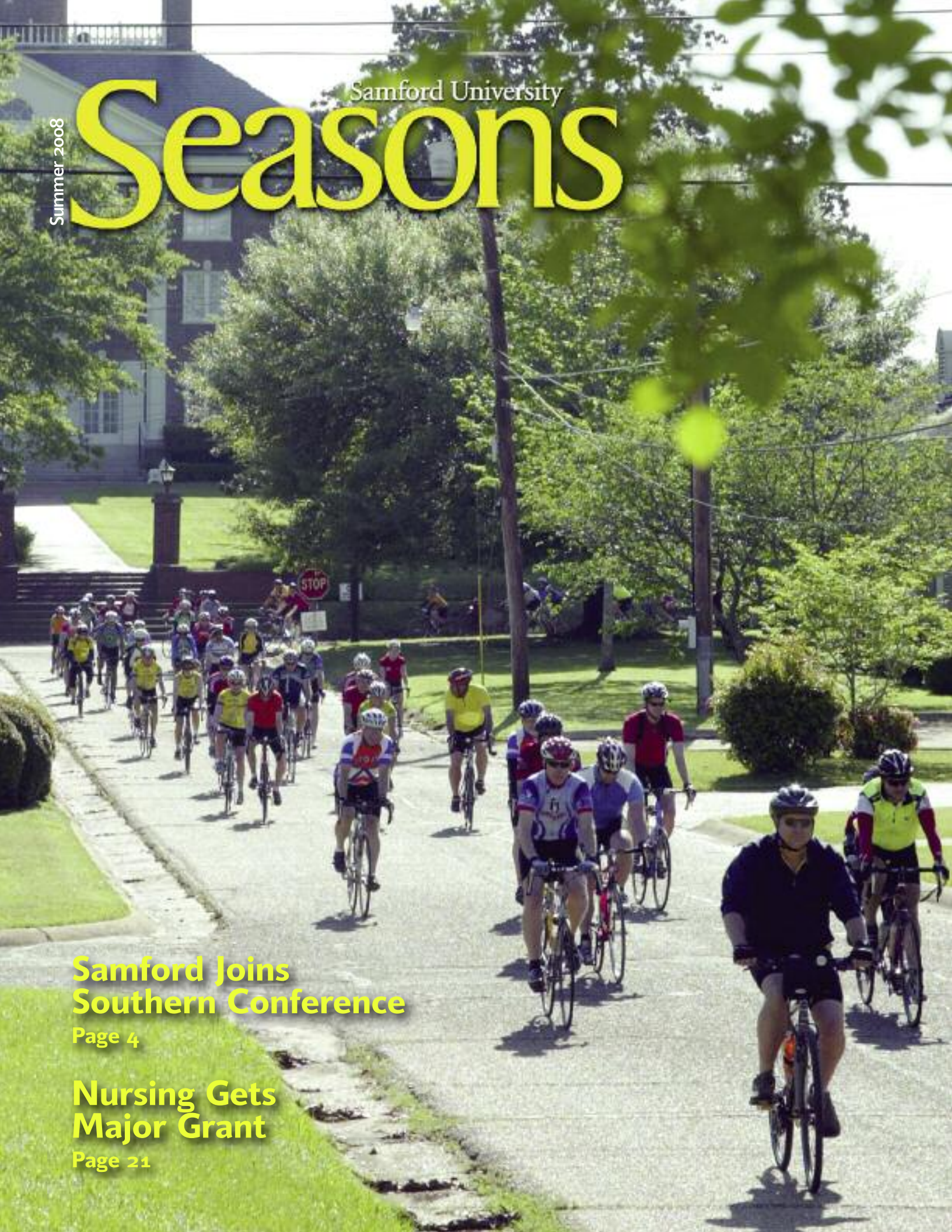


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# SAMFORD report

## Student Center, Housing Will Be Campaign Focus

Samford's board of trustees heard extensive reports on the university's ongoing strategic planning process, and approved a proposed 2008–09 budget and several other initiatives at its spring meeting April 29. Sarah C. Latham, Samford's assistant to the president and director of the office of institutional effectiveness, presented the strategic planning update.

(Latham became vice president for operations and planning June 1.)

"We have taken the six goals driving the strategic plan in three strategic priorities: provide an enriched and more vibrant university experience; engage the global community in faith and service; and inspire imagination," Latham explained.

"We have used this process to develop strategies for all the academic units and divisions of the university, and you will be asked to approve a final comprehensive plan in the fall," she told trustees. "It is important for us to have a framework that pulls together all of the university's individual silos."

The process also includes updated master planning philosophies, assessment strategies and a strategic enrollment plan for managed growth of just under 5,000 students by 2013.

"We are focusing on three elements that will help us achieve these goals: being good stewards of what we already have, continuously improving our budget process and what we can do through a major fund-raising campaign," Latham said.

W. Randall Pittman, vice president for university relations, gave a preliminary report on a capital campaign. Although plans still are being finalized, the campaign likely will launch publicly in fall 2008 and have a goal of more than \$200 million over a five-year period.

"This is more than three times the largest previous campaign the university

has had," Pittman noted. "There are not many universities our size that have embarked on something this ambitious."

University officials and architects provided updates on potential renovation and expansion plans for the university center. Plans call for doubling space in the building and centralizing most student-oriented services in one building on campus. The project is expected to be central to the proposed campaign, Pittman said.

Trustees authorized the university administration to explore options for new residence facilities on campus.

"As we have improved the physical environment of the campus generally, we have not always kept up with our residence facilities," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. "This is one of the most important things this board will do over the next year."

Trustees approved a recommendation to add a third level to a previously approved football field house.

The board also approved a projected operating budget for 2008–09 of about \$113 million, and final tuition, room and board rates for 2008–09. The rates include a 7.7 percent undergraduate tuition increase, an annual technology fee, and room and board increases averaging about 4.5 percent. The university's fiscal year begins July 1, but new fees began with the summer term in June.

Trustees also heard a report that the university's endowment was about \$304.5 million at the end of March 2008, that the university had received more than \$17.6 million in annual gifts through March 2008 and that applications for fall 2008 were at a record 2,110.

New board chair Clark Watson, a Birmingham attorney, presided at his first meeting since being elected chair in December 2007. ■

*For additional coverage, go to [samford.edu](http://samford.edu) and click on More News.*

## Going Green

Samford is going green. Earth Day celebrations have become an annual tradition on campus. Distinguished guest speakers reflect Samford's growing interest in environmental stewardship (see "How the Mighty Have Fallen," p. 16). When Samford revised its Foundational Statements in 2005, it formally committed itself to stewardship of all its resources—an implicit challenge for the university to understand and minimize its environmental impact.

The change is not only a matter of science, economics and aligning with other universities and colleges. The university's increased emphasis on environmental stewardship also reflects growing sentiment among evangelical Christians that their faith requires them to live as responsibly in relation to their environment as in every other aspect of their lives.

After examining the best environmental practices of 130 U.S. colleges and universities in 2007, Samford's Office of Institutional Effectiveness produced a report titled *Go Green: Establishing an Environmentally Friendly University Campus*. The report reinforced existing Samford practices and suggested others, leading ultimately to the university's comprehensive Go Green environmental stewardship initiative.

The results of the initiative are expected to be dramatic. Simply by adopting energy-efficient fluorescent light tubes and related technology throughout campus this spring and summer, Samford will reduce its energy loads by more than 400,000 watts. Mark Fuller, Samford's director of energy and utility management, said the environmental impact of this project—just one part of the Go Green initiative—is equivalent to planting 350 acres of trees or removing 222 cars from the road. He said it also will reduce greenhouse gasses by millions of pounds, save 544 tons of coal and significantly reduce environmental mercury contamination.

Other green practices include reducing fuel consumption by purchasing produce from local farmers, adopting environment-friendly landscaping practices and recycling extensively.

For a complete description of these and other Go Green projects, go to [samford.edu/gogreen](http://samford.edu/gogreen). ■





# MOVING

## New League Is

by Philip Poole

**S**amford has participated in intercollegiate athletics for more than 125 years, and that storied athletics history begins a new chapter July 1 when the university joins the prestigious Southern Conference [SoCon].

When the SoCon's membership invitation was accepted in early 2007, the move brought Samford's athletics programs in line with its academic success by tying the university to a conference with a nationally recognized commitment to academic and athletic excellence.

"This move certainly enhances our profiles," said Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller. "Our coaches and teams have accepted the challenge that will come

from the strong athletics competition in the SoCon, but we also know that it reinforces the importance of a strong academic commitment from the university.

"It also speaks volumes about the progression of Samford athletics, and points to the dedication and hard work of our administrators, coaches, student-athletes and others who have worked tirelessly to put Samford in this position."

When the move was announced in April 2007, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said, "The invitation from the Southern Conference comes at a unique point in Samford's history. Finding the right balance of academics and athletics is a strategic planning priority for Samford, and we share other peer relationships with Southern Conference member institutions that make the athletics relationship right for us at this time."

The Southern Conference boasts several highly ranked institutions, according to leading collegiate ranking services, but also is well-known for its athletics prowess. Appalachian State University is three-time defending champion in the NCAA Football Championship subdivision and gained additional national attention last September when it beat national powerhouse University of Michigan. Davidson College, the 2008 men's basketball champions, also garnered national recognition with a strong run through the NCAA tournament.

Those are just two of the conference teams that have excelled. The conference consistently has Academic All-America student-athletes and boasts 19 Rhodes Scholars from member institutions.

Samford is one of three SoCon member schools classified as a national doctoral research university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Samford ranked 118 in the 2008 *U.S. News &*



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## One of Nation's Oldest

*World Report* college rankings, ahead of Georgia Southern University and the University of North Carolina–Greensboro. Other SoCon schools are classified as regional universities or national liberal arts colleges.

SoCon Commissioner John Iamarino has praised the conference's newest member, saying, "Samford's institutional profile is one that is very consistent with those of our current members—strong academics, an unwavering commitment to the welfare and graduation of the student-athlete, combined with a burning desire to operate a successful athletics program within the mission of the institution."

The move also enhances admission efforts, according to Dean R. Phil Kimrey, because many students in Samford's applicant pool already look at other SoCon schools. It also will increase Samford's exposure along the Atlantic seaboard.

"The fact that we are moving to a conference with other independent, private universities certainly reinforces our strong academic stature as we recruit

students," Kimrey said. "We already compare favorably in cost, size and academic scope with many of the SoCon schools."

Founded in 1921, the SoCon is the fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate

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**Bob Roller, athletics director**

athletics association. Early members included most schools that now are part of the Southeastern and Atlantic Coast Conferences. The Citadel, Davidson College and Furman University have been conference members since 1936. Samford will become the fifth private institution in the conference and the fourth oldest institution.

The SoCon is based in Spartanburg, S.C., and Iamarino has been

commissioner since January 2006.

The first Southern Conference championship was a basketball tournament in 1922, and the SoCon men's basketball tournament remains the oldest of its kind. The conference recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of women's championships. Today, the conference sponsors championships in 10 men's and nine women's sports. Samford fields eight men's and nine women's teams that will compete for SoCon championships.

Since 2003, Samford had competed in all 17 sports in the Ohio Valley Conference. Previously, Samford participated as an independent in football and in the TransAmerica Athletics Conference/Atlantic Sun conference in all other sports. Samford was an original member of the now-defunct Dixie Conference in 1930 and remained a member until the conference disbanded in 1954. The Bulldogs then competed as an independent for much of the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

In five years of OVC membership, Samford won 13 team championships, numerous individual championships and qualified for postseason play in several sports. Samford women's athletics won the prestigious All-Sports



Trophy in three of those five years, including back-to-back in 2007–08. This award is given to the top overall women's athletics program in the conference. Samford consistently led the conference in graduation rates and the NCAA's Academic Progress Ratings. Academic competition also will be tougher in the SoCon, Roller noted.

Samford's faculty athletics representative agrees. "The Southern Conference has a long tradition of athletic and academic excellence. At Samford, we take pride in having a similar tradition. Joining the Southern Conference will challenge us to pursue greater excellence both on and off the field," said Chris Metress, professor of English.

Another immediate benefit to the move is increased media exposure for

the university, Roller noted. SoCon has an extensive television contract with regional networks and is increasing video streaming by all member schools. The conference already has announced that Samford's Nov. 1 home football game against Furman and Nov. 15 game at Georgia Southern will be televised.

Samford and the SoCon are committed to a strong relationship, Roller said. The conference will host its first-ever FanFest Aug. 12 in Birmingham to introduce Samford to the conference and the conference to the Birmingham area. Alumni and fans from all conference institutions will be invited to what the conference intends as an annual event rotating among the member campuses. Samford's first official introduction as a SoCon member will come during foot-

ball media days July 22–23 in Spartanburg.

"Most of the SoCon schools have strong traditions in athletics and in fan support," Roller noted. "It is important for Samford alumni and fans to embrace this opportunity and to demonstrate to our new colleagues that they made the right choice." ■

*This story includes information provided by Joey Mullins, Samford's sports information director, and the Southern Conference.*

*For more information, go to [samfordsports.com](http://samfordsports.com).*



## Who's Who in the Southern Conference

School	Location	Enrollment	Year Founded	Year Joined	Mascot	Number of Sports
Appalachian State University	Boone, N.C.	14,653	1899	1971	Mountaineers	20 (19 SoCon)
College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	11,617	1770	1998	Cougars	18 (15 SoCon)**
The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	1,800	1842	1936	Bulldogs	12 (11 SoCon)
Davidson College*	Davidson, N.C.	1,700	1837	1936–88, 1991	Wildcats	19 (16 SoCon)**
Elon University*	Elon, N.C.	4,956	1889	2003	Phoenix	16
Furman University*	Greenville, S.C.	2,600	1826	1936	Paladins	17
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro, N.C.	16,100	1906	1991	Eagles	15 (14 SoCon)
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro, N.C.	14,900	1891	1987	Spartans	18**
Samford University*	Birmingham, Ala.	4,485	1841	2008	Bulldogs	17
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	8,689	1886	1976	Mocs	17
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee, N.C.	9,000	1889	1976	Catamounts	16
Wofford College*	Spartanburg, S.C.	1,160	1854	1997	Terriers	18 (17 SoCon)

\*Privately funded institutions

\*\*Does not participate in SoCon football.

Information was provided by Southern Conference at [SoConSports.com](http://SoConSports.com).



## Bulldog Club to Provide Financial Support for Teams

Support for Samford University's athletics teams will have a new look and a new direction in 2008 as the university moves to the Southern Conference.

A unified Bulldog Club will provide financial support for all 17 varsity teams, although members can designate contributions to a specific sport. In recent years, several teams had their own support groups, but those are being consolidated in the revamped Bulldog Club.

Football, men's and women's basketball, and baseball will include ticket priority, VIP parking, team apparel, special events and other amenities based on giving levels. Gifts to the 13 Olympic sports will be 100 percent tax-deductible and will not include any amenities.

Vaughan Boyd Lyons '03, an athletics department employee for four years, has been named director of the Bulldog Club and will work with Athletics Director Bob Roller and Samford Athletics Foundation Executive Director Larry Long to develop financial support for athletics. Roller noted that the new format allows coaches to focus on coaching and team needs rather than fund-raising.

Lyons underscored the importance of the Bulldog Club because of the university's increased commitment to athletics through its new membership in the Southern Conference. "We

know that many teams in the Southern Conference are significantly ahead of Samford in fan and financial support," Lyons said. "For Samford to be competitive in all facets of athletics, not just on the playing field or court, it is important for the Bulldog Club to provide Samford student-athletes with the best opportunities possible."

Lyons said that 2008 Samford graduates will receive one year of basic membership free by registering for the Bulldog Club.

While the Bulldog Club will focus specifically on team needs, the Samford Athletic Foundation will focus on capital needs and endowment.

Information about Bulldog Club membership is available at [samfordsports.com](http://samfordsports.com) or by calling (205) 726-2966. ■



# Samford Ranks 27th Nationally, First in Alabama in New College Affordability, Productivity Study

Samford ranks 27th among all national universities in a new results-based ranking by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity [CCAP] of Washington, D.C. The CCAP is an independent, not-for-profit organization that studies higher education issues.

Samford is the highest ranked national university in Alabama in the study. The rankings were released in the May 19 issue of *Forbes* magazine. The CCAP rankings are based on student perceptions of the quality of courses and instructors, graduation rates and such factors as percentage of students winning nationally competitive awards. It also looks at the number of graduates listed in *Who's Who in America* because that publication includes undergraduate affiliations of those listed.

The organization measures student evaluations posted on RateMyProfessors.com, a nine-year-old website with 6.8 million student-generated evaluations.

"We always are pleased with national recognition," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, "because it affirms the work of our faculty, students, alumni, staff and friends in building the strong academic reputation of Samford University. That this latest recognition is based on research involving our outstanding faculty, graduation rates,

student involvement and quality of life makes it even more meaningful."

Samford ranks just behind Rice University (24th), Carnegie Mellon University (25th) and Georgetown University (26th) and ahead of the University of California–Berkeley (28th), the University of Rochester (29th) and the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill (30th) in the CCAP listing.

Samford is the highest-ranked evangelical university on the list and the second-highest ranked traditionally Baptist institution after Wake Forest University (19th).

