle Miller '74 of Birmingham purchased a life insurance policy and named Samford the beneficiary "to express our gratitude for the part Samford has played in our lives."

You can read more about other options and what others have done by going to Samford's easy-to-use Web site. Not everyone has the same needs, but the Samford Gift-Planning site can help you find the answer to questions that may be important to you, such as:

- How can a gift to Samford pay me back?
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You can request a personalized illustration that details a plan for you. Click on the "Contact Us" button to request information or ask questions. Check out [www.samford.gift-planning.org](http://www.samford.gift-planning.org) to learn more about planning your estate.

If you have already made plans for Samford in your will or other estate plans, please let us know. We want to include you as a member of the DeVotie Heritage Society. You may request to be an anonymous member.

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## Dates to Remember

Oct. 5	Philip Bliss Hymn-Sing
Oct. 23-26	Homecoming
Nov. 18-19	Samford Events, Alabama Baptist State Convention
Dec. 13	Fall Commencement
Feb. 19-21	Step Sing