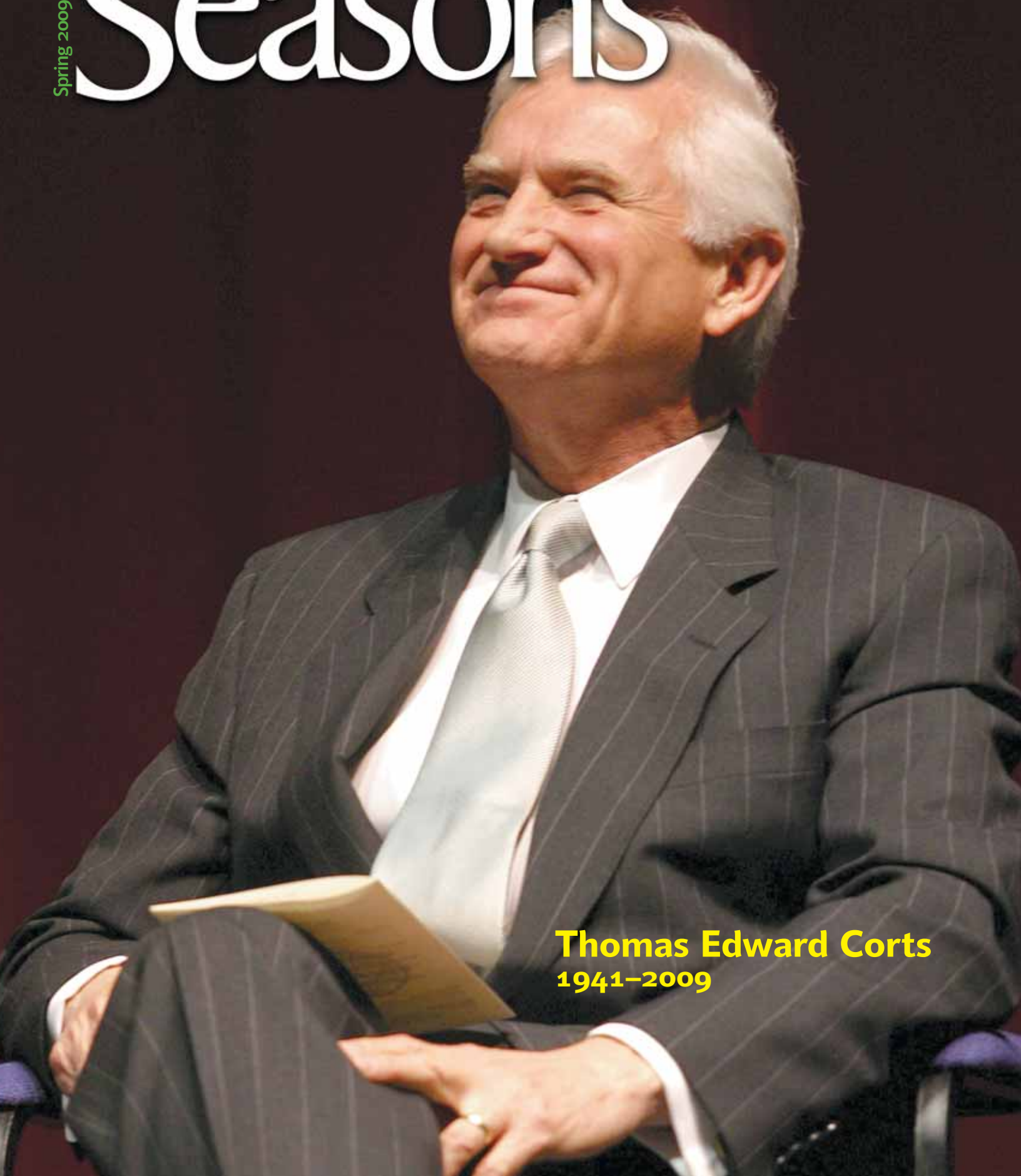


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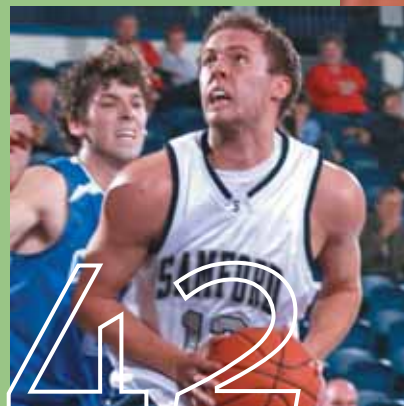
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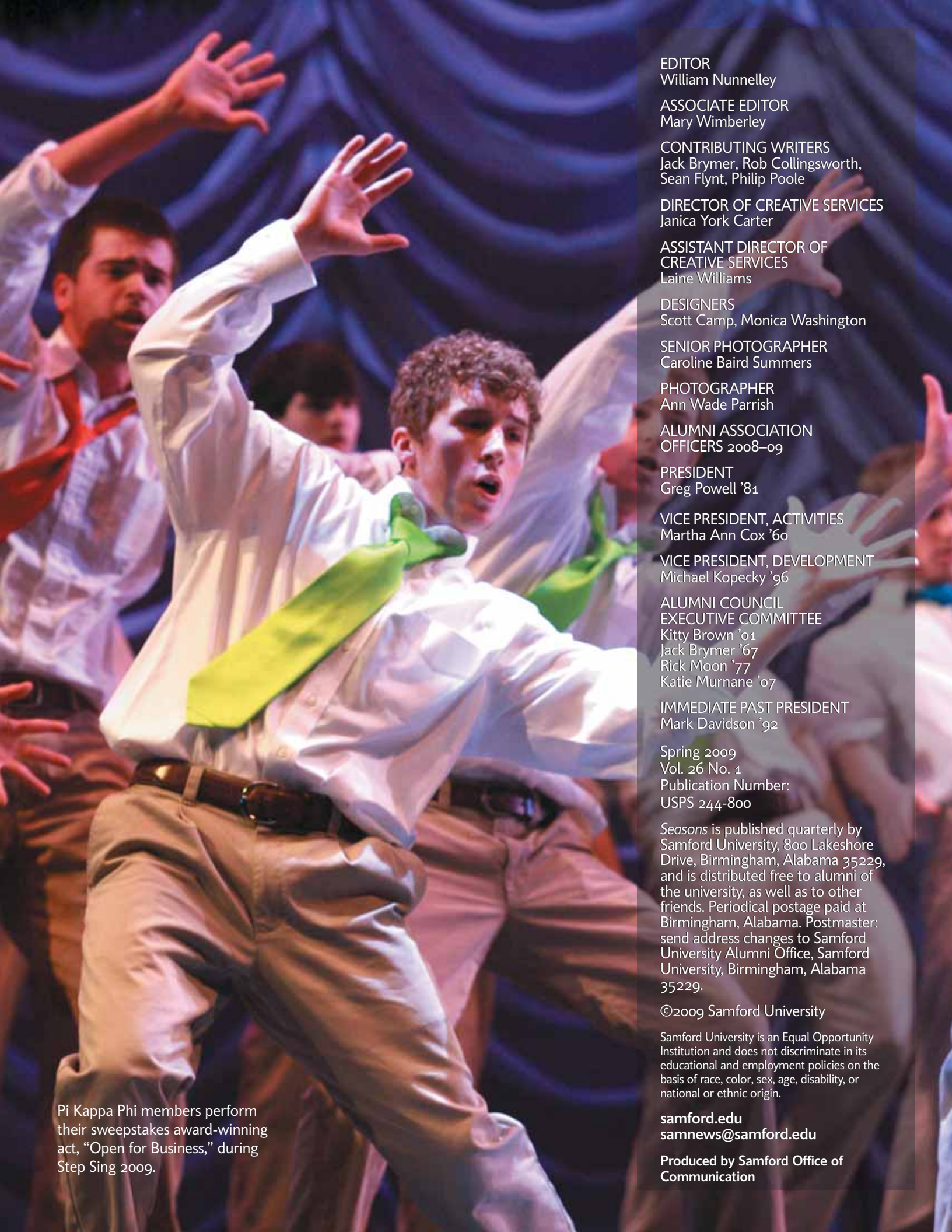
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A Great Friend

Within these pages, you'll encounter the shared grief of members of the Samford family in the loss of Tom Corts. Our sadness, of course, is not for him; we know that Dr. Corts is safe in his eternal home. Our lingering heartache is for Mrs. Corts, the Corts family and for those of us who have lost a great friend.

I knew Dr. Corts for a dozen years. By the time I met him, he was already a legendary figure in higher education. I relished the opportunity for brief