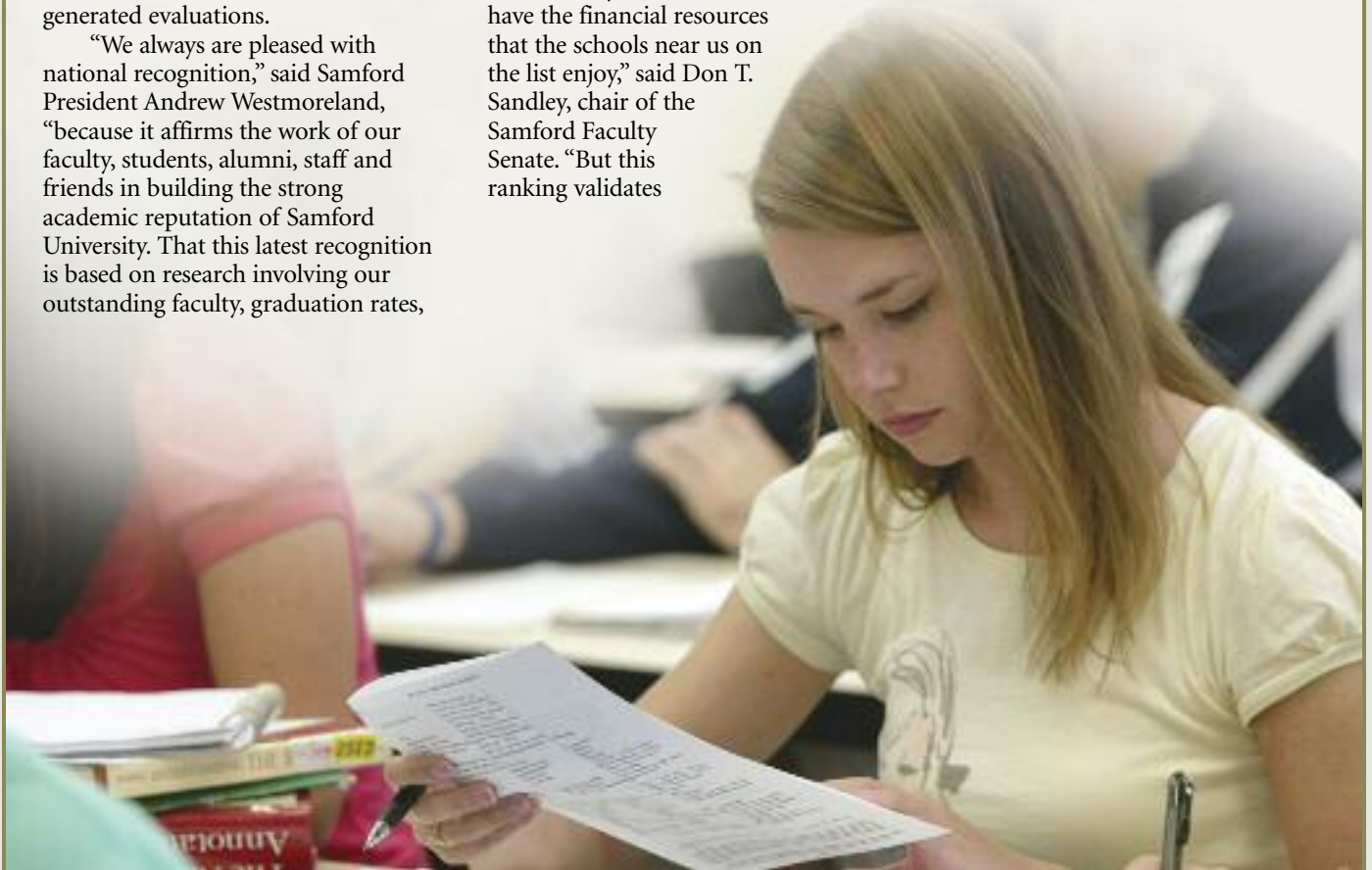
Samford also had the lowest total cost among the top 27 ranked universities at \$28,875. Although the University of Virginia's total cost for in-state students was lower than Samford's, the cost for out-of-state students was significantly higher at more than \$38,000 per year. UVA was the only public university among the top 27 on the CCAP list.

"Clearly, Samford does not have the financial resources that the schools near us on the list enjoy," said Don T. Sandley, chair of the Samford Faculty Senate. "But this ranking validates

something we have in abundance: commitment and passion for what we do. Students recognize passion for one's calling far more readily than academics do. I hope this marks an exciting new era in the national profile of this school we love."

Most of the top 27 institutions on the *Forbes* list are located in the Northeast. Samford and Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., were the only Southeastern schools among the top group.

In the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings released last September, Samford ranked 118 of the 262 institutions classified as national doctoral research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It was Samford's first year to be classified in the national category after 17 consecutive years among the top 10 regional universities in the South. ■





# Providing Life-Changing Experiences

by William Nunnelley

## National AACP Award Cites McWhorter's Work in Perry County

Pharmacy professor Charlie Sands first learned about Perry County four years ago when he was introduced to the area by fellow professor Gary Bumgarner. Dr. Sands immediately was struck by two things: the medical needs of the rural county—one of Alabama's poorest—and the potential for involving McWhorter School of Pharmacy students in a clinical ministry there. Perry County has no hospital and no emergency room.

Sands talked with members of the Perry County Health Care Task Force about possible programs.

"I told them we did not have a pre-packaged plan to implement but were interested in where they felt we could be of help in improving the health of Perry County people," Dr. Sands recalled.

They suggested concentrating on hypertension and diabetes.

"I thought this was perfect," said Sands, "as that was my background and training."

Thus began a program that has grown in scope for the past several years, and which was cited in June of 2008 by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy [AACP] as one of the top academic practice partnerships in the nation.

The AACP presented Samford one of its eight national Crystal APPLE Awards for providing "quality experiential education in an exemplary patient-care clinical teaching environment." (APPLE is an acronym for Academic-Practice Partnerships for Learning Excellence.)

The award cites McWhorter's work in operating weekly diabetes and cardiovascular risk reduction clinics in Perry County. Sands, Dr. Bumgarner and Dr. Condit Steil of the pharmacy school faculty established the clinics and have

worked there with their students for the past four years.

Initially, the pharmacy school set up a high blood pressure screening clinic at the Perry County Health Department.

"We held the clinic on Wednesday afternoons," said Sands, "and I took two students with me."

After a couple of years, the school funded a pharmacy resident (a graduate, licensed pharmacist) who lived in Perry County and helped develop the program. Samford then purchased a residence—the Holly House—in Marion, the county seat, enabling three or four students to spend a month in Perry County.

"The students began working daily in either the local pharmacies, physician's offices or the Perry County Health Department," said Sands. "We just completed our third year of having a full-time pharmacy resident in Perry and our second year of having senior students living in the Holly House."

Sands said the relationship with Perry County "has made possible a great clinical teaching site for our pharmacy students, as well as the opportunity to provide real pharmacist-enabled preventive medical services to the people of the county." He added that the people of Perry County "have been wonderful," and that data on hypertension and diabetes rates demonstrates the program is making a positive contribution.

The program not only has provided pharmacy students with valuable clinical experience, but also helped them understand the implications poverty can have on health. They quickly learned that part of their treatment would be educating patients about getting exercise, adopting better eating habits and not smoking.



Pharmacy professor Charlie Sands works with students Ashley Doles, left, and Candace Bachman during 2005 Perry clinic.

Student Brenna Wilson described a patient with high blood pressure and high blood sugar who needed to start exercising. She told him about the hypertension and diabetes clinics and a Walk for Wellness program the students hold.

"To my surprise, he was waiting for us at the walking trail and ready to go," said Wilson. "He said he would walk only halfway, but once he made it halfway, he decided he could walk a little further and set a new goal for himself. His determination was inspiring."

"It is our responsibility to call and remind him about future clinics and walking on Thursdays," she said. Not every patient is so responsive, she added, but part of the students' job is to encourage patients to work at their own health care.

"This is an excellent demonstration of educating students and providing meaningful health-care solutions," said pharmacy dean Bobby G. Bryant "The support of the university and the dedication of the faculty have provided many life-changing experiences for our students. As a faith-based institution, we are sharing our concern for the welfare of others and providing real-world experiences for our students." ■

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# It's Official Samford School of the Arts

by Mary Wimberley

Special presentations at three spring events celebrated an exciting name change at Samford and the announcement of a new named performance series.

What was the School of Performing Arts is now the School of the Arts, reflecting the inclusion of visual art and graphic design into the program that already included theatre, music and dance.

In September, the Davis Architects Guest Artist Series kicks off a 2008–09 line-up of performances by nationally known musicians. The music series is made possible in part through the generosity of the firm that has designed most of Samford's Georgian-Colonial buildings, including the series' performing venue, Jane Hollock Brock Hall. (*See schedule.*)

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and School of the Arts Dean Joseph Hopkins welcomed a sold-out opening-night audience to Samford Theatre's late spring production of *Cinderella* with preshow comments about the new school name and the series.

Hopkins noted the school's new mission statement, "Preparing today's artist . . . to shape tomorrow's world." He also invited arts enthusiasts to join a new Friends of Samford Arts support organization.

At a reception following the show, T-shirts and magnets embellished with the new School of the Arts logo (*see page 10*) were given as special reminders of the occasion.

Underscoring the diverse arts that are now brought together, Samford officials also noted the name change at receptions tied to the spring art faculty show and a May 6 musical performance by Samford choirs and orchestra.

Samford School of the Arts now includes art, graphic design, theatre, dance, musical theatre, instrumental (band and orchestra) music, church music, music education, theory, music history, vocal/choral music, piano, organ, composition and the preparatory music program. ■



## Davis Architects Guest Artist Series

- Sept. 5** **The Blair String Quartet**, resident ensemble at Vanderbilt University, with Samford faculty pianist Dr. Ron Shinn, will perform and meet with students in string lessons and coachings.
- Nov. 11** **Guitarist Christopher Parkening and versatile jazz/blues/gospel/opera singer Jubilant Sykes** will share with students about performance, Christianity and success in the music business.
- Feb. 12–14** **Morris Piano Competition with guest artist Jon Nakamatsu** in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13. Nakamatsu, winner of the 10th Van Cliburn competition, will serve as judge, clinician and master class teacher.
- March 5** **Concert of music by composer Libby Larsen** presented by Samford students and faculty. Larsen will be in residence to teach, coach and prepare the musicians for a performance of her work.

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. in Brock Recital Hall.  
Tickets: [samfordartstickets.com](http://samfordartstickets.com)

# 2008-09



## Samford Joins Jewish Community in Traditional Observance

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## REMEMBERED

by Mary Wimberley

In a special collaboration, Samford joined with members of Birmingham's Jewish community to host a series of Holocaust Remembrance events this spring.

During three days of informational and moving events, Jews and Christians shared stages and discussion tables to remember the period of history in which six million Jews and five million Gentiles perished.

"It was about bridge-building, and we succeeded," said Daniel Gale, cantor at Birmingham's Temple Beth-El and a planner of the events that drew overflow audiences of campus and community members.

The series evolved from an off-campus musical collaboration last year between Gale and Samford School of the Arts piano faculty member Kathryn Fouse, who decided to team again for a Samford concert.

"Religious and political differences are diminished when you begin making music together," explained Fouse. "Music

transcends barriers, leading to discussion and collaboration."

When Fouse checked the Samford calendar for an open concert date this spring, the best option was when the Jewish community traditionally observes Holocaust Days of Remembrance.

Plans for a modest concert soon grew into a schedule of talks by theologians and Holocaust survivors, a memorial concert and community commemoration service, a Holocaust-themed poster exhibition and a concert

by an ensemble from Birmingham's sister city in Israel, Rosh Ha-Ayin.

"From the outset, when Kathryn and I proposed the idea to members of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee, they were moved that Samford would offer to become involved," said Gale.

"Their enthusiasm grew as they saw how invested Samford was on every level," recalled Gale, citing the involvement of faculty, administration and students in the planning, participation and attendance.

For Jews, the annual Remembrance observance has a twofold meaning: to remember those who died and to continue to educate about how such horrific events can happen.

This year's Birmingham event was especially unique, says Gale, because it was held at Samford and was much larger in scope than the one service typically held at a synagogue.

"To have five events in three days was absolutely a first-time experience," said Gale. "And for it to be at a Christian institution was a powerful thing to us."

The memorial concert featured music composed in concentration camps as well as contemporary musical responses to the Holocaust. Samford musicians Fouse and School of the Arts Dean Joseph Hopkins shared the stage with Gale and cantor Jessica Roskin of Birmingham's Temple Emanu-El.

The lighting of memorial candles followed, involving Holocaust survivors and family members as well as Samford representatives. Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Temple Emanu-El and Samford President Andrew Westmoreland offered words of introduction and prayer.

In a forum, "The Righteous Gentile: Thou Shall Not Stand Idly by the Blood



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Cellist Avi Friedlander and cantor Daniel Gale present memorial service music. Far left: The Meitav Ensemble youth choir from Rosh Ha-Ayin, Israel, performs in Brock Recital Hall under the direction of Idit Krymolowski. Left: Lazar and Zinaida Golubova light memorial candles.

of thy Neighbor,” a panel of Jews and Christians explored the humanitarian role that Gentiles and others played in the Holocaust.

“We called them the ‘forever thankful,’” Ingrid Klein Roskin said of the people of various faiths who befriended her family of Dutch Jews during the Holocaust.

“We were taught that we would be forever thankful to them,” said Roskin, who as a small child was hidden and protected by an elderly Catholic couple in the Netherlands.

Panelist Max Herzel was 10 when Germans invaded his native Belgium in 1940. After seeking refuge in France, the family was assisted by various non-Jews, such as the doctor who treated his ill mother at a Catholic-run hospital.

“He knew that she was Jewish and would be sent to a camp if released,” said Herzel, who described how the doctor arranged to keep her at the hospital longer than medically necessary. “Thanks to that doctor, my mother never saw another German soldier.”

Roskin and Herzel were joined by Johannes Schwanke, a religion professor at Tübingen University in Germany, and Samford religion department chair

Kenneth Roxburgh in the discussion moderated by Samford Provost Brad Creed.

Roskin noted that “The Righteous” is her preferred term for those who came to the aid of families such as hers, since many Jews worked in the Resistance.

Schwanke, a specialist on German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, explained how the Resistance leader’s opinion on the persecution of Jews changed over time.

Bonhoeffer, he said, was a good example of many people who learned about and came to understand the evilness of the Nazi regime.

Roxburgh cited Swiss theologian Karl Barth and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill for their wartime stands.

While Barth’s initial opposition to Nazism was based on Hitler’s attempts to control the German church, Barth later broadened his disapproval to include all of Hitler’s policies. Through his writings, Barth made the Scottish church aware of what was happening, said Roxburgh, a native of Scotland and former pastor of Scottish Baptist churches.

Churchill, Roxburgh said, consistently spoke against Hitler.

“He warned Europe that they must stand up against Hitler, that appeasement wouldn’t work,” said Roxburgh, adding that while Churchill likely wouldn’t call himself a righteous Gentile, his leadership policies “were instrumental in taking down the regime.”

The two survivors agreed that their experiences had resulted in a deep respect for other faiths.

“Mother taught us to respect all faiths, because if people of different faiths hadn’t hidden us, we wouldn’t be here,” said Roskin.

The forum and the concert/memorial service were both held in Brock Recital Hall.

An audience of mostly Samford students filled Reid Chapel to hear survivors Riva and Isaac Hirsch share their stories.

The series ended with a performance by the Meitav vocal ensemble, a group of 13 teens from Israel. ■

# Cokie Roberts

## Revealing Letters

by Mary Wimberley

PEOPLE

### Women's Historical Missives 'More Frank,' Says Roberts

Veteran journalist Cokie Roberts told a Samford audience that letters written by, for and to women in the early days of U.S. history give a revealing account of their own influence and strength, and a much-needed "three-dimensional" view of the Founding Fathers.

"Letters that the men wrote to each other are serious, with an expectation that they might be saved for posterity, but those written to women are more frank, because it was expected that they would be destroyed," said Roberts, who stopped at Samford May 13 as part of a tour promoting her latest book, *Ladies of Liberty*.

"But the women's letters to each other about the men are the best," she added.

The book, based on letters Roberts spent years collecting and researching, tells of women and their achievements from the election of President John Adams in 1796 through the 1828 election of Andrew Jackson.

John Adams' wife, Abigail, said Roberts, was a strong, influential mate who was her husband's political eyes and ears. Her political sense was excellent until he became president, but then she lost her political instinct, said Roberts.

"People get elected and then develop a bunker mentality. They come to hate the opposition and the press," said Roberts, a senior news analyst for National Public Radio and a regular contributor to *ABC News*. For six years, she was cohost of *This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts* on ABC.

Adams, said Roberts, was like many women of the time who, though they had no voting rights, were both patriotic and passionate about the new nation.

During the days when the capital was newly located in the District of Columbia, women tried to "bring people together and make them behave" because political division and regionalism were so severe, said Roberts. "Somebody had



Cokie Roberts autographs *Ladies of Liberty* at Samford.

to exert a civilizing influence."

Dolley Madison's social graces played a role in James Madison's 1812 re-election, in which the unpopular candidate continued his presidency only because of the Electoral College.

"Mrs. Madison saved his administration because she had entertained many of the members of the Electoral College in her home, and she is credited with his re-election," said Roberts.

Following the War of 1812, as women influenced the nation's leaders, so did women around the country. "It was a time of excitement—a time of cohesion—and women started working to create social safety nets as writers, educators and organizers of benevolent institutions in order to turn the nation into a more caring and compassionate society," said Roberts.

"All the great social movements, such as abolition and suffrage, started in this period and were led by these women."

In Congress today, Roberts sees women crossing party lines more readily than men to pass legislation that is helpful to women and children.

Roberts underscored the importance of women being involved in the public and private sectors. "Where women really need to be is the boardroom, because that's where the decisions are made."

Regarding the current presidential campaign, she noted that the nation's early leaders had trouble designing a nomination process that would be both democratic and party building.

"Figuring out a nomination process has always been hard. The fundamental problem is that parties want to pick a winner, but also build the

party," said Roberts, who grew up "breathing and eating" politics at the family dinner table.

Her father, the late Hale Boggs, was a Congressman from Louisiana until his death in a plane crash. He was succeeded by his wife, Lindy Boggs. Now in her 90s, she later served as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

"Children were not excluded from the conversation," said Roberts of her childhood in Washington. "It was a useful way to grow up for the job I'm doing now."

Roberts is married to Steven V. Roberts, a journalist with whom she writes a weekly column syndicated by United Media.

Her Samford lecture, sponsored by Alabama Booksmith, was attended by a mix of students, faculty and off-campus guests. ■



# Brewer Plaza at Cumberland Honors ‘Modern-Day Atticus Finch’

by William Nunnelley

PEOPLE

Former Governor Albert Brewer was described as “our modern-day Atticus Finch” during dedication ceremonies April 4 for the imposing new Martha F. and Albert P. Brewer Plaza at Samford’s Cumberland School of Law.

The newly designed plaza in front of the law building, Memory Leake Robinson Hall, honors Brewer and his late wife for their achievements and contributions to the lives of countless Alabamians.

“He is our modern-day Atticus Finch,” said Cumberland Dean John Carroll, referring to the lawyer-hero of Harper Lee’s famous novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. “The courage and compassion that Governor Brewer exhibited throughout his distinguished career are examples to all of us.”

Brewer, governor from 1968 until 1971, is recognized for achieving much-needed reforms and new programs for Alabama. Historians rate him as one of Alabama’s most progressive governors; some call him the state’s first New South governor.

“In a time of strife and turmoil in the state, Governor Brewer never bowed to the politics of demagoguery that at times reflected poorly on our state,” said Alabama Lieutenant Governor Jim Folsom, Jr., during the ceremony.

Folsom noted that while Alabama is known as a “red” or conservative state, it has a strong progressive tradition. “Albert Brewer is the man who personifies that tradition,” said Folsom.

Former Lieutenant Governor Jere Beasley added that Brewer was “a unifier” rather than a divider. “He was one who brought people together,” said Beasley. “He had great vision.”

The former governor, who helped Samford found the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama [PARCA], taught at Cumberland School of Law for two decades before retiring last year. Martha Brewer died in 2006. Dean Carroll said the recognition of Brewer and his wife was made possible by statewide contributions from a broad cross-section of people.

Brewer was elected to the Alabama legislature in 1954 soon after finishing law school at the University of Alabama. He later served as speaker of the house

before being elected lieutenant governor without a runoff in 1966. He became governor two years later after Governor Lurleen Wallace died of cancer. He recalled her death with sadness in an earlier *Seasons* interview.

“She and I were friends,” he said. “We had a very warm and harmonious relationship, so there was a sense of grief.”

Brewer’s administration produced the largest appropriations increase for public schools in state history. He created the Alabama Development Office and introduced measures to economize the operation of state government.

Under Brewer, the Court of Appeals was divided into the Court of Civil Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals, the state Supreme Court was expanded by two judges and the first Ethics Commission was created.

He served on the executive committee of the National Governors’ Conference and was chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, vice chairman of the Southern Governors’ Conference and chair of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Brewer lost his bid for re-election to George Wallace in the spring of 1970, when Wallace was accused of running the most racist political campaign in Alabama history. Brewer returned to the practice of law and later moved back to his hometown of Decatur.

He joined Samford in 1987 as Distinguished Professor of Law and Government. The same year, he helped Samford establish PARCA, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that studies issues of public interest affecting state and local government in Alabama. He served as its first executive director and continues to serve as chairman of its board.

Brewer became a favorite with law students and faculty colleagues because of his wit, friendly manner and knowledge of the law.

“No one knows more about ethics and the code of law,” said Carroll. “He



Albert Brewer responds to plaza dedication remarks.

doesn’t wear his faith on his sleeve, but wears it in his heart and lets it guide everything he does.”

Brewer said earlier that being at the law school was “probably the most rewarding experience of my life” because he loved teaching, getting to know young people and serving the state through the work of PARCA.

To have the plaza named in their honor gives him great pleasure, he said at the dedication ceremony. His hope was that law students would use it to meet friends, make plans and build relationships.

A plaque honoring the Brewers was unveiled by law students Heath Brooks and Shannon Haynes, who are recipients of a scholarship the Brewers established to assist deserving students.

Brewer noted that he has taught more than 3,000 law students, who now practice all over the country and in other nations.

“All are good citizens, and I’m proud of them,” he said. “Martha loved law students,” he added. “She married one.” ■



Jared Diamond addresses a Samford audience.

# How The Mighty Have Fallen

by Sean Flynt

## Diamond Finds Lessons In Collapse

**W**e humans are nothing if not optimistic. We indulge unhealthy habits and hope medical research will rescue us from the resulting health problems. We consume petroleum with the assumption that somebody will discover alternative fuels just in time to sustain our present lifestyle. Above all, we believe that our complex societies will survive indefinitely and shield us from the negative consequences of our collective choices.

Jared Diamond has news for us.

Taking the stage at the 2008 Alabama Environmental Education Consortium [ALEEC] conference at Samford in April, the UCLA professor fetched buckets of cold water from his latest book, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Succeed or Fail*.

Diamond, master of multiple disciplines and languages, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and MacArthur “genius” fellowship, is at home with such big themes. His influential and bestselling book *Guns, Germs and Steel* offered compelling explanations for why some societies thrive while others do not. *Collapse* carries that work to its logical end by considering why even thriving societies fail catastrophically. If the other book showed readers a race, this one shows them a crash.

### FIVE FACTORS

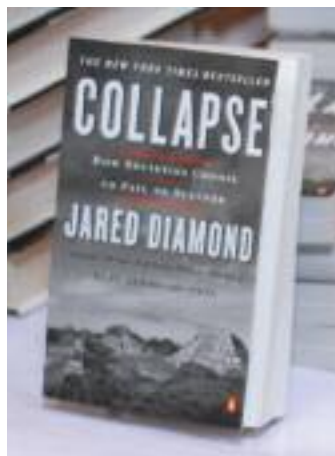
“It was the most fascinating, important and central question that I could think of to write about,” Diamond said of his latest research, an attempt to solve

“romantic mysteries—namely, the mysteries of past societies that collapsed, leaving behind as abandoned monuments former cities in the middle of rainforests or deserts.”

In his book and on the stage, Diamond led a parade of human folly. Here were the Maya, with the most advanced pre-Columbian society but already absorbed into the jungle when Spanish explorers passed nearby in the 16th century. Here were the Anasazi, whose abandoned 12th century buildings were the tallest in North America until Chicago sprouted skyscrapers at the end of the 19th century. And, lest anyone start feeling superior, here was Viking Greenland, a catastrophic failure of “blond-haired, blue-eyed, literate, cathedral-building Germanic peoples.” Each society faced similar problems, especially related to their natural environments. Each failed to solve those problems or adapt, and each collapsed as a result.

Contrary to his first thoughts, Diamond observed that societal collapse isn’t simply a matter of manmade environmental catastrophe or “ecocide.”

“Societies don’t succeed or fail only because of their success or failure in dealing with environmental problems,” he said. Rather, they turn on five key factors:



**Environmental impact:** Societies sometimes destroy the natural resources they require for survival.

**Climate change:** A suddenly drier, wetter, warmer or colder climate can contribute to collapse if a society is already weakened by other factors.

**Enemies:** A society weakened by other factors is more susceptible to conquest.

**Friends:** Reliance on other societies for essential goods is fraught with

danger because those societies are subject to the same pressures and are as threatened by collapse. Diamond offered the example of U.S. dependence on oil from unstable external sources.

**Responses:** How does a society respond to the pressures created by the other factors? Are society’s elites shielded from the negative consequences of their actions? If so, that’s a bad sign because, according to Diamond, those elites will tend not to use their power to address problems until it’s too late to solve them.

For a good example of a bad example, Diamond turned to the Pacific Ocean.

### EASTER ISLAND

The vanished Polynesian society of Easter Island left little more than a barren landscape punctuated with colossal and eerie stone Moai statues. But Diamond said archaeology and paleobotany have revealed that the island’s first settlers, arriving 1,000 years ago,



found “not the famous wasteland we see today.” Rather, he said, they found “a lush subtropical forest of several dozen tree species, including the biggest palm tree in the world.” The forest was essential to the islanders’ survival, and their society ultimately fell with the trees.

Diamond said one of his UCLA geography students once asked him what the Easter Island lumberjack was thinking as he felled the island’s last tree. Other students chimed in, with strong influence from their own society:

“Don’t worry! Technology will solve all our problems by discovering a substitute for wood.”

“This land is mine! This tree is mine to do with as I please! Get the big government of the chiefs off my back!”

“I’m so sick and tired of those tree-hugging, lily-livered, greenie environmentalists who care more about some wretched trees than they do about the jobs of us loggers who have to feed our children. I’m sure their fears are exaggerated. There are probably some trees over in the next valley. What we really need is more research and, certainly, a ban on

logging would be premature.”

“Human cognition is a constant in history,” Diamond noted. He said he has chosen the Easter Island society, “the one that grabs me the most,” as his touchstone “because the metaphor is so obvious.”

“When the Easter Islanders messed up their own environment and got into trouble, there were no other people to whom they could turn for help, and there was nowhere else they could flee because they no longer had wooden canoes.” Likewise, he said, modern humans have only this planet, for better or worse, and no hope for rescue by “green extraterrestrials” if we make it uninhabitable.

### HOPE, DIAMOND?

Diamond acknowledged the truth articulated by his wife—that his subject is a downer—and pointed to against-the-odds success stories in Iceland, Japan and New Guinea. “There are plenty of parts of the world where societies have gone on for centuries or millennia or tens of thousands of years without any

sign of collapse,” he said. Still, such success is far from guaranteed.

During his research for *Collapse*, Diamond said, “I finally realized it wasn’t enough to talk about success or failure in past societies, when, today, we in the modern world face all the same problems that faced societies in the past—problems of forests, water, climate change and topsoil, in addition to new problems that were not problems in the past.”

The past offers lessons for the future, and Diamond said one lesson of historical collapses is especially compelling. “Environmental problems dragged down the most creative and powerful societies of the past,” he said. “We’d better believe that they are a threat to us and they will drag us down today if we don’t solve them.”

To those who worry about the economic cost of solving those problems, Diamond said, “the strongest reason to take environmental problems seriously is economic. Environmental problems are relatively cheap and easy to solve in the early stages, but if we wait until the late stages, then they become either impossible to solve or prohibitively expensive to solve.”

Far from being immune to collapse on the order of Easter Island society, Diamond added, modern humans are capable of much greater damage to the environment and to each other than were the Easter Islanders. “Ten thousand Easter Islanders with stone tools took about 800 years to deforest their whole island. “Today, we have six-and-a-half billion people with chainsaws, bulldozers and nuclear power, and we are deforesting the whole planet far faster than the Easter Islanders were deforesting Easter Island.”

Modern globalization (file under “Friends” above) presents another unprecedented risk. In the past, societies collapsed in relative isolation. Today, “any place, no matter how remote, if it gets into trouble, there are consequences for the rest of the world,” Diamond said.

Diamond allowed that modern humans do have one great advantage over the doomed societies of the past. In fact, the advantage was embodied by the ALEEC conference itself, sponsored by Samford’s Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education.

“Today,” Diamond said, “we have the opportunity to learn.” ■

Colossal stone Moai statues are relics of a vanished Polynesian society on Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean.



# ‘He just wanted to help people...’

by Jack Brymer

## Pastor’s Concern, Handshake Contracts Brought Water Quality to West Jefferson County

Nobody wanted to drink the well water at Oak Grove Baptist Church in the early 1960s. It looked and tasted like acid, because the water source was covered by a coal seam six feet deep. Plus, there was another problem. The water supply was insufficient and dwindling.

The entire Oak Grove community was affected. Nearby Oak Grove High School was hauling water in by trucks.

James “Jim” Clark ’51 was the new pastor at Oak Grove Baptist. He resolved to do something about the problem. Clark’s old Howard College friend, Sigurd Bryan ’46, recalled the reaction of some in the community. “They said it couldn’t be done,” said Bryan.

Undaunted, Clark enlisted the assistance of two deacons, William Rothe and Felix Raney, to find a solution. They began a process that ultimately consumed more than two years, involved federal agencies and reached the office of the state’s senior senator, John Sparkman.

Their first stop was the office of Bessemer Mayor Jess Lanier, where they asked if a water line could be run to the church and nearby school. The mayor said yes, but only if the entire area were incorporated into the city.

“I knew that was not an option,” Clark said.

Next, they contacted the Birmingham Water Works Board. The board refused to help, saying Birmingham could not cross water lines belonging to Bessemer, which would be necessary to get water to Oak Grove.

“That left us with only one option,” Clark recalled. “Put in our own system.”

At the suggestion of its congressman, Richmond Flowers, the committee

visited the U.S. Housing and Urban Development [HUD] office in Atlanta, Ga. Here, they encountered another roadblock. HUD couldn’t help because the Oak Grove Community was unincorporated. It began to look as if the naysayers had been right.

HUD had a suggestion: Contact the Farmers Home Administration [FHA]. Clark and his group did so, and finally received some encouragement. The FHA advised them on how to make a funding application. Form a committee representing the affected communities, said the FHA. Empower the committee to lead the effort, employ an engineer and attorney, and work up a cost estimate.

Clark and his group quickly scheduled a public meeting in the high school gymnasium to do something about the problem. The overflow crowd showed how badly a water system was needed. People gathered from Oak Grove, Adger, Johns, Alliance, Birmingham Port, Prudes Creek, Big Creek, Mud Creek, Rock Creek, Dogwood Grove and Smithville to show their support. They elected a steering committee with Clark as chairman.

The committee established an office with volunteer leadership, but it still had no money. Clark said everyone understood they would receive no money unless the FHA application came through.

Clark turned to another church member, Don Reed, a Birmingham Water Works employee, to identify the best engineering company in the city. He recommended Byrd and Associates of Homewood, and Clark set up a meeting with the company president, Kenneth Byrd.

“I told him our problem—which was that we didn’t have any money—but

that if he would do the study and get the cost, we would do the leg- and paper [legal] work, and that if funding was obtained, he would get paid,” Clark said. “We shook hands and the deal was done.”

Clark knew a young attorney, Harold Ackerman, who had helped a neighboring church with a bond issue. He asked Ackerman to do the legal work. Ackerman agreed, and they also shook hands, “his only guarantee of payment,” said Clark.

“Well, I just happened to be an old country boy reared in Washington County back when we did business on a handshake,” Ackerman said of his agreement. “I put need before everything else, and if you do a good job, remuneration follows.”

Ackerman spent almost two years on the project, which, according to Clark, never would have happened without him. Asked if he received adequate remuneration for his work, Ackerman replied: “Not for the time I had in it, but I got paid.”

(Ackerman added that the best feeling he ever received for legal work was when he was appointed by the District Attorney to defend a Navy veteran on a charge of attempted murder and was paid only \$100. “I saved his life,” Ackerman recalled. “What more can you do for a man?”)

With an attorney on board, Clark turned his attention to finances.

First, he contacted the FHA office in Montgomery, Ala., which agreed to recommend a system for the Oak Grove area. He recalled that a member of another church he had served worked for Senator Sparkman in Washington, D.C. “It was an election year, and Sparkman was going to have opposition for the first time,” Clark said.



He called his friend in Washington, learned the senator would be in Birmingham March 16, 1966, and arranged to meet him when he arrived at Tutwiler Hotel to speak at a breakfast meeting.

“It was cold with sleet and rain when Sparkman got out of the car,” Clark recalled. “I greeted him right there on the curb. When he got out, he said:

‘Preacher, keep up the good work, and if you need anything, get in touch with my secretary, and we’ll see what we can do,’ and we shook hands to seal the deal.”

Byrd and Associates completed a survey and presented plans for a filter plant that would serve 918 customers. The plant, which would cost \$1,225,000 and be incorporated as the Warrior River Water Authority Project, was submitted

to Robert Bamberg, state director of the FHA in the U.S. Department of Agriculture office in Montgomery. A short time later, Clark received a letter from Senator Sparkman with “the good news of approval of the project.”

The authority was incorporated in April 1966. Don Reed, the Oak Grove church member and Birmingham Water Works veteran, was hired as the first general manager and served until his retirement in 1999. Stan Brock manages the authority today.

Currently, the system has about 600 miles of water lines, and a service area of 306 square miles in the southwestern portion of Jefferson County and approximately 28 square miles in the northeast tip of Tuscaloosa County. It has more than 30,000 customers and is valued at \$39.6 million.

“He’s the reason it’s here,” Reed said of Clark’s contribution. “Brother Clark is like a bulldog. When he’s convinced, he takes hold of it. He wouldn’t turn loose. He just wanted to help people, and this was one way he could do it.”

Clark, now 89 and living in Oneonta, Ala., served the Oak Grove church 10 years. In addition to his efforts with the water project, he led the construction of an education building, renovated the sanctuary and established a perpetual-care plan for a cemetery next to the church that had been a point of conflict in the church for a number of years.

“It was the busiest and roughest 10 years I spent anywhere,” he said.

What was the payoff for the countless phone calls, miles traveled and hours spent planning to get water?

“A water system second to none serving the needs of west Jefferson County communities,” Clark said. “It all began without a written contract, only a promise sealed with a handshake.”

They’ve had good water in west Jefferson County for more than 40 years now, thanks to the efforts of an activist preacher who refused to believe that it couldn’t be done. ■

Retired pastor Jim Clark ’51 said he was proud of helping west Jefferson County get “a water system second to none.”



# CAMPUS update

## Herndon Named Director of Library

**K**immetha “Kim” Herndon has been named director of the University Libraries and librarian effective July 1. The announcement was made June 4 by Samford Provost J. Bradley Creed following a year-long national search.

Herndon comes from Shorter College, Rome, Ga., where she had been on the staff of Livingston Library since 1989. Most recently, she had been dean of libraries since 2001. At Samford, Herndon will oversee a collection that now exceeds one million volumes.

“Samford is fortunate to have found someone who brings outstanding administrative and academic credentials to our ever-expanding library system,” Creed said. “With our increased emphasis on undergraduate research and expanding academic programs, Kim Herndon is the ideal person to help lead our libraries.”

Herndon received a bachelor of science in agricultural economics from the University of Georgia and a master of library science degree from the University of Alabama. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association.

Herndon replaces Jean Thomason, who retired in June 2007 after 11 years as Samford’s library director. Suzanne Peterson has served as interim director and will return to her full-time role as associate librarian and collection management coordinator.

“Samford’s library staff, under the very capable leadership of Sue Peterson, has ensured that we have continued to progress,” Creed added. “The university is very grateful for their dedicated service at all times, but especially during this year of transition.” ■

## Samford Students Give Helping Hand to Tornado-Damaged Union

**T**welve Samford students got their hands a little dirty April 12 in the process of helping their counterparts at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. The “dirty dozen,” plus two Samford staff members, spent the day assisting with landscaping chores on the Baptist campus that was severely damaged by a tornado Feb. 5.

They turned earth, pulled weeds, uprooted shrubs to prepare ground for new dirt and mulch, and planted new trees during their brief visit to the Tennessee town 232 miles northwest of Birmingham. The group made the five-hour drive to Jackson on a Friday evening and returned Saturday night after a chilly, nine-hour workday.