conversations with him while attending meetings with other educators, and I still can recall the insights that he offered me as a young administrator, struggling to learn my craft. Fifteen minutes with Tom Corts was worth more than a two-day seminar with anyone else in higher education.

To know anything of Samford University over the past quarter-century is to know of his singular impact on the life of the institution. Dr. Corts saw unlimited potential—and he led with limitless vision.

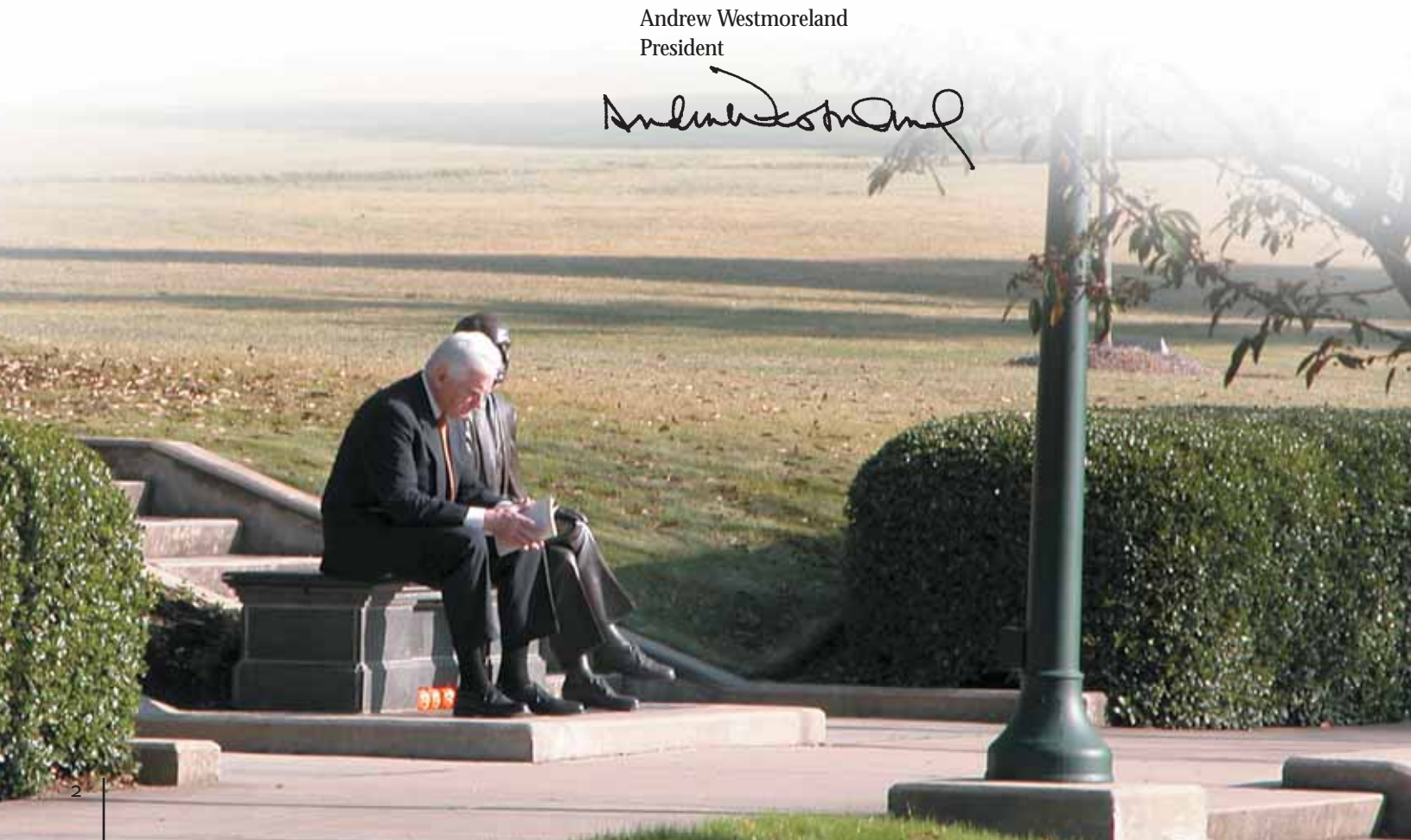
You may be aware of the appreciation that Dr. Corts shared for Philip P. Bliss, the famed writer of hymns. From the earliest days of my childhood, I remember the words from a Bliss hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning":

*Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.*

Tom Corts was one of those lights along the shore, guiding to safety those in his care. It is our challenge to keep bright those lights for eager eyes, watching and longing.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

Andrew Westmoreland
President



SAMFORD report

Kimrey Gets New Post as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Samford University Dean of Admission and Financial Aid R. Phil Kimrey will become vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Samford, effective June 1. The new vice presidential position will combine the leadership of Samford's student affairs and admission/financial aid divisions.

Dr. Kimrey will take on overall direction of the student division headed by Vice President for Student Affairs Richard H. Franklin since 1990. Dr. Franklin earlier announced plans to retire at the end of the 2008–09 academic year.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland announced the administrative change Feb. 24, noting that combining the two units would achieve greater efficiency in the utilization of resources and bring together two components that fit naturally.

"Specifically, I want this new unit to adopt a philosophy that melds together the developmental needs of both prospective and current students," said Dr. Westmoreland. "Among other priorities, my hope is that we may utilize this new framework to engage our prospects earlier in the process, thereby making greater use of the senior year in high school as a time of transition to college, with renewed emphasis on the academic implications."

Westmoreland said the term "enrollment management" stresses the need to approach student recruitment and retention in a "truly comprehensive" manner. "We have been making steady progress toward that goal," he said, "and this is just another step in that direction."

He added that creating the new unit would reduce administrative barriers and encourage greater dialogue between the unit and faculty and staff.

During the spring semester, Kimrey's highest priority has been leading his present staff in recruiting Samford's freshman class for this fall.



Phil Kimrey

The goal is a class of about 770, based on the record number of applications Samford has received this academic year.

"However," Westmoreland added, "I have asked him to begin to shift as much attention as possible to listening to the members of the campus community as he works to shape this new unit."

Kimrey has been dean of admission and financial aid at Samford since 1997. He joined Samford in 1993 as director of admission after serving in a similar role at Houston Baptist University (1989–93) and William Carey College (1985–88).

A native of Chattahoochee, Fla., Kimrey holds the Ed.D. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the M.R.E. from New Orleans Baptist Seminary and the B.A. from William Carey College. For more information, go to www.samford.edu/admission. ■

Spring Enrollment Up, Fall Applications Reach All-Time High

Samford spring enrollment is up by 61 students over the spring of 2008. At the same time, the university has received a record number of more than 2,200 applications for the fall semester of 2009.

Spring enrollment is 4,298, with increases recorded primarily in graduate programs.

"The enrollment increase is welcome news for the university, and represents the positive results of our faculty and staff efforts to retain our students," said President Andrew Westmoreland.