Dean Smedley, a Samford residence life educator who accompanied the group, said their work was especially

appreciated near the building that houses Union’s School of Pharmacy, which had a review from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education scheduled later in the month. “They wanted to try to make the area look as nice as possible,” said Smedley, adding that the Union grounds crew had not had time to work on the project because of other pressing needs.

The volunteers traveled in a van loaned by Shades Mountain Baptist Church and driven by Samford missionary in residence Dale Wood. Student participants included Jessica Barton, Katie Campbell, Mark Cook, Matt Dixon, Kallie Ernest, Kendall Fruge, Carter Jones, Matt McEniry, Jessica Nix, Paul Sloderbeck, Lindsey Vaughn and Cynthia Wozow. ■

## Shipleigh to Direct International Program

**V**eteran Samford University faculty member David S. Shipleigh has been named director of international programs for the 2008–09 academic year. The appointment is effective July 1.

As director, he will oversee a broad-based, year-round international study program. Samford maintains a center in London, England, and has ongoing study-abroad opportunities in Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece and Costa Rica, in addition to opportunities available through partnership organizations and universities. He also will work with students from abroad who come to study on Samford’s Birmingham campus.

Shipleigh replaces Marigene Chamberlain, program director since 2005, who is moving to the full-time teaching faculty in the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

“Dr. Shipleigh is an ideal person to lead Samford’s burgeoning international studies program as we expand our global education emphasis,” said Associate Provost J. Mark Bateman. “He brings the right combination of academic awareness and practical experience to this critical part of Samford’s mission.”

Shipleigh is associate professor of journalism and will continue to teach at least one course in the journalism and mass communication department. During the spring 2007 semester, Shipleigh was faculty-in-residence for Samford’s London Studies Program and has been involved in other international study opportunities.

“In a time of fear and apprehension, the best course of study for world citizenship is exposure, education and mutual understanding in the global village,” Shipleigh said. “For our students and for students who come from overseas to study at Samford, a study-abroad experience is the ultimate transforming educational experience.”

Shipleigh joined the Samford faculty in 1993. He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Georgia, and the doctor of philosophy degree from Louisiana State University. ■



## 'Self-Scheduled Semi-Productivity' Is Humphreys' Goal

Several months ago, Samford divinity professor Fisher Humphreys saw retirement described as a time of "self-scheduled semi-productivity." He said, "That sounds 'bout right to me, and I'll be pleased if my own retirement takes that form."

Humphreys retired in May after 18 1/2 years at Samford and 40 in theological education. He actually plans to work at seeing his three grandchildren in New Orleans at least once a month, and continuing the writing that has enabled him to produce 14 books and numerous journal articles.

"I hope to write some more books," he said. "I'm going to wait until I've been retired for a couple of months before I decide where to begin with that."

History professor Marlene Rikard, retiring after 37 years at Samford, and law librarian Becky Clapp after 33, also have plans to continue their writing. Divinity professor Jerry Batson, retiring

after 19 years, plans to visit out-of-state grandchildren, do supply preaching and finally get to those long-postponed projects around the house.

Rikard hopes to finish a history on Pattie Ruffner Jacobs, Alabama's leading suffragist, and to continue work she started years ago on the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company's welfare capitalism system. This summer, while house-sitting at Daniel House in London, she will continue researching painter Roderick MacKenzie, traveling to Bristol, England, to track down a large painting he did of the Delhi Durbar in India in 1903.

Clapp will work on two legal research and writing projects she has underway.



Humphreys



Rikard



Clapp

Rikard looks forward to travel in retirement, "unencumbered by the constraints of an academic calendar," as long as her money and health hold out. One destination will be her small condo in Gulf Shores, where she will be "listening to the surf and reading a good mystery."

Clapp has plans involving books as well, such as organizing her home library and reading history, biographies, mysteries and classics of English literature.

"I am looking forward to finding out what life is like *not* controlled by a semester system," she said.

What will they miss?

Daily contact with colleagues and students, they all agree.

And what will they not?

"Searching for a parking place," said Rikard, probably echoing the thoughts of each. ■



Batson

## Samford Nurse Anesthesia Program Receives 'Transformational' Grant of \$788,389 for Upgrade

Samford University's nurse anesthesia program has received a \$788,389 grant for a clinical simulation program in the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. The three-year grant is from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The funds, highlighted by a first-year award of \$458,589, will be used to establish a clinical simulation program with special attention to training nurse anesthetists for rural and underserved areas in Alabama and Mississippi.

"This is a transformational grant," said Dean Nena Sanders. "We are very excited about expanding our nurse anesthesia program to better serve areas where most at-risk populations live."

Samford has a strong health-care emphasis in Alabama's historic Black

Belt region, and nursing students and faculty have been involved with those projects for several years.

"By having rural and underserved areas of Alabama and Mississippi as a focus of this program, we will continue to contribute to the outreach efforts Samford is already sponsoring in several rural Alabama communities," Sanders added.

The master's degree program in nurse anesthesia began six years ago and received the maximum 10-year accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs in 2006. Currently, there are 65 students enrolled in Samford's nurse anesthesia program.

The grant will be used to enhance existing curriculum by using "innovative and interactive teaching methods with a particular emphasis on practice in rural

and underserved practice settings," according to nurse anesthesia program director Mary C. Karlet.

The grant-funded project is designed to "prepare graduates with cultural and spiritual competence, and the inclination and skills to practice in rural and medically underserved areas," Karlet said.

"One of the purposes of our project is to strengthen the curriculum by incorporating simulation activities. Our aim is to prepare nurse anesthetists who are capable of independent decision-making yet work well in a team interdependent setting. Simulation case scenarios can help our students develop these skills."

The simulation project implementation will begin during the 2008-09 academic year. ■

# Young Scholars Excited About New Samford Academic Program

After two years in the planning, Samford will unveil its University Fellows program this fall. A total of 40 Fellows will comprise the inaugural group of freshman scholars. Their average ACT score is 31, and their number includes eight National Merit Finalists, a National Hispanic Scholar and a National Achievement Finalist.

The University Fellows program began as the Samford Scholars Initiative, which grew out of the university accreditation self-study ending in 2006. It targets academically gifted high school students for a highly competitive program of innovative liberal arts courses, international study and undergraduate research.

The program has attracted wide interest, according to Associate Provost Mark Bateman, drawing about three times as many applicants (190 to 60) as Samford's older Honors Program.

"The increased, serious interest of students in Samford's academic programs is gratifying," said Bateman. "We have received applications for the new program from all over the globe."

The new program is different in three ways, according to Dr. Chris Metress, program director.

"The University Fellows program has a distinct curriculum, a set of courses designed specifically for these students," he said. "International study is built into the new program, with a trip to Rome for everyone and funds for other overseas travel. It provides special undergraduate research opportunities and fellowships for students to present their research at a national conference during their junior or senior year."

Metress, an English professor, will teach one of the newly designed courses, a four-semester Great Books course called the Western Intellectual Tradition. The Fellows program will have even smaller classes (13 to 15 students) than Samford normally offers, and also will include such new courses as Writing and Rhetoric, Scientific Inquiry, and Calling and Leadership.

University Fellows will take several non-Western culture courses already offered in the Samford curriculum during their junior and senior years.

University Fellow Kley Sippel of Greenville, S.C., said he felt Samford was a "spectacular match" for him. The new program "sealed the deal," he said, "by providing an even more challenging course structure, promising opportunities to study hands-on, around the world, and exclusive undergraduate research possibilities."

Fellow Hannah Rogers of Nashville, Tenn., said several schools she considered offered opportunities for academic rigor, but Samford was the best fit for her. "It is impossible for other universities to offer such small class sizes and feeling of community," she said.

"I can't wait to get to Samford," said Fellow Deborah Rodriguez of Miami, Fla. "No school has ever excited me before. Now, I'm anxious for school to begin." ■

## UNIVERSITY FELLOWS







Billy and LaVona Rushton, left, look over the 40th anniversary program for Samford's Rushton Memorial Carillon with President Andrew Westmoreland.



# Bells Ring Out to Celebrate 40th Anniversary of Carillon

## Watson, Who Played Carillon Dedication in '68, Performs 40th Anniversary Concert

The strains of Arthur Lynds Bigelow's *Fantasia in F* rang down from Samford's Rushton Memorial Carillon May 5, just as they did 40 years ago during the dedication concert for the renowned instrument.

Carillonneur Richard Watson performed the piece—and music from six other composers—that he played during the inaugural carillon concert May 5, 1968.

Watson joined Samford as lecturer in music and university carillonneur in June of 1968, a month after he played the inaugural Rushton concert. He remained at the university five years before leaving in 1973 to join the cast bell, carillon and chime division of The Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, bell manufacturers.

In 1991, he cofounded Meeks, Watson and Company, which casts and tunes high-quality bells for carillons across North America. Watson also serves as carillonneur for the Emery Memorial Carillon in Mariemont, Ohio.

"It is hard to imagine that it has been 40 years," he said of his return to play the Samford anniversary concert. "There is a saying that 'you can't go home again,' but I still feel very much at home at Samford after all these years."

Watson dedicated the original 49-bell Rushton carillon that hung in the steeple of Reid Chapel. Samford moved the carillon to the tower of Davis Library in 1979 and added 11 bells, bringing it to its present 60-bell, five-octave configuration. It is the eighth-largest of 181 carillons in North America.

In the anniversary concert, he played the Bigelow piece as a tribute to his mentor. He also

played Fritz Kreisler's *The Old Refrain*, arranged by Anton Brees, a friend of Watson who was carillon adviser to Col. William J. Rushton, donor of the Samford carillon.

Watson had performed the selections by Bigelow and the arrangement by Brees in his inaugural concert in 1968. He also drew on that concert to reprise Matthias van den Gheyn's *Prelude XI in F Major*, Georges Clement's *Pavane*, Kamiel LeFevre's *Gavotte* and F. Percival Price's *Air with Variations*.

His hour-long concert included a variety of other works for carillon including North American folk songs and three dance movements.

Samford carillonneur Stephen Knight also contributed to the 40th anniversary celebration with May 7 and 8 concerts, including his arrangement of *Flemish Dance*, followed by LeFevre's arrangement of Mozart's *Adagio for Glass Harmonica in C Major*.

Knight also played Rusterholz's *Theme and Variations*, Gary C. White's *Reflections*, from Jean Miller's *Three Short Pieces for Carillon*—"Air" and "Lullaby," and his original composition, *Rondino for Carillon*.

In a nod to the country that is so closely associated with carillon production and playing, Knight played the Dutch national anthem, followed by *The Star-Spangled Banner*. ■

Col. William J. Rushton, Jr., left, and Samford President Leslie S. Wright admire the largest bell of the Rushton Memorial Carillon before its 1979 installation in the Davis Library tower.





# A Samford-Style Commencement

## Graduation's Return to Campus Draws Applause

Spring commencement returned to the Samford campus for the first time since 1989 in May, and the change from graduating downtown seemed to be a hit with all concerned.

"Students and their families relished the opportunity to be on campus and take many pictures at various places," said Paul Aucoin, dean of academic services and registrar. "The statue of Ralph Beeson must have had a waiting list of people wanting to take pictures there."

The faculty liked the return also, according to Faculty Senate Chair Don Sandley. "The consensus was that it was a nice experience and felt more like a Samford-style graduation," he said.

The campus was overrun with thousands of smiling students and family members for two days of programs focusing on individual schools as well as the graduating class as a whole. A total of 803 seniors from 26 states received degrees.

The new format of multiple ceremonies kept Aucoin and the academic services staff hopping.

Graduations for the pharmacy, business and nursing schools, plus baccalaureate service, were held Friday, May 16, all in Wright Center.

The ceremony for the schools of arts, arts and sciences, and education and professional studies was Saturday morning, May 17, in Hanna Center. With some 4,200 attending and almost 400 graduating, this was the largest of the commencement exercises.

The law school held its traditional Saturday afternoon program in Wright Center. The divinity school held commencement May 6 in Hodges Chapel, combining its annual consecration service with graduation.

"Pulling off seven commencement-related ceremonies brought many people from

various campus units together to ensure that each ceremony was special to those attending it," said Aucoin, whose office coordinated the effort.

He noted that President Andrew Westmoreland and Provost Brad Creed participated in each ceremony.

Previously, all the schools except law graduated in a single ceremony. Samford





# Graduation Program Capsules



by William Nunnelley

moved spring commencement to the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena in 1990 to accommodate the growing crowds attending the event.

Samford's Hanna Center is filled to near-capacity May 17 for the first May Commencement on campus since 1989. At left: Graduate Barbara Anita Cline of Birmingham receives her diploma from her great-grandfather, 103-year-old James A. Head of Birmingham.



## School of the Arts, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies

Samford English professor J. Roderick Davis '58 encouraged graduates to ask the right questions as they head into their postuniversity years but cautioned them to know what was important to ask. "It helps to have learned something about the subject already," he said.

Davis said that, "unfortunately, the fearless asking of good questions in the public sphere seems to have languished a lot." One result is the environmental problem the world faces because of the refusal to limit carbon emissions.

He said the technology exists to create alternative energy that will reduce carbon emissions before reaching the tipping point beyond which it would be impossible to recover. "There is hope if we act in time."

Davis closed by asking the students what good questions they would go out and ask today. "Make it a question that you, when you come back 50 years from now, will be pleased with your younger self for asking."

## Brock School of Business

Financial planner Gregory R. Powell '81 asked graduates to consider what they would do if they knew they couldn't fail. Without a fear of failure, there would be total confidence and no anxiety to limit fulfilling dreams and goals, he said.

Powell likened the graduates' diplomas to their own Declaration of Independence. "It is your freedom to stand fully for your beliefs, your values," he said.

"No one is successful or fulfilled unless they touch the lives around them and create value for all," he added. Powell is chief executive officer of Fi-Plan Partners in Birmingham and chair of the Brock School of Business Advisory Board.

## Beeson Divinity School

Retiring Beeson Divinity School professor Fisher Humphreys underscored the need for graduates to love God and to love their people. "The most important thing in life is that we love because he first loved us," said Humphreys.

Basing his message on I John 4:7-21, he said, "The meaning of our lives is to love God and our neighbors. This is also

the meaning of your ministries."

Humphreys added that graduates cannot love their neighbor as a substitute for loving God, nor vice versa. The professor will retire after almost 40 years in theological education, the last 18 at Beeson.

## Cumberland School of Law

Federal District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal of Houston, Texas, said the key to professional success is to find satisfying work. Law can be tedious and demanding, she said, but "being a lawyer has given you an incredible range of opportunities, public and private."

She encouraged graduates not to get so wrapped up in the profession that they fail to take opportunities to affect the system. Using procedural law as a guide, she suggested ways for graduates to avoid "professional dissatisfaction."

She said graduates could volunteer time, talents and thought to working on rules at all levels and in other parts of the justice system infrastructure.

"Like all infrastructures, it needs maintenance," she said. "The world changes. The rules must change as well."

## Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing

Nursing graduate John Derrick reminded his classmates they represent "the very best of nursing, a profession that recognizes global worth and dignity." The former missionary who came back to earn a nursing degree said, "Go forward knowing that you will make a difference in people's lives."

Derrick, who posted the highest academic average in the class and graduated summa cum laude, said nursing school prepared graduates well, teaching "the importance of excellence, the benefit of discovery and research, and the value of community."

He added, "Thanks to the nurture of this faculty, I feel able to swab the back of a kid's throat, run and interpret an EKG, give a shot in the muscle of your choice or to sit at the table with representatives of UNICEF and World Vision to discuss global health-care needs of children."

## McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Cancer researcher Douglas Figg '87 saluted graduates on reaching their goal of earning a degree and challenged them to use the new degree for something besides simply earning a six-figure paycheck.



President Andrew Westmoreland presents a diploma to one of Samford's 803 seniors.

"Use the degree you receive to make a difference," he said. He urged them to set goals and make plans to accomplish those goals. "A goal without a plan is just a wish," he said.

Figg, a senior scientist at the Center for Cancer Research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., asked seniors to think about a variety of situations in which they could make a difference, such as volunteering with a nongovernment organization to fight multidrug-resistant malaria in Africa, or working with the Food and Drug Administration to alter the drug approval process.

"Think of the impact you could have on your profession, your community, the country and world," he said.

### Baccalaureate Service

Beeson Divinity School professor Fisher Humphreys urged seniors to live by the five virtues that the Apostle Paul used to describe Jesus' way of life. He based his remarks on Colossians 3:12 in which Paul said "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

"In this verse, it is clear that Christianity is both a supernatural religion and a practical religion," he said, noting that Christianity is about a transcendent God "who has created us and who has called us together to be the people of God," and is also about a way of life that God "calls us to live in the world."

He added, "We are to live the way that Jesus lived and taught." ■

*Mary Wimberley and Philip Poole contributed to this story.*

## Aragón Makes Long Journey to Graduation

by Mary Wimberley

**G**raduating seniors had many proud family members in attendance during May Commencement activity.

None may have been prouder nor have come farther—in more than one way—than bachelor of arts graduate Jill Aragón and her parents.

Aragón's early childhood was spent as the daughter of an atheist, Marxist father and a passive Christian mother. She remembers well the day 11 years ago when her father, after 20 years denying the existence of God and 10 years spreading Communism in Nicaragua as a Sandinista soldier, became a Christian.

At the baccalaureate service on her commencement eve, Aragón stepped to the Wright Center stage to translate as her father, Daniel Aragón, prayed the invocation in his native Spanish. Rev. Aragón is now pastor of a Baptist church in Cedro Galan, Nicaragua, and director of Christian schools in that country.

Soon after her father's conversion, Jill also became a Christian, and while working with visiting medical mission teams, set her sights on becoming a pediatrician.

"I wanted to get a First World education that would allow me to be a more efficient doctor," said Aragón, who also knew that her father's salary as pastor of

a small, rural church wouldn't pay for education in Nicaragua, much less in the United States.

While in high school, she met Birmingham physician Frank Page during one of his medical mission trips to her country. Soon, Dr. Page, who is a member of the Samford board of overseers, became her benefactor to attend Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham.