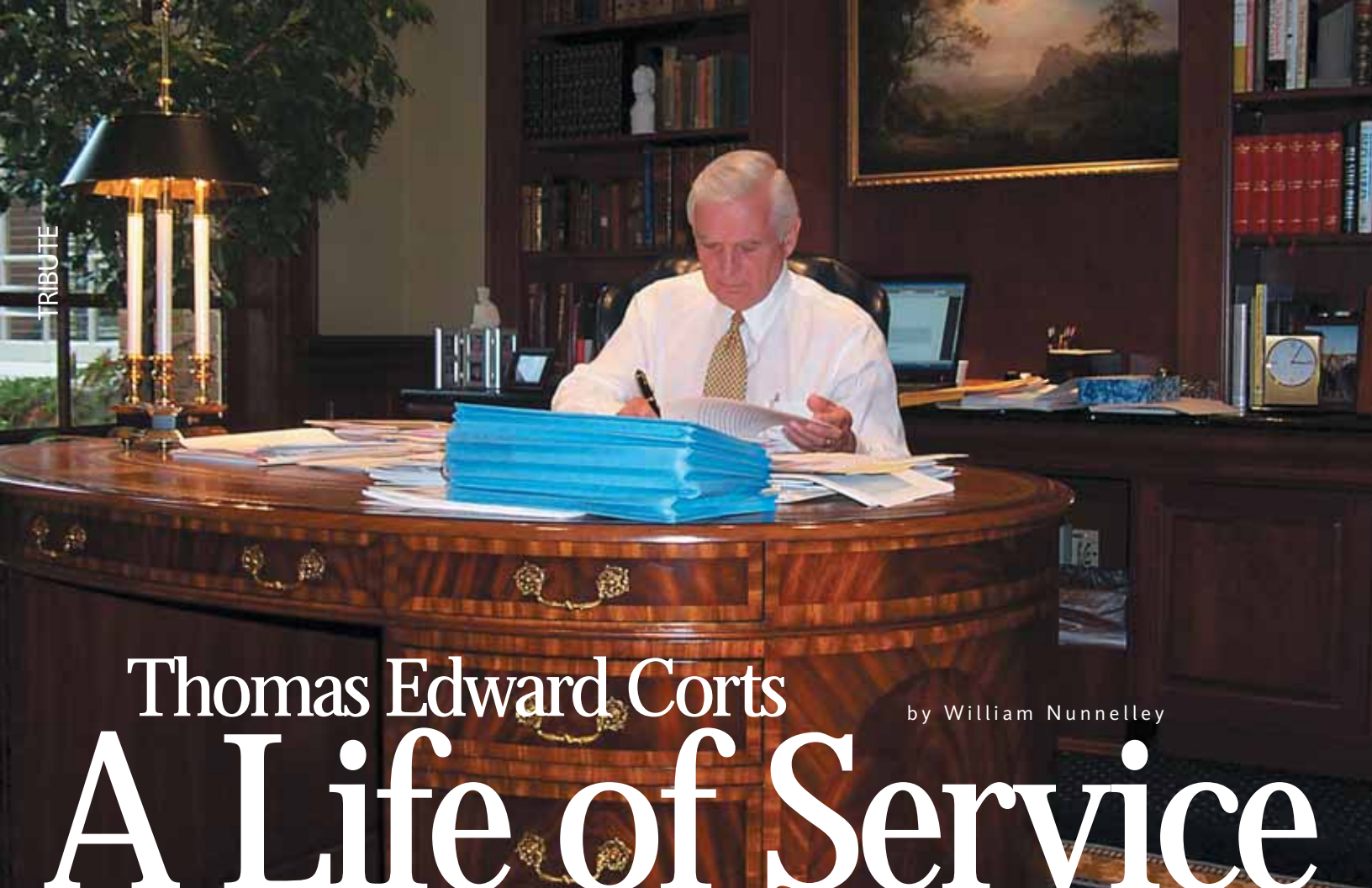
Meanwhile, the number of undergraduate applications received through February already exceeded last year's record total of 2,154 for the fall of 2008, according to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Phil Kimrey.

The university's administration and admission staff are working to meet a fall enrollment goal of about 770 freshmen, based on the number of applications. The entering freshman class has increased steadily from about 660 five years ago to about 710 last fall.

Samford's affordability compared with other private universities and the university's transition from regional classification to national doctoral research university status are among factors creating a growing interest in the school, said Kimrey.

He added that Samford also is being aggressive with financial aid opportunities for qualified students. The university recently sent approximately 750 merit scholarship award letters totaling about \$3.9 million.

"By offering these scholarships now, it gives both the university and the families a longer window to develop a feasible financial plan for the student's Samford education," he said. ■



Thomas Edward Corts

by William Nunnelle

A Life of Service

Service was a way of life with Thomas E. Corts, and this was as true after his retirement from Samford as it was throughout his tenure as president. When Dr. Corts announced his retirement, he said he looked forward to a life of contemplation, or in his words, the “*vita contemplativa*.”

But he no sooner stepped down in 2006 after leading Samford through one of its brightest periods than he took on one of the toughest assignments of his career. He accepted Governor Bob Riley’s appointment as interim chancellor of the troubled Alabama College System of 26 two-year schools.

“I would consider accepting this responsibility a fulfillment of a sense of civic duty, and I would do it out of a desire to help,” he said.

He inherited a system that recently had fired its chancellor amid concerns over a corruption probe and nepotism issues, a system that was the focus of a joint federal and state investigation into allegations of wrongdoing, according to *The Birmingham News*.

Riley appointed Corts to provide stable leadership while the state board of education sought a permanent chancellor. “Education is a noble calling,” Corts said, “and this kind of thing [the practices under investigation] should not go on.”

Corts wasn’t able to solve all the widespread problems of the system by the time he resigned

seven months later, but the program was pointed in the right direction. Investigations had ferreted out some of the system’s chief offenders, and indictments followed.

Corts had just accepted another service post, executive director of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities, when President George Bush called on him in the fall of 2007 to lead an international program that would help four million schoolchildren in six nations around the world.

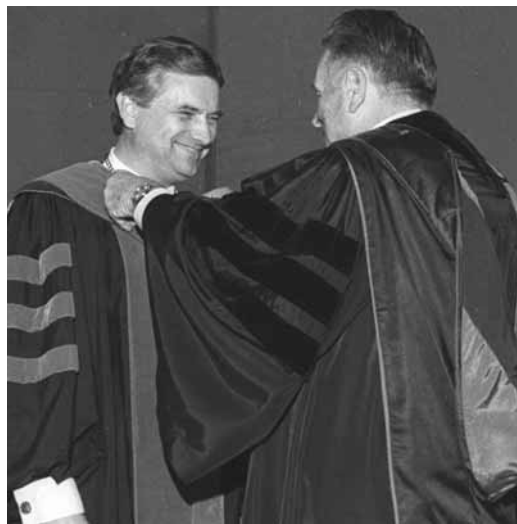
He was named coordinator of the President’s Initiative to Expand Education, and subsequently, as coordinator of basic education in the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance, U.S. State Department. The program helped children in Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Liberia, Mali and Yemen.

Corts stepped down from that post Jan. 19, just 16 days before his untimely death at age 67 of a heart attack Feb. 4 in Birmingham.

Corts spent his life in education, serving his alma mater, Georgetown, Ky., College, as a young administrator before being named president of Wingate College in 1974 and of Samford in 1983. He promised no “grand plan” that would vault Samford into some higher level of accomplishment at his inauguration in the fall of ’83.

Even so, the stamp of his progressive influence on the university is well-documented, from

Below, left: Board chairman Ben Brown inaugurates Thomas Corts as Samford president in 1983. Right: Samford benefactor Ralph Beeson speaks as Corts looks on.



the purchase of a London Study Centre to astounding endowment growth, increased regional and national recognition for the school, 30 new buildings—including some of the most distinctive architecture on campus—and numerous academic achievements.

Corts extended a personal touch to those receiving a Samford education, personally signing and awarding more than 17,000 diplomas to graduates over his 23 years as president.

He put his service ideal into practice away from the campus in such endeavors as leadership of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform, which he served as founding chairman.

“He did so much to involve Samford University in the corporate community in Alabama and to help it meet its civic responsibility,” recalled former Governor Albert Brewer, who joined Corts to start the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama at Samford in 1987.

“I think the Alabama constitutional reform movement began with him, starting with his speech to the Birmingham Kiwanis Club in 1999,” said Brewer. “People went thinking they were going to hear a speech about Samford, but they came away knowing a great deal more about the need for constitutional reform in the state. And he carried that message all over Alabama.”

Corts told the Kiwanians that Alabama had “such great capacity, so many positive attributes,”

that he tired of seeing it ranked so low in national studies by *Governing* magazine and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

He blamed such results on Alabama’s constitution, a document “bloated with excess specificity” that resulted in concentrating power in the hands of the legislature in Montgomery. He called for a constitutional convention to rewrite the 1901 document, taking his message to Mobile, Huntsville, Anniston and Florence, and writing opinion pieces for daily newspapers around Alabama.

Although he found widespread support, he acknowledged that “a lot of people want to leave it as it is because they’re doing fine.” He added, “This [reform] is not for one person or group; it’s for Alabama.”

Such a stance was typical. As retired former Samford Provost William E. Hull said, “Corts was unafraid to challenge the status quo because his conscience was not captive to the latest poll.”

Dr. Hull spoke at a Feb. 8 memorial service for Corts, whom he described as a person who read Scripture carefully, prayed earnestly and kept a journal faithfully to refresh the wellsprings of his spiritual vitality.

“We live in a day when religion has become militantly aggressive, in your face, wear it on your sleeve so nobody can miss where you stand,” said

Below, left: Former President Gerald Ford, right, visits with law dean Parham Williams, Corts and donor Lucille Beeson at the Beeson Law Library dedication in 1996. Right: Corts hosts former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for Samford's sesquicentennial in 1992.



Dr. Hull. “But we gather here to honor a man who did just the opposite. He practiced his religion in private because he had learned from the Master that the secret of religion is that religion is secret.

“This modesty never muted his witness, however, because he lived out his faith in everything he did.”

Corts was the quintessential educator. During his Samford presidency, he served as chairman of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS] and later as president of SACS, the accrediting agency for universities and colleges in 11 Southern states. He also was president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, and of the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators. He served on the Fulbright Scholarship Board courtesy of an earlier Bush appointment, and was active in numerous education organizations.

But Corts expended his greatest energies on Samford, and was proud of what the school and its people accomplished. He ticked off a list for a 2006 *Seasons* interview with Jack Brymer.

“To have had the school of education recognized as one of the top four teacher education programs in the country; to have the nursing school recognized as a center of excellence; for the law school to be getting the kind of attention it is beginning to get; for pharmacy to be recognized

for the great international dimension it has added and some of the creative things they have done; to have divinity personnel quoted in national publications; to have performing arts students winning competitions on a regular basis; to have arts and sciences lead out in learning strategies, such as problem-based learning . . . these are all most gratifying.”

Brymer asked him what was the most challenging aspect of his role as president.

“Finding money! For Samford, . . . finding discretionary funds to do the things that great institutions ought to be doing.”

He added, “Maintaining our Christian emphasis, equal to a strong academic thrust—those are constant challenges. We try to maintain in good standing our very important relationship with Alabama Baptists. I’ve always felt that the people of our convention cared about Samford and that Samford cared about the convention.”

Corts said he looked forward to his life of contemplation after retirement from Samford. But as a man devoted to service, he found his “vita contemplativa” by accepting all manner of additional opportunities to serve.

As he said to *Seasons* in 2006, “I do not want to be on a shelf.” ■

For more information and tributes, go to www.samford.edu/news.



Corts speaks to the incoming freshman class of 2004.



John Major, another former British prime minister, sees Samford with Corts in 1996.



Corts presents one of the more than 17,000 Samford diplomas he awarded. Provost Brad Creed looks on.

Samford Names Its Sciencenter William Self Propst Hall

Samford University dedicated its \$27 million science building as William Self Propst Hall March 10, honoring a 1961 Samford graduate who became one of the nation's most successful pharmacists.

"William Self Propst has given us appropriate cause for celebration today with one of the most significant gifts in the 167-year history of our institution," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

"His gifts will endow the upkeep of this building in perpetuity. They will provide enrichment funds for the natural sciences and for pharmacy, and they will secure a measure of strength for the breadth of Samford University, now and in all the years ahead."

The 96,000-square-foot building, known as the Sciencenter since its completion in 2001, is home to Samford biology, chemistry and physics programs. It also houses a 2,000-square-foot medicinal plant conservatory, Christenberry Planetarium, and Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education.

Propst began his pharmacy career in his hometown of Huntsville, Ala., with one store after graduation, but initiated the concept of leased pharmacy operations in Kmart stores that eventually saw 1,258 pharmacies operating in the



discount chain. He served as president of the Kmart pharmacy operations for 17 years.