After a year at the community college, she was offered a full-tuition academic scholarship to Samford to complete her premedical requirements. At Samford, she has excelled academically, gaining membership in several honor societies and serving as president of Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society.

"My time at Samford has been a dream come true," she said. "I always had faith that the Lord would provide a place for me to grow academically, spiritually and socially. He, as usual, provided me with more than what I asked for by sending me to Samford."

"Even though I am thousands of miles away from Nicaragua, in this place, I feel at home," said Aragón, who graduated summa cum laude in a premedical



Senior Jill Aragón translates the baccalaureate prayer of her father, Daniel Aragón of Cedro Galan, Nicaragua.

curriculum with a major in Latin American studies and a minor in biology.

Aragón acknowledges that her personal journey has been hard at times because of the separation from loved ones and everything familiar to her.

"I miss home a lot, and I mention 'Nicaragua' in most conversations I have, but I am proud to be here representing my nation," said Aragón.

After graduation, she will work a year in orthopedic surgical research at the University of Alabama at Birmingham before enrolling in medical school to pursue her career dream.

"I still desire to go back to Nicaragua with my First World education and use it to impact the health care of my nation," said Aragón. ■



# '58 Class Recalls First Commencement

Members of the Class of 1958 can recall knocking down a wall in a barracks used as a men's dorm, keeping mum after setting off false fire alarms, and other antics in the waning months of life as they knew it on the East Lake campus. The spring of 1957 ended an era for them and Howard College.

The next fall, they became the first senior class to study on the new Lakeshore Drive campus.

"We didn't have much in the way of buildings, but we had each other," said Truett Guffin, recalling how plaster would fall from the ceiling of his French classroom on the old campus.

He and 42 classmates returned to campus during commencement weekend in May—some for the first time since graduation—to be recognized for their historic claim as the first class to graduate in Homewood.

At a banquet following the baccalaureate service, each class member received a "Golden Bulldog Decree," a handsome, diploma-like document, from President Andrew Westmoreland. Each also received a program with written updates on all who attended.

On Saturday, during the first May commencement in Samford's Hanna Center, they donned caps and gowns to process onto the arena floor and be seated alongside the Class of 2008. Their introduction brought a warm ovation from the crowd.

The banquet allowed time for getting reacquainted and reminiscing

about friendships that were solidly forged on the old campus. Class members brought that camaraderie to the Lakeshore Drive campus, where they enjoyed new buildings and endured lots of red mud on the hillside landscape.

David Davidson recalled the episode of walking the campus flagpole from East Lake to Homewood. When the Howard men had to leave the heavier-than-expected pole in a ditch along the way, students from cross-town rival Birmingham-Southern College took it to their campus.

"That was the most humbling part of it. We had to go beg for it," said Davidson.

The pole survived not only the trip, but the past five decades. For more than 30 years, it stood beside Davis Library. After new flagpoles were erected in Sherman Circle during the late 1990s, the old flagpole was placed outside the centerfield fence of Joe Lee Griffin Field.

Westmoreland commended the 50-year graduates on their successes and accomplishments. "It's important to remember that it's ultimately not about buildings. You are living examples that facilities don't have to be perfect to get a good education."

**Pictured below:** Members of Samford's Class of 1958 gather for a reunion during commencement weekend. They are, **from left, front row,** Faye Franklin Allen, Doris Jones, Kathryn

Hodges Wright, Priscilla Weeks Compher, Jo Kicker, Clara Nell Jones Shirey, Ila Jo Wallace Bishop, Tommie Byrd Slaughter, Evelyn V. Freeman, Marilyn Gwin Butler, Elizabeth R. Boackle, Janice Putman Gillespie, Ruth L. Rabby, J. Roderick Davis, William Felton Chilton and Amos L. Courtney; **second row,** Alice W. Owens, Ralph Thomas, Robert Henderson, Iris G. Ethridge, Robert R. Compher, Eugene Elder, Horace W. Powell, James Bishop, Rudolph Davidson, Charles B. Stroud, Edmond M. Fortune, Charles Cunningham, William O. Smith, William A. Vessels, Earl J. Calvert, Tom Peden and Joe F. Hopper; **back row,** Don Palmer, Ira L. West, David Davidson, Bill Justice, Bill Brock, Bobby Britt, Albert Lipscomb, Warren Fields, Wallace Kent and Truett Guffin.

**Inset:** Robert Henderson and Kathryn Hodges Wright were among more than 30 who marched with this year's class at commencement May 17. ■



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ALUMNI

'39 **Arminda Howell Thompson** lives at St. Martin's in the Pines apartments in Birmingham. Her immediate family includes eight Samford graduates, with graduation years ranging from 1935 (sister **Angeline Howell Florence** of Birmingham) to 2000 (nephew **Grant Hatcher Thompson** of Huntsville, Ala.). She is a retired teacher.

'47 **Frances W. Williamson** lives in Indian Springs, Ala., where she reports that her Sherman Oak seedling, an offspring of the revered tree on the East Lake campus, is thriving.

'49 **E. Ralph Barber** of Pell City, Ala., participated in the Honor Flight for World War II veterans to visit the World War II, Korea and Vietnam memorials in Washington, D.C., in late April 2008. They also visited the Iwo Jima statue and Arlington cemetery.

**Henry Raymaker, Jr.**, is a volunteer teacher of Creek Native American descendants in Dublin, Ga. He is a retired clinical psychologist.

'58 **James Wallace Kent** is senior pastor of Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., where he has served since 1971. He is active in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He and his wife, Bettye Zoe, have six children and nine grandchildren.

**Cecil and Sharon S. Sewell** '71 live in Cornersville, Tenn. She is a retired educator and he is interim pastor at Southside Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March.

'59 **Douglas E. Newman** retired as regional sales manager for Gulf States Steel. He and his wife, Frances, live on Weiss Lake near Centre, Ala.

'61 **Norman and Julia Alice Granade Rice** live in Birmingham. He recently was elected a life deacon at Shades Crest Baptist Church, where she is in her second term as a deacon.

'64 **Jack Wayne Robbins** is pastor of Berryhill Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

**Nina Isley Sinclair** of Gulfport, Miss., retired after 36 years teaching first grade and kindergarten.

'69 **Cherry Elizabeth Haney Fishburne** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., owns Crest Advisory Group.

'70 **Dennis F. Moore** and his wife, Jane, recently completed their fifth mission trip to rural Cuba, where they visited house churches and assisted with renovations. They live in Greensboro, N.C.

'72 **Marilyn Bollinger** teaches sixth grade language arts and social studies at Asheville Middle School, Asheville, N.C.

**Darryl Royce Wood** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Vincent, Ala.

'73 **Frank Clark Gilmore III** is an attorney in Birmingham.

**Darlene Spruiell Jordan** of Knoxville, Tenn., retired in May after 20 years teaching elementary school. She and her husband, Alan, are parents of two Samford graduates, **Phillip Jordan** '03 and **Melissa Jordan** '06.

**Max E. McBrayer** is senior vice president of RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

'74 **Joseph W. Norman** and his wife, Rebecca, recently moved to Indianapolis, Ind.

'76 **Earl Ann Lenert Bumpus** is director of First Steps Preschool at First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas. She and her husband, Mark Alan, have two children.

**Cathy Jones Eades** of Birmingham is a deputy district attorney in Jefferson County.

**Andrew Michael Manis** was named a Fulbright Scholar to Greece for the spring 2009 semester. He will lecture on race, religion and U.S. presidential politics, and begin research on a biography of Father Sam Gouvellis, a Greek Orthodox priest in Birmingham during the Civil Rights Movement. His host institution will be Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He teaches history at Macon State College, Macon, Ga.

'77 **Ann Thornton Field** is chair of the general litigation department and member of the management committee of the 500-attorney Cozen O'Connor law firm based in Philadelphia, Pa. She was recently named vice chair of the Board of

## Horton, Choir Perform in Ryman



Photo by Allison R. Banks

**B**anjo player Bobby Horton '72 performs March 18 with the Samford A Cappella Choir in the famed Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. Horton, a member of the band Three on a String, is a music history expert who

helped producer Ken Burns select songs for his TV documentaries on the Civil War, baseball and other subjects. The performance was part of the choir's spring tour. ■



Visitors of the National Judicial College, which provides judicial education and professional development of the nation's judiciary as well as judges from other countries. She serves on various community service boards.

**Martha Kate Dunlap Saylor** teaches music at Upson Lee North Elementary School in Thomaston, Ga. She and her husband, Bill, have two children.

'78 **Mary Lou Allen Conway** is a surgical services nurse at Brookwood Medical Center, Birmingham. She and her husband, John, have three children.

**Lila R. Laurent** of Mars, Penn., is preschool director at Dutilh United Methodist Church.

**Samuel Neugent** of Pelham, Ala., is a missionary with E3 Partners.

'79 **Brenda Rushing French** of Sandy Hook, Va., is polytrauma nurse educator at McGuire VA Hospital, Richmond, Va. Her unit serves veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan military operations. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children.

'80 **Dorian K. Damoorgian, J.D.**, was appointed to the Florida Court of Appeals, Fourth District, West Palm Beach, Fla., by Florida Gov. **Charlie Crist, J.D.** '81.

**Lucretia Fountain** of Nauvoo, Ala., is a pharmacist at English Plaza Pharmacy, Jasper, Ala. She and her husband, Frank, have a son, Justin.

**Rick Greene** is worship pastor at Dallas Bay Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

'81 **Cheri Long Garasi** is director of musical arts at First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Fla.

**J. W. Watson** is pastor of singles and missions at First Baptist Church of West Monroe, Monroe, La.

'82 **Rand Wayne Key, J.D./M.B.A.** '85, is senior vice chancellor of Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, Texas.

'83 **Janet Marie Anthony** works at Jordan Rainbow Play Systems, Birmingham.

**Robert Epperson** is pastor of Cedar Hills Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

**Kathy Ingram** of Altoona, Ala., is a nurse in the emergency room at Marshall Medical Center North, Guntersville, Ala.

**Mike and Julie Atwater Seals** '84 live in Birmingham with their three children, Blake, 19, Tyler, 16, and Mary Caroline, 12. He is president and owner of Seals

Leasing Group. She is a sales representative for MyLogoSource.

**Cheryl Shelton Sims** teaches early childhood music at Lake Highland Preparatory School in Orlando, Fla., and coordinates school, convention and community programs. She is founding director of Academy Singers. Her Legacy 12 youth singing group was named U.S. winner of the 2008 International Olympic Committee Sport and Singing Contest for its song, "I Stand Amazed."

**Jerry Tapley** received the 2008 Jodi Spiegel Enhancement of Customer Service Award given by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. He is director of employment services for JEVS Human Services, Philadelphia, Penn.

'84 **Kelly Gurley Lambert** is the author of *Lifting Depression: A Neuroscientist's Hands-On Approach to Activating Your Brain's Healing Power*. She is chair of psychology at Randolph-Macon College. Her "smart rats" research has been featured on *ABC's World News Tonight*. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Mechanicsville, Va.

**Michael G. Shumate** is pastor of Union Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C. He and his wife, Edith, have two children, Rebekah and Aaron.

'85 **Jo Smith Blaylock** received a doctor of management in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix in April. She is director of human resources for enterprise, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She and her daughter, Kaitlin, live in Cherokee, N.C.

**Robert Moses Clark** is director of music/worship at First Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala.

**Alan T. Drennen III, M.B.A.**, is a corporate adjuster with Wachovia Bank, Birmingham. He and his wife, Charlotte, have three children.

**William M. Griffin** is associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Tillman's Corner, in Mobile, Ala.

**Lee Gurley** is a teacher at Moody Middle School, Moody, Ala.

**Billy Johnson** is senior pastor at Lighthouse Community Church, Harpersville, Ala. He and his wife, Charlene, have three children.

**Greggory Nicholson** serves with United World Mission in Thailand. He is team leader for Bangkok and is ministry coordinator for the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand. He and his wife, Julie, have four children.

**R. Scott Pearson** received a Ph.D. in agricultural, environmental and development economics from Ohio State University. His research used experimental economics techniques to investigate the impact of credit reporting on microfinance. He is assistant professor of business management and economics at Washington College, Chestertown, Md., and director of a student portfolio management program. He is president of Value View Financial Corporation money management firm.

'86 **James L. "Sam" McElroy** was named 2008 Man of the Year by the Milan, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce. He is associate pastor for music/administration at First Baptist Church, Milan.

**Joanne Harrison, Ed.S.**, of Hueytown, Ala., retired from Birmingham city schools. She recently completed a mission trip to Honduras.

**Timothy Thompson** is associate professor of music at Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Fla.

'87 **Denise Stimpson Bates** is a project manager with Interactive Intelligence of Indianapolis, Ind. She is based in Alexander City, Ala.

**Cheri Mangum Maddox** is middle school principal at Westminster Christian Academy, Huntsville, Ala. She lives in Toney, Ala., with her husband, Jeff, and stepchildren, Marissa and Noah.

'88 **Carla Barnes Jones** and her husband, **David Jones** '89, live in Attalla, Ala. She is an endoscopy nurse at Gadsden Surgery Center, and he is pastor of First Baptist Church, Attalla. They have two sons, Jared and Jacob.

'89 **Donald Basil Nelson** is realtor/broker at RE/MAX by the Bay, Daphne, Ala.

**Alicia Thrash Storbeck** and her husband, Jim, are founders of Auburn, Ala.-based Initial Outfitters direct sales company, which has teamed with Charlie's Lunch ministry to open lunchrooms around the world. The first opened in Honduras this year to feed children in poverty, and to offer training in hygiene and life skills.

**Paul Reed Windham** is controller with McCartney Construction Company, Inc., Gadsden, Ala. He lives in Trussville, Ala. He and his wife, Marisa, have two children.

'90 **Nancy W. Doljac** owns a machine quilting business in Lawrence, Kan.

**Mary Katherine Oliver** teaches English as a second language and is small-group coordinator for her church in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

'92 **Neal Brasher** is assistant professor of theatre arts at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

**Tamara McKinney Chadwick** lives in Morris, Ala., with her husband, Ronny, and their daughter, Maleah, 3.

**Randal Griffith** and his wife, Melody, live in Arlington, Tenn. A therapist and teacher, he helped start a residential treatment facility for boys with behavioral problems. He has three sons, John, 21, and twins, Nathan and Zach, 12.

**Grant Guffin** and his team at Collierville, Tenn.-based Flashlight Films is a partner with the University of Alabama and Collegiate Images to produce the video, *Defining Moments: The Stories Behind Alabama Football's Greatest Plays*. The five-documentary set will be available late summer.

'93 **Eli Guadalupe** is a pharmacist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

**Michael Harmon** of Chelsea, Ala., teaches and coaches at Briarwood Christian School. He and his wife, Dana, have four children.

**Jenny Cherry Henry** lives in Vestavia Hills, Ala., with her husband, Mike and their two children, Lawson Michael and Thomas Rawls.

**Leah I. Johnson** is a case manager with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Birmingham.

**Kimberly Lumpkin** lives in Hayden, Ala., with her husband, Kevin, and son, Nathan Tanner, 2.

'94 **Matt Mitchell** is director of a Christian suspense/thriller, *Pray*, the first of three feature-length movies he is writing and directing for Bridgestone Multimedia Group. *Pray* received four Doves from the Dove Foundation. Mitchell, a partner in Cross Shadow Productions, based in Raleigh, N.C., is married to former Samford student Amy Sanders.

'95 **Deborah Martin Barnwell, M.S.E. '03**, is a gifted-education teacher at Corner Elementary School, Warrior, Ala. She and her husband, Robert, live in Morris, Ala. They have two children.

**Brad Clement** earned the Accredited Buyer Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council, Inc. of the National Association of Realtors. He is a licensed real estate broker with RealtySouth-OTM-Acton Road in Birmingham.

**Andrea Williams Coleman** and her husband, Brent, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala., with their daughters, Sophie and Selah. She teaches second grade at Vestavia Hills Elementary West and is a consultant with Creative Memories.

**William E. Goodwin III**, pastor of Lincoln Baptist Church, Lincoln, Ala., is moderator-elect of the Coosa River Baptist Association and serves on the State Board of Missions' Board of Aid scholarship committee. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Thomas and Rebekah.

**Kirsten Russell Kelly, Pharm.D.**, and her husband, Joe, live in Knoxville, Ala., with their four children, Rebekah, Bennet, Sarah Abigail and Miriam. She works at Winn-Dixie.

**Bridget D. Mann** of Alabaster, Ala., earned an M.B.A. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in May. She is quality control manager, small business credit services, Compass Bank.

**Taylor Edenfield Noble, M.T.S.**, is a licensed marriage and family therapist who works with abused youth, troubled adolescents and families in southern California. She has two sons.

**Shannon Leigh Tripp Schultz** lives in St. Cloud, Fla., with her husband, Carter, and their four children, Carleigh, Olivia, Sawyer and Grace.

**Eric Jason Smith** graduated in May with a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

**Leigh Wilson** is a residential agent with LAH Real Estate, Inc., Birmingham.

'96 **Karen Bennett-Milton, M.B.A.**, is a senior analyst with Integrated Benefit Solutions, Birmingham.

**Mitchell D. and Karen Eubanks Brantley '98** live in Gulf Breeze, Fla., where he is an attending physician in emergency medicine at Baptist Hospital-Pensacola. They have two children, Grace and Max.

## Brothers Four . . . Samford Style



For a few years in the 1970s, the four Dennis brothers enjoyed overlapping college careers at Samford as they prepared for careers in health care . . . two becoming physicians and two becoming pharmacists. From left are twins and former Bulldog cheerleaders, Bradley and Rodney '73, David '75 and Gary '78. Bradley is chief medical officer at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham.

Rodney is a urologist with Urology Centers of Alabama in Birmingham. David is night shift coordinator of pharmacy at Brookwood Hospital. Gary is a pharmacist with American Family Care in Clanton, Ala. The Dothan natives and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members, who often return to campus individually for events, recently convened for a photo on Centennial Walk. ■



**Kent Ellington** is a dentist in Rome, Ga. He and his wife, Ashley, have a son, Murray Chastain, born in October.

**Stacy Leigh Northington Farry and David Farry '96** live in Chelsea, Ala., with their daughter, Anna Caroline, 2.

**Christopher Allen Hill** is an assistant professor of English at University of Tennessee at Martin. He and his wife, Weslee, have two children, Jonathan Daniel and Andrew Christopher.