Propst commended Samford on “its great curriculum and faculty, and its Christian influence.” He said he had worked to maintain a connection with the school and friends he made there.

“I would come back to Samford to interview students to serve as interns in the Kmart operation, and some of our best interns were from Samford,” he said. “They had a better feel for what was needed because of their experience in visiting pharmacies.”

Clark Watson, chairman of the Samford board of trustees, noted that the ceremony celebrated completion of a process begun when the building opened seven years ago, providing a state-of-the-art science facility.

“The one thing missing at the time was a patron who would ensure the ongoing maintenance of the building,” said Watson. “That patron has been found . . . and we are here today to honor Samford alumnus William Self Propst with one of the highest honors a university can bestow—the naming of an academic building.”

Watson noted that Propst came to Samford as a premedical student but became so interested in pharmacy that he dedicated his life to it.

The Samford graduate went to work at a Walgreens store in Huntsville after earning his degree, and his managerial talents helped make it the number one store in the nation. “I could meet people and be helpful,” he recalled earlier. “I enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the business.”

He opened his first store in 1964 and added four others in Huntsville before initiating the Kmart project. Later, he also founded and served as president of Qualitest Products, Inc., a wholesale drug products and equipment company.

Propst was named Samford’s Alumnus of the Year in 1996. ■

William and Eloise Propst enjoy the science building naming ceremony.

Inset: President Andrew Westmoreland and Student Government Association President Drew Davis, right, help unveil new sign.

‘You Can’t Run Something Well That You Don’t Keep Your Hands On’

by Mary Wimberley

When William S. Propst, Sr., enrolled at Samford in the late 1950s, there were five buildings on campus. Fifty years later, he remembers what departments the buildings housed, where they were located and that, to his recollection, there was “not a tree on campus.”

Propst shared his memory of the new, still sparse campus at the March 10 naming ceremony for William Self Propst Hall, one of 56 buildings on today’s bustling campus.

The 1996 Alumnus of the Year honoree was in the second class of students to enroll at Samford after the school relocated to Homewood from East Lake. His brother, the late Michael Propst ’60, also a pharmacy graduate, was in the first group.

Propst entered Samford with the intent of eventually becoming a physician but felt that a pharmacy degree would help provide part-time employment during medical school. Along the way, however, the pharmacy profession won out, and he began a career that would change the way consumers nationwide purchase drugs.

After first working at a Walgreens store in Huntsville, Ala., and opening the first of five stores he would own in Huntsville, he developed the concept of leased pharmacy operations in Kmart stores nationwide. By the time he retired from Kmart in 1985, the company had 1,258 pharmacies throughout the nation.

In the early years, he worked nonstop to make sure the venture was successful.

“I was behind the counter seven days a week for nine years,” recalled Propst. “I might work in Birmingham, or Florence, at locations all around the Southeast, for two or three days at a time. I went wherever I was needed.

“You can’t run something well that you don’t keep your hands on,” explained Propst, who served as president of Kmart pharmacies for 17 years.

Under his leadership, Kmart pharmacies became among the first in the industry to use computers.

By 1972, Kmart pharmacies were linked by computer from the company’s headquarters in Detroit, Mich., to Bradenton, Fla.

After retiring from Kmart and returning to Huntsville from Detroit, he became founder and president of Qualitest Products, Inc., and founded Vintage Pharmaceuticals, a generic drug maker.

Today, he oversees Propst Properties real-estate developers.

The son of a Methodist minister, Propst spent his early childhood in Walker’s Chapel in Jefferson County, but moved to Huntsville with the family in 1946. As a young adult, he attended college for a while and worked in the steel business for several years before enrolling at Samford.

He has enjoyed staying connected to his alma mater, which he said prepared him with a good science background for his pharmacy career.

He recalls sharing an organic chemistry class one summer with Joseph O. Dean, Jr., ’62, later dean of Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

“Joe and I were studying, cramming really, for the final exam when the lights went out,” he said, noting that though it was an inopportune disruption, “We managed to squeeze through.”

Later, before he moved to Detroit with Kmart, Propst studied law for a time at Samford’s Cumberland School of Law.

One thing that his law studies taught him, he said, is that everything is not black and white. “That’s a good lesson for anyone in business,” he said.

Propst and his wife, Eloise, have four children: William, Jr., Charles, Michael and Emily Propst Reiney, and nine grandchildren. ■



Science and Christianity Cadre Welcomes Challenge of Big Questions

by Sean Flynt



According to historian James F. Sulzby Jr., Howard College biology professor H. Calvin Day was a man of faith and science who lost his job in 1929 after raising scientific doubts about the literal truth of many Bible stories. Eighty years later, a group of Samford faculty, staff and community friends safely discusses issues unimaginable in Day's time, and with implications far beyond Bible stories.

Controversy has often arisen when science and religion mix, but participants in Samford's informal Science and Christianity Cadre see greater danger in the ways science and religion fail to mix. As Tom Woolley, professor of statistics and founder of the group, explained, "ours is an increasingly technological and scientific culture, one in which the authority of Christianity to address the big questions of life has been replaced, for many, by science."

Woolley said that although Christians have been marginalized in scientific discussions—and sometimes marginalized themselves—they have much to learn from science and much to contribute to it.

"As the pace of scientific advancement and technological change quickens," he said, "Christians need to understand the science and its implications for their faith and our common

culture if they hope to be respected and consulted when major ethical and moral issues arise."

Beyond Evolution

After completing his studies in the prestigious John Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity at Oxford University in 2005, Woolley returned to Samford eager to connect with others who share his interest in the biggest of big questions. He soon found Samford professors Wilton Bunch, Steve Donaldson and George Keller, who he said have been faithful to the cadre from the beginning and share responsibility for its longevity.

The cadre now has as many as 12 participants at its monthly meetings, some from the campus community and some not. They're a mixed bunch, both professionally and theologically, but they all seek "better understanding of science and Christianity as coseekers of truth," Woolley said.

Monthly book readings drive cadre discussions. Although their selections address complex issues, most of them are approachable, popular books representing believers and nonbelievers alike. "We just want to be open and honest," Woolley said. "We're willing to listen to most anybody who has an idea."

The cadre casts a wide topical net but confounds stereotype by spending little time on the subject of evolution.

“We look at that as almost a dead issue,” Woolley said. “That’s old stuff, and religion has either dealt with it or it hasn’t.” He pointed out that even the Vatican has acknowledged that evolution is compatible with Christian belief. But the controversy still rages in some circles, and cadre participants fear that this is alienating Christians from science (and science from Christianity), and distracting them from pressing issues.

“There’s so much more on the horizon when it comes to science and technology that’s just going to broadside the faith community,” Woolley said. “The more science touches people’s lives, the more conflict there’s going to be.”

Big Questions

The questions raised in even a one-hour cadre discussion help explain the sense of urgency participants feel.

What will it mean to be human as our bodies merge with technology and artificial intelligence challenges traditional concepts of consciousness? Cochlear implants, advanced prosthetics and other new additions to the body are widely accepted and viewed as positive, but ethical problems already have arisen at the leading edge of this science. Steve Donaldson, associate professor of computer science, said, “I can do artificial intelligence research on my home computer that wasn’t dreamed of 20 years ago.” He added, with a mix of awe and concern, “nobody can stop me.” In any case, he said, laws aren’t necessarily the answer and might even be counterproductive.

What is the nature of God as creator if (when) humans manage to create life? George Keller, associate professor of biology and assistant dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences, said there are credible scientific predictions that humans will eventually create life, perhaps within just a few decades. England’s *Daily Telegraph* reported in March that a recent breakthrough in synthetic biology might allow a “second genesis” within a decade. “That’s going to be a shock to some people,” Keller said. “If you’re just trying to put out the fire on evolution, it’s going to sneak up on you.”

What are the implications for theology and every other aspect of human life if neuroscience demonstrates

that humans have no free will?

Donaldson said an article in one of the cadre’s readings (*The Volitional Brain*) sheds light on this “dialog that’s been going on for thousands of years.” He said that while reading, he thought, “every Calvinist needs to read this article. When they see that neuroscience suggests that free will is an illusion, they can say, ‘Look! Science proves my position!’”

How much genetic manipulation is too much? If it’s acceptable to intervene genetically to prevent a debilitating birth defect, is it acceptable to select a child’s IQ or height or eye color while we’re at it? How will we reconcile what is scientifically possible with ethical and moral concerns about eugenics, elitism and profit motive?

Should those nations most capable of human cloning ban that research or take the lead in order to control it? According to Keller, “the thinking, among some people, is that if it’s going to be done anyway, let’s do it where at least it has a chance of being done ethically and there can be some government control because of the funding.”

Woolley is among those who foresee trouble if we forego serious discussion on the assumption that regulation and popular disdain will prevent or control such research. “If somebody will pay \$155,000 to have their puppy cloned,” he said, “it’s not far down the road—I don’t care what the laws are—before somebody’s going to clone their lost child.”

When should we discuss the ethical implications of science and technology? In the wake of news about human octuplets, Wilton Bunch, a physician and professor of ethics, noted that the generally accepted science of in vitro fertilization outpaced discussion of its ethical implications.

“It was not until it was applied widely that people started to say, ‘Oops . . . when should we be doing this?’” he said. “The questions about it were never asked until, effectively, the genie was out of the bottle.” Woolley added that the timing of an ethics discussion is itself an ethical problem because it would be unethical to withdraw a technology that is already improving human lives.

Next Steps

“Religious people have to have a seat at the table when these things are discussed, wherever they’re discussed,” Woolley said. “The cadre is looking for ways to expand the discussion on science

and Christianity through community and campus lectures, adult education opportunities in local churches, the development of undergraduate courses in science and religion, and through collaborative research.”

The group expects to make significant progress toward those goals this year, and is seeking grants and other sources of funding for the work. Participants believe their efforts will stand out, nationally, because Samford defies popular stereotypes of Christian higher education and the South. Secular and religious partisans both may be surprised to find balanced and open discussion of controversial issues at a Baptist university on the buckle of the Bible Belt. But what better place to learn how faith can enlarge science? What better place to learn how science can enlarge faith? ■

The Science and Christianity Cadre’s Recommended Readings

The Savior of Science (Stanly Jaki)

The Volitional Brain: Towards a Neuroscience of Free Will (Anthony Freeman, Benjamin Libet and Keith Sutherland)

The Life of the Cosmos (Lee Smolin)

God’s Debris: A Thought Experiment (Scott Adams)

Chance or Purpose? Creation, Evolution and a Rational Faith (Christoph Cardinal Schonborn)

Reinventing the Sacred: A New View of Science, Reason, and Religion (Stuart Kauffman)

At Home in the Universe: The Search for the Laws of Self-Organization and Complexity (Stuart Kauffman)

Radical Evolution: The Promise and Peril of Enhancing Our Minds, Our Bodies—and What It Means to Be Human (Joel Garreau)

Modern Physics and Ancient Faith (Stephen M. Barr)

The Deep Structure of Biology: Is Convergence Sufficiently Ubiquitous to Give a Directional Signal (Simon Conway Morris)

Divine Action: Examining God’s Role in an Open and Emergent Universe (Keith Ward)

Science and Religion: Are They Compatible? (Paul Kurtz, Barry Karr and Ranjit Sandhu)

Chinese Visitors Learn Techniques of Teaching English

by Mary Wimberley

Coordinator Jeanna Westmoreland leads a workshop session for Chinese teachers.