**Joel and Kasey Crowe Mixon** live in Birmingham. He is a radiologist at Trinity Medical Center with Birmingham Radiological Group. They have two children, Ashby and Sam.

**Brandon Ryan Teal, Pharm.D.**, is district pharmacy supervisor with Walgreen Co., Montgomery, Ala. He and his wife, Laura, have three children. They live in Deatsville, Ala.

**Roy Williams** works in real estate in the affordable housing department at C. W. Capital, Atlanta, Ga.

'97 **April Ann Harris Cagle** is a teacher in Tyler, Texas. She and her husband, Joe, have two daughters, Natalie, 3, and Jenna, 2.

**Karen Marie Nurkiewicz Caldwell** is senior infrastructure manager with AT&T in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Ethan and Madelyn.

**Lindsay Michelle Williams Galloway** lives in Marietta, Ga. She and her husband, Tim, have three children, Ethan, Summer and Lucy.

**Vera McClendon Lee, Pharm.D.**, lives in Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, Chris, and daughter, Mary Duncan.

**Charlotte Salors Lowery, M.B.A. '03**, is assistant vice president, tax, with Protective Life Insurance Co., Birmingham. She and her husband, Melvin, have two daughters, Amanda and Tiffany.

**Amanda Dee West** of Arlington, Texas., teaches at Rosemont Middle School, Fort Worth.

'98 **Dixie Davis Bailey** lives in Huntsville, Ala., with her husband, Robert, and their two children, Bobby and Jimmy.

**Jackie Vogel Fogas** is senior copy editor and special projects coordinator at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. She and her husband, Michael, have a daughter, Gabriella, born in October.

**Melissa Bennett Kaplan** is director of Hadassah International Medical Relief Association, New York, N.Y.

**Lucas Michael and Kelley Chapman Larkin** live in Sarasota, Fla., with their three children, Kathryn Carter, William Chapman and Hudson Kevin.

**Sharla Manglitz** is an attorney with Fowler, White and Burnett law firm in Miami, Fla. She is a graduate of Thomas M. Cooley School of Law.

**Connie Miodrag Rocket** and her husband, Tim, live in Stockbridge, Ga.

'99 **Constantina Louise Caudill Angevine** is staff pharmacist at University Hospital, Health Alliance in Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband, Brent, have twin sons, Hayden and Noah, 2.

**Brentley Tyler and Kerry Gissing Cobb** live in Birmingham, where he is a labor and employment attorney with Balch & Bingham law firm. They have three children, Molly Elisabeth, Grace Perry and Benjamin Redden.

**Sarah Thomason Creal** is an occupational therapist at Carondelet Health System in Tucson, Ariz. She and her husband, Jonathan, have a daughter, Audrey Faith, born in September. They live in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

**Parker Grimes Dail** of Charlotte, N.C., is vice president of sales for Corporate Health Strategies LLC, a diabetes management company. He is pursuing a master's of divinity at Southern Evangelical Seminary.

**Frank R. Davis III** of Birmingham is a case worker with family court, where he works with children who have mental health issues.

**Nicole Case Eisenberg** is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with the U.S. Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va.

**Kristen Locke, Pharm.D.**, married Philip Schmitt in January. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. She works at VA Medical Center.

**Chanda Mangiaracina** is choir director at Kefwick Christian School, Pinellas Park, Fla. She and her husband, Nick, have two children, Elena and Lucia.

**Leigh Ann Marchino Pesterfield** and her husband, Andy, live in Hoover, Ala., with their two children, Ben and Ashley.

**Patricia A. Pugh** received a Ph.D. in human services with a specialty in health care administration from Capella University in December. She is a nurse at VA Medical Center, Birmingham.

**Scarlet Little Thompson** of Birmingham is state director of communication and marketing for the American Cancer Society.

'00 **Andy Bishop** of Cartersville, Ga., works at Synthes Trauma. He and his wife, Kristen, have a daughter, Kate, 3.

**Christine Brantner Lloyd** is a neuropsychologist at The Neuropsychology Clinic in Huntsville, Ala. She also has a practice in Orlando, Fla., where she and her husband, Thomas, live.

**Robin Raulerson Mehler** is coordinator of the adolescent parenting program at Children and Family Resource Center, Hendersonville, N.C. She and her husband, Jason, live in Asheville, N.C.

'01 **Melissa Martin Brunson** lives in Rainbow City, Ala., with her husband, Andy, and their three children, Meleah, Madi and Emma Reagan.

**John and Elizabeth Bryan Cameron** live in Memphis, Tenn., where he is an environmental court staff attorney and referee. They have two children, Sarah Ann and Thomas Andrew.

**Scott Conley** and his wife, Erin, live in Toluca Lake, Calif.

**Karen Leah Lake, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacist with CVS Pharmacy, Bowling Green, Ky.

**David Lemoine, M.Div.**, is a financial adviser with Waddell & Reed, Manchester, Conn.

**Amanda L. McCollum** is a financial planner with L. Paul Kassouf and Company, Birmingham.

**Dana R. Winter Nidiffer, Pharm.D.**, is a compounding pharmacist and women's health specialist for Custom Compounding Centers, Johnson City, Tenn. She and her husband, Jason, and their two children, Austin Cody and Autumn Hope, live in Bristol, Tenn.

**Adam Thomas, M.Acc.**, is manager at KMPG LLP, Birmingham. He and his wife, Kathryn, have two children, Kathleen and Alice.

**Marc, Pharm.D.**, and **Anna Catherine Evans Wattenbarger, Pharm.D.**, live in Lenoir City, Tenn. He is pharmacy manager at Kmart Pharmacy in Sweetwater, Tenn. She is a Kmart pharmacist in Maryville, Tenn.

'02 **Michael L. Catoe** is founder of a music copyrighting and promotions company, Shiny Dome Music Group, and is operations/production manager for The Village, a re-entry and restoration program for non-violent offenders and homeless men in Birmingham. He also teaches guitar in the Samford After Sundown program. He and his wife, Raygen, have a daughter, Bonnie, 1.

**Celeste Williams Coffman** is a guidance counselor at Monrovia Middle School in Huntsville, Ala.

**Benjamin Keith Conforti** of Davie, Fla., received a doctorate in clinical psychology. He is completing a postdoctorate residency and teaching at a community college in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Rebekah Duke** married Christopher Michael Edmonds in July 2007. They live in Decatur, Ga. She received a master's in divinity at McAfee School of Theology in May.

**Elizabeth Elaine Evans** married Kevin Hagan in October. She is associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Gaithersburg, Md.

**Amber Roper Long** received the 2008 Florine Oltman Award for special librarians given by the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies. She is librarian at *The Birmingham News*.

**Jared Michael Monahan** is an assistant state attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He lives in Bradenton, Fla.

**Michael Casey** and **Kelli Renae Parrish Muncher '03** live in Haleyville, Ala. He is director of bands, and she is a special education teacher for city schools. They have a daughter, Zoey Elizabeth, born in January.

**Amy Young Osborn** and her husband, Jim, founded the Austin Hatcher Foundation to support pediatric cancer research after their infant son, "Hatch," died of cancer in 2006. She also started A Mother's Arms clothing line for infants. They live in Ooltewah, Tenn. For information, go to [hatcherfoundation.org](http://hatcherfoundation.org).

**Donna Wimberly** is an acute care nurse practitioner at University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital.

'03 **Christin Beasley** married Ross Brown in April. She is an alumni affairs specialist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. They live in Dora, Ala.

**David Torrence Corey** recently earned a master's in public communication with an emphasis in crisis communication and bloggers at American University. He is a communications assistant at the American Association of Port Authorities in Alexandria, Va.

**Latricia Davis** married Judah Askew in April. They live in Boston, Mass., where she is a senior marketing representative for the New England Institute of Art. She is also a freelance stylist for area photographers.

**Jamie Gibson** is staff counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C. He provides

legal analysis on church-state issues that arise before Congress, the courts and administrative agencies. He and his wife, Jennie, live in Arlington, Va.

**E. Cori Hairel** is a system administrator for Public Risk Underwriters, Lake Mary, Fla.

**Charles Nathan** and **Allison Reid Lumbatis, J.D. '06**, live in Dothan, Ala. He is a licensed professional counselor at Dothan Behavioral Medicine Clinic. She is an attorney with R. Bruce Hall, LLC.

**Kimberly Lynam, M.Div.**, married Jefferson Wax III in April 2008. They live in Helena, Ala.

**Amy Myers** earned a Ph.D. in psychology at Baylor University. She teaches at Tarleton State University and conducts research on the effects of chemotherapy on cognitive abilities in children. She lives in Waco, Texas.

**Robert Jason Pacienza** is executive pastor of Rio Vista Community Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Jamie Rebecca Rainwater Wilkinson** is a charge nurse at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham.

**Neil Alan Wood, Pharm.D.**, is a critical care pharmacist at Summit Medical Center, Hermitage, Tenn.

'04 **Matthew French Downs** is director of predevelopment services at Liberty Investment Properties, Maitland, Fla. He develops extended-stay hotels across the country. He and his wife, **Melissa Ashley Mikkelson Downs '03**, have a daughter, Melissa Avery, born Jan. 11, 2008.

**Philip Hall, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacy manager at Walgreen's in Jamestown, Tenn. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons, Trey and Andrew.

**Lindsey Arnold Henry** and her husband, Zach, live in Charlottesville, Va. She earned a master's in social work at the University of Alabama in May.

**Chad Timothy Hunsberger** is minister of recreation at McElwain Baptist Church, Birmingham.

**Matthew O'Hern** is a sports writer for *Hometown News*, Merritt Island, Fla.

**Lindsay Austin Douglas Sikora** graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, La., and is in a residency in pediatrics at University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Fla.

'05 **Bobbi Jo Barr** is a social worker at Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare, Louisville, Ky.

**Anna Bloom** is program manager with the Autism Society of Alabama in Birmingham.

**Ellen Blount** and **Brian Hake '07** married in March. They live in Atlanta, Ga. He is an accountant with Prudential. She is pursuing a master's in teaching at Mercer University.

**Britni Fletcher** of Chesterfield, Mo., received a master of medical science degree from St. Louis University in December.

**Havilah Gale Helms** is a nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

**Derek Simmons** is district sales manager with Liberty Mutual, Nashville, Tenn.

'06 **Jennifer Shea Baker, Pharm.D.**, is pharmacist in charge at Fred's Pharmacy, Fayetteville, Tenn. She and her husband, Jeremy, have one child, Mackenzie.

**Scott Fowler** is pursuing a degree as a physician's assistant at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was a pitcher on the Samford Bulldog baseball team.

**Courtney Bonde Keen** is alumni director for Christ Presbyterian Academy in Nashville, Tenn. She is also middle school head volleyball coach.

**Chelsey Lynn McEntire** is an interior designer at Davis Architects in Birmingham.

**Mary Anna Newby** received a master's in social work at the University of Denver.

**Mary Emily Powell** is a nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

**Tanya Humphries Rogers** of Lawrenceville, Ga., is a biology teacher in Gwinnett County public schools.

'07 **Melanie Chism** and **Christopher Dewaal** married in July 2007. They live in Louisville, Ky.

**Sophia Maria Martorana Clanton** is judicial coordinator at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif.

**Cara Pruett** and **Benjamin E. Dennis '08** married in July 2007 in Reid Chapel. They live in Schertz, Texas.

**Kenyatta L. Taylor, M.S.N.**, works at Long Term Hospital of Birmingham. She lives in Pleasant Grove, Ala.

**Sheri Janene Thomas** married Nathan Herum in January. They are both enrolled at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. She is also percussion instructor at Briarwood Christian School.

'08 **Stacey Lyn Jovanovich** teaches fifth grade in Hoover city schools. ■



# HOMECOMING

October 24–26, 2008



### Featured Reunions (Already Announced)

1971 National Championship Football Team  
Chi Omega  
Daniel House (London Study Centre)  
Gamma Sigma Sigma  
Phi Mu  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Sigma Chi  
Step Sing participants  
Zeta Tau Alpha



On Saturday, join us for Live @ the Library with Dr. Wayne Flynt '61 and singer-songwriter Kate Campbell '83, the homecoming parade, reunions, lunch on the Quad, football vs. The Citadel and much, much more! Sunday morning worship will be led by James Barnette '83 and other Samford alumni.

### Special Weekend Celebration of the Samford A Cappella Choir!

Friday night's program honors Dr. Gene Black '59. Saturday night's A Cappella Choir reunion concert features guests from the School of the Arts.

It's going to be a full weekend in Birmingham, so make your hotel reservations now!



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# births

- '89 Angela and Robert W. Gordon, Jr. of Gurley, Ala., the adoption of a daughter, Danni Ruth, 6, from China, Nov. 15, 2007.
- '90 Lee and **Anne Herrin Brown** of Montgomery, Ala., a daughter, Annelise, born July 16, 2007.
- David and **Suzanne Allison Cantley** of Pinson, Ala., a daughter, Yulia Allison, born June 1, 2007, and adopted from Kazakhstan March 28, 2008.
- '91 Michele and **Gary M. Bullock** of Birmingham, the adoption of a daughter, Isabela, born April 6, 2007.
- Richard and **Denice Burseson** of Deatsville, Ala., twins, Sydney and Michelle, born March 20, 2007.
- '92 Tank and **Amy Christmas Tankersley** of Birmingham, a daughter, Elizabeth Joy, born May 5, 2007.
- '93 **Dawn Tanis Godwin** and **John Godwin '95** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a son, James Patton, born Dec. 18, 2007.
- Jill and **John Hill** of Huntsville, Ala., a son, Noah Wesley, born March 28, 2008.
- Ben and **Jennifer Corey Johnson** of Santa Maria, Calif., a son, Luke, born April 6, 2007.
- Michael** and **Summer Sisk O'Neal '99, M.S.E. '00**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Collier Elizabeth, born Nov. 29, 2007.
- '94 David and **Rebecca Rowell Cooke** of Macon, Ga., a daughter, Madeline Ruth, born July 13, 2007.
- Amy Holman Monroe** and **Ed Monroe '95** of Birmingham, a daughter, Anna Leigh, born Dec. 10, 2007.
- Sarah and **Jonathan A. Simpson** of Spanish Fort, Ala., a daughter, Elizabeth, born Dec. 4, 2007.
- Miranda and **Douglas E. Wood** of Dothan, Ala., a daughter, Sara Kate, born April 1, 2008.
- '95 Brent and **Andrea Williams Coleman** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a daughter, Selah Kathleen, born June 6, 2007.
- Tara and **David Douglas Dorsey** of Marietta, Ga., a son, Luke David, born Dec. 6, 2007.
- Shae and **Leonardus Sherrod Eason** of Misawa, Japan, a son, Jelani Fidelis, born Feb. 2, 2008.
- Vic and **Julie Holland Griggs** of Scottsboro, Ala., a daughter, Tess Victoria, born Oct. 4, 2007.
- Douglas and **Kendra Mesta Putthoff** of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., a daughter, Mary, born June 24, 2007.
- '96 Jade and **Shelah Hubbard Acker** of Alabaster, Ala., a daughter, Kaelah-Joy Danielle, born Jan. 19, 2008.
- Ashley and **Kent Chastain Ellington** of Rome, Ga., a son, Murray Chastain, born Oct. 15, 2007.
- Weslee and **Christopher Allen Hill** of Martin, Tenn., a son, Andrew Christopher, born March 7, 2008.
- Nathan and **Shelley Simmons Lovell** of Greenville, Ky., a son, Mason Watson, born Oct. 5, 2006.
- Eric and **Amy Armstrong Masaschi** of Sugar Hill, Ga., a son, Judson Collier, born Feb. 27, 2008.
- Chris and **Megan Rutland Mileski** of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Greer Elizabeth, both Jan. 10, 2008.
- '97 **Brian** and **Kelly Moran Beukema, Pharm.D. '04**, of Bradenton, Fla., a son, Banks Michael, born Dec. 10, 2007.
- Laura Daniel Cohron, Pharm.D.**, and **Chris Cohron, J.D. '99**, of Bowling Green, Ky., a son, Christopher Travis, born Nov. 1, 2007.
- Maurice and **Noelle Dienert Davis** of Crozet, Va., a son, William Reagan, born Dec. 15, 2006.
- Zachary and **Jena Hickman Layne** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Samuel Edwin, born Oct. 27, 2007.
- Jay and **Jamie Coats Morrison** of Brentwood, Tenn., a daughter, Eva, born Aug. 10, 2007.
- David and **Jennifer Reynolds Ray** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Levin Ransom, born Oct. 18, 2007.
- Lynna Bryson Stubbs** and **Joseph Stubbs '98** of Birmingham, a daughter, Sophia, born July 18, 2007.
- '98 Brett and **Angela Barton** of Fairhope, Ala., a daughter, Anna Katherine, born Nov. 16, 2007.
- Paul** and **Deborah Malmborg Damron '99** of Franklin, Tenn., a son, John Henry, born Oct. 15, 2007.
- Michael and **Jackie Vogel Fogas** of St. Louis, Mo., a daughter, Gabriella, born Oct. 19, 2007.
- Caleb and **Karlynn Hoenes Hendrick** of Marietta, Ga., a son, Ethan, born Feb. 18, 2007.
- Lucas Michael** and **Kelley Chapman Larkin** of Sarasota, Fla., a son, Hudson Kevin, born Dec. 14, 2007.
- Jason** and **Shawndee Proffitt LoVoy '00** of Birmingham, a daughter, Mary Rose, born Dec. 8, 2007.
- Josh and **Leigh Miller** of Midlothian, Va., a son, Donovan Thomas, born Dec. 21, 2007.
- Vann and **Ivey Davis Rutledge** of Springville, Ala., a daughter, Isabella SueAnn, born Aug. 20, 2007.
- Seth** and **Brandi Stanton '01** of Hope Hull, Ala., a son, Caleb James, born March 12, 2007.
- '99 **Brandi** and **Damon J. Anderson** of Davidson, N.C., a daughter, Georgia Evelyn, born Dec. 13, 2007.
- Rick and **Carrie Johnson Baguley** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Michael Alex, born Nov. 16, 2007.
- Michael and **Shana Glasgow Biddle** of Old Hickory, Tenn., a daughter, Ellison Page, born Jan. 8, 2008.
- Whit and **Katy Robinson Byram** of St. Simons Island, Ga., a daughter, Susannah Grace, born Feb. 6, 2008.
- Brentley Tyler** and **Kerry Gissing Cobb** of Birmingham, a son, Benjamin Redden, born Feb. 25, 2008.
- Jonathan and **Sarah Thomason Creal** of Sierra Vista, Ariz., a daughter, Audrey Faith, born Sept. 4, 2007.
- Ty and **Jessica Waldron Jennings** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Hylton Titus, born April 3, 2008.
- Nick and **Chanda Mangiaracina** of Pinellas Park, Fla., a daughter, Lucia, born Feb. 2, 2007.
- Eric and **Paige Trotter Meyer** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Walter Eric V, born July 19, 2007.
- '00 **Jeremy** and **Shannon Kuntz Frank** of Marietta, Ga., a son, Jon Daniel, born Aug. 3, 2007.
- Miranda and **Seabron Derrick Griggs** of Seale, Ala., a daughter, Gerritt, born June 26, 2007.



**David and Catherine Hearn Sprayberry** of Memphis, Tenn., a son, Eli, born Feb. 25, 2008.

'01 **Jeffery and Amelia Richardson Davis** of Roswell, Ga., a daughter, Georgia Coy, born July 27, 2007.

Scott and **Amy Todd Ferrell** of Birmingham, a son, Andrew Braden "Brady," born Dec. 12, 2007.

Jonathan and **Sara McCary Hartley** of Atlanta, Ga., a son, Mac Owen, born June 13, 2007.

Jonathan and **Brittany Ogletree Larken** of Deatsville, Ala., a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 2008.

Jason and **Dana R. Winter Nidiffer, Pharm.D.**, of Bristol Tenn., a daughter, Autumn Hope, born Aug. 25, 2006.

Kyle and **Elisabeth Jean Brink Olson** of Niceville, Fla., a son, Jackson Isaiah, born Oct. 25, 2007.

Geoffrey and **Lindsay Castleberry Rutland** of Trussville, Ala., a daughter, Addie Laine, born May 15, 2007.

Brian and **Jamie Deloach Scott** of Hermitage, Tenn., a daughter, Libby Katherine, born Jan. 25, 2008.

Mark and **Jeannie Hampton Swor** of Franklin, Tenn., a son, William Mark, born May 9, 2007.

**Kimberly Teague Taylor and Drew Taylor** '02 of Hoover, Ala., a son, Caleb Thomas, born Feb. 25, 2008.

'02 Manda and **Brian Thomas Foster** of Boonville, Mo., a daughter, Charlotte Lynnette, born March 20, 2008.

Mallory and **Amy Giles Gabriel** of Madison, Ind., a son, John Mark, born Oct. 3, 2007.

**Michael Casey and Kelli Renae Parrish Muncher** '03 of Haleyville, Ala., a daughter, Zoey Elizabeth, born Jan. 16, 2008.

Leanna and **Travis Ross** of Missoula, Mont., a daughter, Walker Anne, born July 28, 2007.

'03 Michael and **Aimee Thomas Barbour** of Louisville, Ky., a son, Michael, Jr., born June 15, 2007.

Alan and **Melissa B. Chappell** of Puyallup, Wash., a son, Noah Benjamin, born Sept. 12, 2007.

**Melissa Ashley Mikkelson Downs and Matthew French Downs** '04 of Orlando, Fla., a daughter, Melissa Avery, born Jan. 11, 2008.

Basheer and **Margaret E. Hamilton** of Helena, Ala., a son, Britton, born Dec. 10, 2007.

**Jonathan and Alicia Maxfield Rodgers** '04 of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Savannah Rae, born Nov. 11, 2007.

'06 James Paul and **Kayla Edge Dodd** of Attalla, Ala., a son, James Paul "Jay" Dodd, born March 12, 2008.

Bradford and **Nicole C. Griffin, M.S.N.**, of Montgomery, Ala., a son, Graydon, born Sept. 14, 2007. ■

# in memoriam

'39 **Burnadette Montgomery Gibson**, age 91, of Roebuck Springs, Ala., died April 7, 2008. A piano teacher and accompanist, she was active in music and arts clubs. She was a keypunch operator for the Federal Reserve Bank during World War II.

'44 **Vivien Barnes Cummings**, age 82, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died May 1, 2008. She taught English at Ensley and Vestavia Hills high schools. She was president of Samford's Hypatia honor society.

'45 **Michael H. White**, age 83, of Birmingham, died April 1, 2008. He retired after 39 years of service at Samford, where he was controller.

'48 **Marie NeSmith Fowler**, age 82, of Hartselle, Ala., died April 3, 2008. She was the first female registered pharmacist in Blount County. Later, she and her husband, Howard, owned Fowler Drugs in Hartselle. Memorials may be made to the Marie NeSmith Fowler Lectureship Fund at Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

**Charles Leander Martin**, age 85, of Anniston, Ala., died March 8, 2008. He was a missionary in Japan, pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama and director

of student ministry for the Alabama Baptist State Convention. During World War II, he received a distinguished service cross for his role as chief navigator and bombardier on a B-29 Superfortress in the Pacific.

'49 **Hershel Louis Carroll**, age 83, of Auburn, Ala., died April 18, 2008. He retired from Lorillard Tobacco Co., after 33 years of service. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he attended college on the G.I. Bill.

**Joe D. Catrett**, age 85, of Anniston, Ala., died April 10, 2008, of cancer. A pharmacist in Calhoun County for more than 50 years, including 20 as owner of Lenlock Drugs, he was 1962–63 president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association. An Army Air Corps veteran, he attended college on the G.I. Bill.

**Winfred Hugh Henley**, age 83, of Hoover, Ala., died May 2, 2008. He was district sales manager for Norfolk Southern Corporation. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

'50 **Charles Stanley Howell**, of Nashville, Tenn., died Jan. 15, 2008.

**James Robert Watson**, age 82, of Montgomery, Ala., died April 15, 2008. He enlisted in the Marines at age 17 during World War II, and landed with the third wave at Iwo Jima. He served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War and in Vietnam. After retiring from the military as a lieutenant colonel in 1968, he was executive director of Southeastern Home Furnishing, and ran a restaurant and bed and breakfast.

'51 **Thomas Welby Bozeman**, age 80, of Covington, La., died March 24, 2008, of pancreatitis. Pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama and Louisiana, he taught at Louisiana College in Pineville, La. He was a U.S. Army chaplain's aid in Hawaii during 1946–48.

**Henry Cecil Martin**, age 85, of Wetumpka, Ala., died May 7, 2008. He retired from the State of Alabama health department. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

'52 **William James Peeler, J.D.**, age 80, of McEwen, Tenn., died Jan. 24, 2008. As a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives and Senate, he helped establish a statewide system of general sessions courts. He was attorney for Humphreys County and in practice in Waverly, Tenn.

'54 **David Edward Causey** of Milton, Fla., died March 27, 2008, of cancer. He was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Alabama

and Florida, and director of missions for the Santa Rosa (Fla.) Baptist Association. He provided pastoral support and education in the Glacier Park region of Montana.

**Kathryn Shivers Phurrough**, age 91, of Alexander City, Ala., died March 25, 2008. She was an active church member, gardener and Bible reader.

'55 **E. D. Helton, Sr.**, of Phenix City, Ala., died May 10, 2008. He was a Baptist minister.

'56 **Charles C. Worthy**, age 73, of Jonesboro, Ga., died Feb. 8, 2008, of lung cancer. He served churches in Germany, and was a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board representative to Israel. Pastor of Penn Avenue Baptist church in Washington, D.C., and a counselor and pastor in Atlanta, Ga., he was known for his work in racial reconciliation and community service.

'58 **Joe Alford**, age 76, of Columbia, Miss., died March 18, 2008. A pharmacist, he worked at Alford Drugs and Reece's Drugs.

**Oscar Lloyd Darnell**, age 79, of Guntersville, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2008. He owned and operated Darnell Pharmacy in Albertville, Ala., and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a 57-year member of the Masons.

**Roy E. Morgan**, age 83, of Birmingham, died April 13, 2008. He was a Baptist pastor for 54 years.

'59 **Joseph Russell Harp**, age 77, of Pinson, Ala., died Jan. 6, 2008. He taught choral in Birmingham public schools and was a church soloist and choir director. He received a business degree at Samford in 1968 and retired from Liberty National Life Insurance Company after 27 years in the internal auditing department. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

**Twynette Wells Watson Yeager** of Marion, Ala., died April 20, 2008. She was a long-time faculty member and administrator at Judson College, where she was named an honorary alumna in 1971. She was on the Marion City Council, the Perry County Chamber of Commerce, and statewide boards and commissions. She was the first woman to serve on the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

'60 **Carolyn Francis Dix Simpson**, of Daphne, Ala., died Feb. 13, 2008. She founded a Girls Club in Mobile, Ala., and assisted with a ministry to at-risk children in Costa Rica. She was a contributing writer to the book, *Help, I'm a Pastor's Wife*. She played clarinet in the Samford band.

'61 **Lena Frances Dean Skipworth**, age 68, of Montgomery, Ala., died March 31, 2008, of cancer. She taught school, mostly first grade, for 34 years. She was a Samford cheerleader and member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'63 **O. H. "Hugh" Campbell**, age 66, of Gadsden, Ala., died March 4, 2008. A pharmacist, he established Accucare home infusion company. He served with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and retired in 2002 as a captain in the Naval Reserves.

'64 **C. S. Knapp**, age 82, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died March 28, 2008. A Baptist minister for 51 years in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia, he was author of the book, *Heroes of the Faith*. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he spent 35 months in the South Pacific Theater, participating in the invasion of Bougainville in 1942.

'66 **James Edward Florence**, age 65, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died March 19, 2008. A pharmacist and special education teacher, he served in the U.S. Public Health Service and worked at Partlow State School.

'67 **Emily Marie Cantrell Smith**, age 62, of Birmingham, died May 9, 2008. She was longtime organist and piano teacher at Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

'68 **Robert M. Holland, Jr.**, age 61, of Birmingham, died March 1, 2008, of kidney disease. Retired from the oil and gas business, he also worked for Masonite Corporation. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

'69 **Ann Townsend Young**, age 64, of Laurel, Md., died Feb. 18, 2008, of a heart attack. She was a retired technical information specialist in aquaculture with the U.S. Agriculture Department. Her most recent work focused on fish farming.

'71 **Don E. Munch**, age 61, of Mobile, Ala., died April 12, 2008. He was a retired pharmacist.

'72 **Cynthia Faye Barnett**, age 57, of Branford, Conn., died April 7, 2008, of breast cancer. A graduate of Yale Law School, she was a longtime attorney in Boston, Mass.

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'73 **Robert Lawrence Saab, J.D.**, age 63, of Birmingham, died April 28, 2008. He was retired from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He played football at Samford under coach Bobby Bowden.

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'92 **Robert Quentin Wilson**, age 53, of Adamsville, Ala., died March 7, 2008. He was a transportation manager for City Wholesale.

'98 **Cody Woodall** of Tullahoma, Tenn., died Dec. 2, 2007, from complications related to a 2005 accident.

'00 **James William "Will" McPherson III**, age 29, of Old Hickory, Tenn., died March 10, 2008, of a brain tumor that was diagnosed during his senior year. He was a dentist in Nashville, Tenn., and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

'05 **Jon D. Brokaw**, age 54, of Birmingham, died April 12, 2008, of cancer. He spent 24 years in the telecommunications industry, most recently at Regions Bank.

'07 **Melissa McMeekin Gullede, Ed.S.**, age 48, of Trussville, Ala., died May 25, 2008. She taught preschool children with special needs at Paine Primary School. She received a kidney transplant 23 years ago. ■





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# Spared from a Crocodile to Help his People

by William Nunnolley

On a hot May afternoon in 1990, John Megoliki, a 12-year-old Maasai herdsman, led his blind father's 25 cows to the Pangani River in Tanzania for water. As the eldest son of six children, he had performed this daily task for several years. Reaching the water's edge, it was his duty to enter the water first to make sure it was safe for the cattle.

Suddenly, an eight-foot crocodile—the first he ever encountered—grabbed Megoliki and tried to pull him under. The boy struggled with the reptile and finally fought free, but half his right arm was missing, and he had a deep wound across his face.

That same afternoon, Southern Baptist missionary Tim Tidenberg was visiting the area. Villagers summoned him to help Megoliki, and the missionary rushed the young man, who was bleeding and in shock, to a medical center in Moshi, Tanzania. This required a three-hour journey at night, an unsafe time to travel in the area.

Megoliki was hospitalized for five months as doctors tried skin grafts to save what was left of his arm. The lack of blood reaching the injured arm below the elbow resulted in continued infections and pain. Finally, despite his debilitating condition, John returned to his village to tend his father's herd.

Not long thereafter, Samford alumni Jack Brymer '67 and Lance Anderson '50 were traveling in Tanzania on a mission trip. Brymer, then editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* newspaper in Jacksonville, Fla., and Anderson, a *Witness* trustee from Ponce de Leon, Fla., had been asked to assist the International Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa in Arusha to organize a development, alumni and public relations program. Tidenberg, his wife, Annie, and their three small children hosted Brymer and Anderson during the two-week stay.

En route from Dar es Salaam on the Indian Ocean to Arusha near Mount Kilimanjaro, the team spent a night close to Kirya, a Maasai village on the edge of the Serengeti. Tidenberg wanted Brymer and Anderson to meet Megoliki, whose remaining limb was still swollen with infection. The Florida and Tanzania Baptist conventions were in a three-year partnership at the time, and Tidenberg suggested that providing medical care for Megoliki would be a tremendous witness to the Maasai.

A short time later, Tidenberg accompanied the shy, withdrawn lad to Jacksonville, Fla., and the Baptist Medical Center there for treatment, and ultimately, to be fitted with a prosthesis. The hospital's president, Bill Mason, had been a missionary in Tanzania.

John Megoliki dons his Maasai garb for a spring visit to Samford.



The planned two-week procedure turned into months; consequently, Tidenberg had to return to Tanzania. Moshi Baptist Church pastor Elimbinzi Mrema, who had ministered to Megoliki during his five-month hospital stay in Moshi, replaced Tidenberg. Both had served as interpreters for doctors, for Megoliki spoke only Swahili when he arrived. Then pastor Mrema also had to return to Tanzania.

Because he had visited Megoliki's village and met his parents, Brymer was asked to assume guardianship.

"My wife, Shirley '74, and I will never forget that first night with John when there was no longer a missionary to interpret," Brymer recalled. They located a Tanzanian in Jacksonville to help with interpretation in case of an emergency but never had to seek help. Over the intervening months, Megoliki had mastered enough English to converse with the doctors.

Megoliki's regimen of treatment included 36 visits to the physician, more than 40 two-hour sessions in a hyperbaric chamber, 16 nights in the hospital and two surgeries—all to prepare his arm to receive a prosthesis. Baptist Medical Center and orthopedic surgeon Bruce Steinberg provided those services, and the Hanger Company furnished the prosthesis.

Another couple in Jacksonville, Gary and Carolyn Nichols, and their two young daughters were most helpful, Brymer noted, especially with developing Megoliki's language skills.

"The Nicholsons accepted John as a son with their two young daughters," he said. "They provided an arena of joy and excitement that helped John learn English quickly."

Upon his return home, Megoliki was separated from his family and community to attend school under the guardianship of Tidenberg. First, he lived in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city, then in Longido, Tanzania, the heart of Maasailand, and finally in Moshi, where he was graduated from high school in February of this year. In each location, he lived with a local Baptist church pastor's family.

In 2000, Megoliki returned to the U.S. for a prosthesis upgrade. This spring, the now 6-feet, five-inch *morani* (Swahili for "warrior") returned for an adult upgrade.

"Without a doubt, God has a special assignment for John Megoliki," Brymer said. "How else could he have survived these tumultuous years, which included the death of both his father and mother while he was away in school?"

While in the United States for treatment recently, Megoliki learned that his four younger siblings, who had been placed with their eldest sister last December following their mother's death, have been orphaned once again, as their sister is unable to provide for them.

On Megoliki's first visit to the United States in 1993, Brymer spearheaded an education trust fund effort for his Maasai friend. This will make it possible for Megoliki to enter a university in Tanzania this fall, Brymer's goal all along.

"The greatest thrill of the journey for me thus far was John asking me to baptize him before he returned to Tanzania in 1993," Brymer said. "Seeing him in his high school graduation gown earlier this year is another high point in his life for me."

Brymer hopes to see Megoliki graduate from college and establish a secondary school in the heart of Maasailand.

"John has expressed a desire to help educate his Maasai tribe in order to improve their quality of life," Brymer said. "Recently, he researched and presented a scholarly paper in which he maintained that educating children and youth is the key to changing Maasai customs. The presentation earned accolades from his teachers and the students."

Megoliki shared his own hope and belief in the research paper.

"I love my tribe," he said, "and I believe God spared me from the crocodile so that I could help educate them." ■

*Jack Brymer served as managing editor of The Alabama Baptist for 18 years and editor-manager of the Florida Baptist Witness for 10 years. He retired from Samford as director of communication in 2003. His e-mail address is jebrymer@samford.edu.*

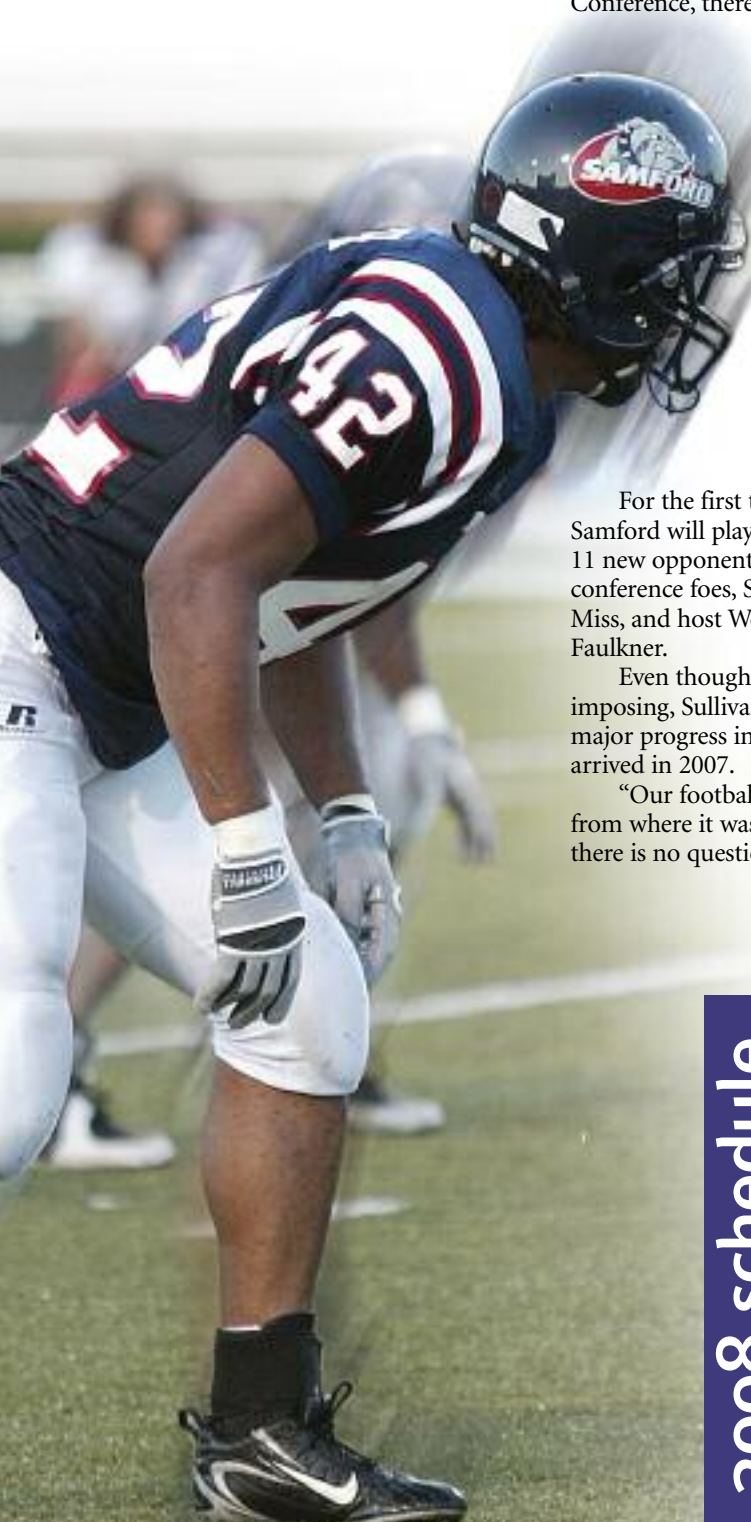


A youthful John Megoliki chats with missionary Tim Tidenberg and smiles for the camera at his home in Tanzania, top photos. Below, he visits with Jack Brymer at Samford in May.

# Bulldogs To Face 11 New Foes

SPORTS

Quinton Smith



Football Coach Pat Sullivan, approaching his second season at Samford, is excited about the school's move to the Southern Conference. But he is also well aware that, for the second year in a row, he and his staff will be facing unfamiliar opponents.

"Going into the Southern Conference, there will be a learning curve again because we have not played any of these teams," he said. "With the past history of the Southern Conference and with all the quality teams in the conference, week in and week out we will certainly see stiffer competition than we faced in the Ohio Valley Conference."

For the first time in many years, Samford will play a schedule that includes 11 new opponents. In addition to eight conference foes, Samford will play at Ole Miss, and host West Georgia and Faulkner.

Even though the schedule is imposing, Sullivan believes he has seen major progress in his team since he arrived in 2007.

"Our football team has progressed from where it was this time a year ago; there is no question about that," the coach

said. "How far we have come, we'll just have to see. Our main focus will be to get better every day, and to get bigger and stronger."

Although Samford returns 47 lettermen, including 15 starters and two specialists, Sullivan said the 2008 Bulldogs will still be "an extremely young football team." He was encouraged by spring training efforts and his second recruiting year (21 signees), and thinks his team is beginning to build "a bond and a chemistry."

The defense returns eight starters and 27 lettermen in all. Leaders include linebackers Rodney Shepherd and Quinton Smith, who ranked first and second in tackles last year; ends Brent Nall and Mark Brown; and cornerback Kyle Morton.

On the offense, seven starters are back among 20 lettermen. Four of the five interior linemen return from a group that recorded the fewest sacks in the OVC and paved the way for freshman running back Chris Evans to gain 1,033 yards last year.

Quarterback is a question mark, where Sullivan must replace three-year starter Jefferson Adcock. Senior Dante Williams, and redshirts Seth Harkness and Richie Fordham competed for the position in the spring, but nobody earned the starting job. Samford also signed two talented freshmen quarterbacks, Dustin Taliaferro and Connor Lowery, who will be available in the fall.

Last year's team went 4-7, losing two close games by 13 total points. ■

## 2008 schedule

<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>WEST GEORGIA</b>
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>FAULKNER</b>
Sept. 13	at Ole Miss
Sept. 27	at Elon*
Oct. 4	at Western Carolina*
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>APPALACHIAN STATE*</b>
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>THE CITADEL* (Homecoming)</b>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>FURMAN*</b>
Nov. 8	at Georgia Southern*
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>WOFFORD*</b>
Nov. 22	at Chattanooga*

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# Women and Men Cap OVC Tenure with Tournament Titles, NCAA Berths



Taylor Morgan

The Samford women's and men's tennis teams made their final Ohio Valley Conference season a banner year. Both won the OVC Tournament and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] Tournament. It was the first time for the women and the men to make the NCAA the same year.

The women beat Eastern Kentucky, 4-0, in the OVC Tournament final. The men beat Jacksonville State, 4-3.

The women's team won the OVC regular-season crown for the second time in three years with a 10-0 mark and finished 20-5 overall. Coach David Vest was named OVC Women's Coach of the Year, and Taylor Morgan was chosen the OVC Freshman of the Year.

Morgan compiled a 20-5 record at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, and she and fellow freshman Lindsey Mallory were 20-4 in No. 2 doubles. Morgan, a first-team All-Conference selection, was the first Samford player to be named OVC Freshman of the Year.

Vest, in his first season as coach, praised his team for meeting their preseason goals of winning the OVC regular season and tournament titles, even though the Bulldogs lost to 12th-ranked Florida State, 4-0, in the NCAA.

"Overall we had an incredible year, especially with six freshmen and two seniors," he said.

Three Bulldogs made the All-OVC second team—Mallory, freshman Andrie Meiring and senior Katie Weaver.

The men's team finished second in the regular season at 11-1 and posted an 18-8 overall mark. The OVC Tournament title was the first for Coach Kemper Baker's team. Seniors Hank Grant, Sam Huffman, Jordan Delass and Renan Silveira led the way in the hard-fought match with rival Jacksonville State.

"The feeling is indescribable," said Grant, who posted the victory in No. 4 singles that decided the match. "We've wanted it for three years and finally got it this year."

Baker was proud of his team for its tenacious play in the final.

"I really can't think of a better ending to our tenure in the OVC," he said. Samford moves to the Southern Conference this summer.

The men also played at Florida State in the NCAA Tournament, dropping a 4-0 decision to the 14th-ranked Seminoles. ■

## Women Take OVC All-Sports

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# Marseco's Stellar Season Helps Bulldogs Post 30-Plus Wins Again



Samford shortstop Michael Marseco hit .419, had a school-record 29-game hitting streak, won Co-Player of the Year honors in the Ohio Valley Conference and had professional scouts raving about his defensive abilities.

The junior from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., set school records for hits (93) and batting average, started every game at shortstop for the third consecutive season and earned All-OVC honors a third straight time.

When Samford Coach Casey Dunn reflects on the 2008 Bulldog season, he well may think of Marseco first. "He is a special player," Dunn said.

The Bulldogs finished 33-23, their third consecutive season of 30-plus wins. They went 19-7 in the OVC. At one point, they led the nation in most consecutive home wins (16).

"The thing that surprised me about this team was its consistency," Dunn said. "We had a number of players who were playing in new positions. Bear Burnett moved from outfield to catcher, Marcus Rodriguez from third to first base, and Wayne Miller and Michael Rutledge both moved from the infield to outfield positions.

"Yet the team put together another successful season. That

16-game home winning streak was a high point."

Dunn said having to play a five-game schedule every week eventually took its toll on the pitching staff. Unbeaten starter Jonathan Stephens was 7-0 with a 2.22 earned run average but missed the final three weeks with a sore shoulder.

Samford faces a big turnover next season. Six of the eight position players will be gone, so Dunn will bring in 10 or 11 new players.

Marseco will be among the missing, even though he has another year of eligibility. He was drafted in the 11th round by the Milwaukee Brewers of Major League Baseball and signed to play in the National League team's organization.

Another big challenge for the Bulldogs will be competing in the Southern Conference.

"We're moving to a strong baseball conference, and we're excited about that," said Dunn. "The Southern Conference had an RPI of eighth in the nation this season, compared to fourth for the Southeastern Conference. The OVC was 22nd. That should help us recruit. The Southern Conference members are well-known to high school and junior college players in the Southeast." ■

Michael Marseco

## Softball Makes OVC Semifinals

The Samford softball team won six of its last nine regular season games to qualify for its final Ohio Valley Conference tournament, and then posted two wins to advance to the championship round for the first time in history.

Tennessee Tech staged a three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate the Bulldogs in the semifinal round. But the future is bright for Coach Beanie Ketcham's team. Eight starters will return next season as Samford moves to the Southern Conference.

Junior outfielder Jessica Owens was named All-OVC first team, and freshman outfielder Aaren Fisher was the OVC Newcomer of the Year for Samford. Owens hit .330, set a Bulldog season record of 60 hits and stole a record 20

bases. Fisher batted .272, hit seven home runs and drove in 39 runs.

Two Bulldogs, outfielder Jeslyn Metcalf and pitcher-infielder Amanda Barrs, were named to the OVC All-Tournament team. Metcalf hit .467 in the tournament and finished the season at .290. Barrs hit .400 and pitched a two-hit shutout in the tournament. She batted .303 for the season, drove in a Samford record 42 runs and posted an 8-8 pitching record.

"It's always nice when our players get recognized," said Ketcham. "We really started to come together as a team this year, so it was good to get that recognition for all their hard work."

The Bulldogs finished 14-13 in OVC regular season play and 25-29 overall. ■

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## Carl E. Miller Jr. Press Box Dedicated



Above: Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, second from left, presents a plaque to Mrs. Carl E. Miller, Jr., and her son, Eddie, during dedication ceremonies for the press box. Looking on are Baseball Coach Casey Dunn, left, and Athletics Director Bob Roller. The dedicatory plaque is displayed in the press box. Miller's grandson, former Samford pitcher Bud Miller, threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Samford dedicated its new Carl E. Miller, Jr. Press Box (below) before a game with Morehead State May 10. The new facility honors the late Samford alumnus and Class of 1950 member who led efforts to complete Joe Lee Griffin Field, the baseball stadium.





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- June 29–July 12** Summer Forensics Institute, 205-726-2049
- July 2** First summer term ends
- July 4** Independence Day; university closed
- July 5** Hodges Chapel tours, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (continues each Saturday through Aug. 30), 205-726-2229, [beesondivinity.com](http://beesondivinity.com)
- July 5–11** Super Summer Youth Camp, sponsored by Alabama State Baptist Convention, 1-800-264-1225, ext. 280
- July 7** Second summer term begins
- July 7–11** Adventures in Music Camp, 205-726-4049
- July 7–10** Volleyball Youth Camp, 205-726-2969
- Baseball Camp, kindergarten–7th grade, 205-726-4095
- July 7–9** Volleyball Junior High Team Camp, 205-726-2969
- July 10–11** Football Team Passing Camp, 205-726-2575
- July 10–12** Volleyball High School Team Camp, 205-726-2969
- July 14–18** All Aboard for Music Camp, 205-726-4049
- July 14–17** Baseball Camp, kindergarten–7th grade, 205-726-4095
- July 14–16** Football Youth Camp, 205-726-2575
- Volleyball Position Camp, 205-726-2969
- July 17** Volleyball Setter/Attacker Camp, 205-726-2969
- July 17–18** Youth Evangelism Conference, Hanna Center, sponsored by Alabama State Baptist Convention, 205-762-2727
- July 17–19** Jefferson County Junior Miss Scholarship Competition, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- July 18** Samford Admission Summer Workshop, 205-726-3673
- July 20–23** Soccer Girls Team Camp, ages 13–18, 205-726-4039
- July 21–25** Pastors School, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, 205-726-2338, [beesondivinity.com](http://beesondivinity.com)
- July 21–24** Volleyball Introduction to Skills Camp, 205-726-2969
- July 21–23** Baseball High School Spotlight Camp, 205-726-4095
- July 22** Law and Civic Workshop, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-2433
- July 28–31** Baseball Camp, kindergarten–7th grade, 205-726-4095
- July 31–Aug. 2** Alabama Defense Lawyers Association continuing education workshop, 205-726-2865
- Aug. 4–7** Men's Basketball Fundamentals Camp, 205-726-2920
- Aug. 6** Second summer term ends
- Aug. 9** Law and Civic Teen Court, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall, 205-726-2433
- Aug. 11** Samford Marching Band Camp begins, 205-726-2485
- Cumberland School of Law orientation begins, 205-726-2897
- Aug. 12** Southern Conference FanFest, hosted by Samford University, 5 p.m., Seibert Stadium, [samfordsports.com](http://samfordsports.com)
- Aug. 12–13** "Take Pride Statewide" litter prevention conference, hosted by Samford's Vulcan Materials Center, 205-726-4246
- Aug. 14** Extension Division Workshop, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, 205-726-2338
- Aug. 15** Air Force ROTC commissioning ceremony, 10 a.m., Hodges Chapel, 205-726-2859
- Aug. 16** Central Alabama Amateur Baseball Association reception and banquet, 6 p.m., Beeson University Center, 205-933-2920
- Aug. 18** Cumberland School of Law classes begin
- Aug. 18–19** Faculty Workshop, 205-726-2718
- Aug. 20–21** New Student Orientation Session 5, 205-726-3673
- Aug. 21–24** Connections for new students, 205-726-3673
- Aug. 22** AMTA regional mock trial tournament, 12 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall, 205-726-2931
- Aug. 24** Welcome Back! for all students, 5 p.m., University Quadrangle, 205-726-2345
- Aug. 25** Fall semester classes begin
- Aug. 26** University convocation, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- Aug. 28** Law and Civic Teen Court swearing-in ceremony, 4:30 p.m., Reid Chapel, 205-726-2433
- Aug. 29–30** New student retreat hosted by University Ministries, 205-726-2825
- Aug. 31** Alabama Youth Symphony weekly music opportunity, 2:30–5 p.m. (continues each Sunday afternoon through the fall semester), Brock Hall, 205-726-2778
- Sept. 1** Labor Day; university closed
- Sept. 2** Accounting career night, hosted by Brock School of Business, 5–9 p.m., Hanna Center, 205-726-2547
- Ten Yard Hill* presented by Samford Theatre in cooperation with Red Mountain Theater, 7:30 p.m., Harrison Theatre, Swearingen Hall
- Sept. 6** Law and Civic School Violence Prevention Workshop, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, 205-726-2433



**Sept. 8** **Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence advisory board meeting**, 9–11 a.m., Brooks Hall, 205-726-4064

**Sept. 10–14** **Greek Week**, 205-726-2031

**Sept. 11** **Holley-Hull Lectures**, Ben Witherington, professor of New Testament interpretation, Asbury Theological Seminary, 10 a.m. Reid Chapel and 3 p.m., Brooks Hall Auditorium, 205-726-2336

**LEADERconnect for Women**, cosponsored by Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and Samford, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Divinity Hall

**Sept. 14** **Preparatory music department recitals**, 1–5 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-4049

**Faculty recital**: Jim Dorroh, organ, 2:30 p.m., Reid Chapel

**Sept. 16** **Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, alabamasymphony.org

**Sept. 17–21** **Sorority and fraternity recruitment**, 205-726-2031

**Sept. 18** **Annual high school journalism workshop**, sponsored by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, 205-726-2465

**Sept. 19** **Cumberland School of Law continuing education conference**, 7 a.m.–4 p.m., Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865

**Retired faculty reunion**, 7 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-2807

**Sept. 20** **Preview Day for prospective students**, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673

**Sept. 21** **Super Jazz concert**, 3 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-4188

**Sept. 23** **Faculty recital**: William Bugg, voice, and Kathryn Fouse, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

**Sept. 25** **J. Roderick Davis Lecture/Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum**, Eugene Robinson, syndicated columnist, *Washington Post*, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, 205-726-6178

**Sept. 27** **Preview Day for prospective students**, hosted by Office of Admission, 205-726-3673

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# Women Take OVC All-Sports

For the second year in a row and the third time in five years, Samford won the Ohio Valley Conference Women's All-Sports Trophy. Samford finished third in the men's standings in their final year in the OVC.

"Each of our teams met at the beginning of this school year and made winning the All-Sports Trophy a top priority for the respective sports," said Samford Director of Athletics Bob Roller. "We are proud of the broad-based success and consistency our women have shown in winning this award for the second consecutive year, and it's an honor to accept this award."

Samford won the trophy its first year in the conference in 2003–04, and the school won the award again last year.

This year, Samford won the trophy with 75.5 total points, winning the conference title in tennis, and finishing second in soccer, cross-country, basketball, and outdoor track and field.

Samford beat out Jacksonville State and Murray State.

On the men's side, Samford placed third in the standings with 54 points. The men's tennis and baseball teams each finished second in the league.

Eastern Kentucky won the Men's All-Sports Trophy with 70.5 points. Eastern Illinois finished second in the standings with 59.5 points.

The All-Sports Trophies, symbols of overall athletic excellence in conference-sponsored championships, were presented at the league's annual Honors Luncheon in Nashville, Tenn., May 30. ■





**Six Samford nursing graduates show how they feel about graduation May 16. They are, from left, Mary Nunnally, Jessica Johnson, Caroline Davis, Sarah Jean Azinger, Suzanne Goddard and Lyndsay Cogdill. See page 24.**