Sometime soon, students in Zhang Hanjun's English language classroom in Beijing, China, may be looking at each other's faces instead of the backs of their necks.

The use of round tables versus endless lines of student desks was one of many things the Chinese educator liked about what he observed in American schools in January.

"The many rows of desks make good teacher-student contact hard," said Zhang.

He and two dozen other English teachers had come to Birmingham from their native China with a common goal: to become better equipped to teach the English language and American culture to their middle school and high school students.

Thanks to the efforts of Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, they took home not only suitcases of lesson plans and materials, but tons of inspiration and hundreds of digital photos chronicling their on- and off-campus experiences and adventures.

For two weeks, the teachers were exposed to the best practices in American schools through lectures and workshops on the Samford campus, and visits to Birmingham area schools. Topics ranged from the latest in classroom technology to identifying and relating to different learning styles.

"I wanted to learn real things about

American schools, and I did," said Zhang, citing the variety of hands-on learning activities he observed during the school visits. "American students are very lucky compared to many Chinese students."

Chinese students, he said, are under pressure to perform well in their academic studies, sometimes at the cost of developing other life skills that are useful and important.

The educational workshop was a joint effort of Samford and the Consortium for Global Education [CGE], an organization of Baptist-related institutions, with support from the Chinese government's Chaoyang Education Committee.

The organizers' goal was to provide experiential learning opportunities that would improve the teachers' classroom skills. Hand-picked to make the trip, the teachers had attended a series of CGE-led sessions in conversational English and American culture last fall.

During their stay in Birmingham, the teachers learned many things, noted the workshop coordinator, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, a veteran leader of many international academic efforts and the wife of Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

They learned why and when they should use some strategies that they already knew, and she said, "They learned many new strategies targeted toward content with which they struggle, such as how to teach vocabulary



Yang Li, left, and Yang Guiyun were among teachers hand-picked for the Samford workshop after attending preliminary classes last fall in China.

effectively," said Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland.

Her observation was confirmed by Dou Sa during a lunchtime conversation with Education Dean Jeanne Box and members of the dean's executive council.

"We have learned good writing and reading strategies. I know that we can



lations from President Westmoreland and a keepsake Samford belltower wallet. That evening, they enjoyed a farewell dinner at the Westmorelands' home.

"Perhaps the greatest lesson they learned was from the joy and kindness that was shown them by people at Samford," said Jeanna Westmoreland. "They were deeply moved by the many acts of kindness and the friendliness of the Samford faculty, staff and students.

"The joy of Christ, living in us, was abundantly clear to the teachers," she said. "They commented on and asked questions about that joy each and every day."

As a final exercise, the teachers evaluated various aspects of the workshop and offered comments.

Wrote one: "What impressed me most is that all the faculty [members] are very experienced and gave us a lot of help. I think all of us experienced and learned more than our expectation."

And another: "When I go back to China, I believe my students will find I have made progress in English teaching. Thank all the faculty and staff. I'll remember it forever." ■

use all of them in classrooms in China," said Dou, who found the visits to special education classrooms especially moving, useful and practical.

Like most of her colleagues, teacher Bu Lan was in the United States for the first time and capitalized on each moment, whether it was shopping at a local mall or attending a Christian worship service.

"I wanted to experience the life so that I can teach my students the real English and about its environment," said Bu, whose students include some who have lived in English-speaking countries.

"We need the confidence to discuss American culture, not just the language, in the classroom," said Bu, who also appreciated the tips and special techniques she learned about managing and teaching large classes.

The itinerary included visits to McWane Science Museum, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., and other area attractions. Before arriving in Birmingham, the group spent several days in Washington, D.C.

Knowing that the Chinese sponsors expected an "academically rigorous program" for the participants, Samford faculty planned a curriculum that required each teacher to complete specific assignments and make a

presentation from research done using education school resources and the University Libraries.

"The Samford faculty has been fabulous in being responsive and answering questions, and planning," said Dr. Carol Dean, who organized the intensive schedule of lectures and off-campus experiences. "We have learned a lot from our guests."

At a closing ceremony on their final day on campus, each participant received a certificate of completion, congratu-

Zuo Weijun, left, and Kang Chunyan participate in discussion as Zhong Huli records the moment photographically.



Celebrating Astronomy

Planetarium Shares Spectacular NASA Images of Milky Way

by Rob Collingsworth

Galileo first used his telescope to gain an advantage for the mercantile business, but when he turned his instrument heavenward in 1609, he opened a whole new vista.

“We don’t quite know what made him do this, but he made some initial observations on both the moon and Jupiter that forever changed what people thought about the heavens,” said Samford professor Christopher Metress, who has researched the astronomer.

This year, the United Nations International Year of Astronomy celebrates the 400-year anniversary of modern astronomy. Samford’s Christenberry Planetarium participated in the celebration Feb. 17 as one of 100 sites selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] to display spectacular images from space.

As part of this network, the planetarium showed the same image of the Milky Way captured from three different telescopes: the Hubble Space Telescope, the Spitzer Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory.

The event, hosted by the Birmingham Astronomical Society [BAS], commemorated Galileo’s discovery and allowed people to use telescopes to look into the sky for themselves.

Planetarium Director George Atchley, along with others from the BAS, explained the significance of each image to the packed crowd of more than 100.

“Each of these images shows a different aspect of this particular cluster,” said Atchley. “While one captures objects visible only in infrared, the Chandra shows the black holes and things not seen through a typical telescope.

“We were very excited about the turnout,” Atchley added. “You can never predict how many people will come out for an event like this, but to have people in every seat and all the way into the lobby listening to the explanation of these images is really exciting.”





The nationwide event, cohosted by the Night Sky Network, is one of many scheduled throughout 2009 as part of the International Year of Astronomy.

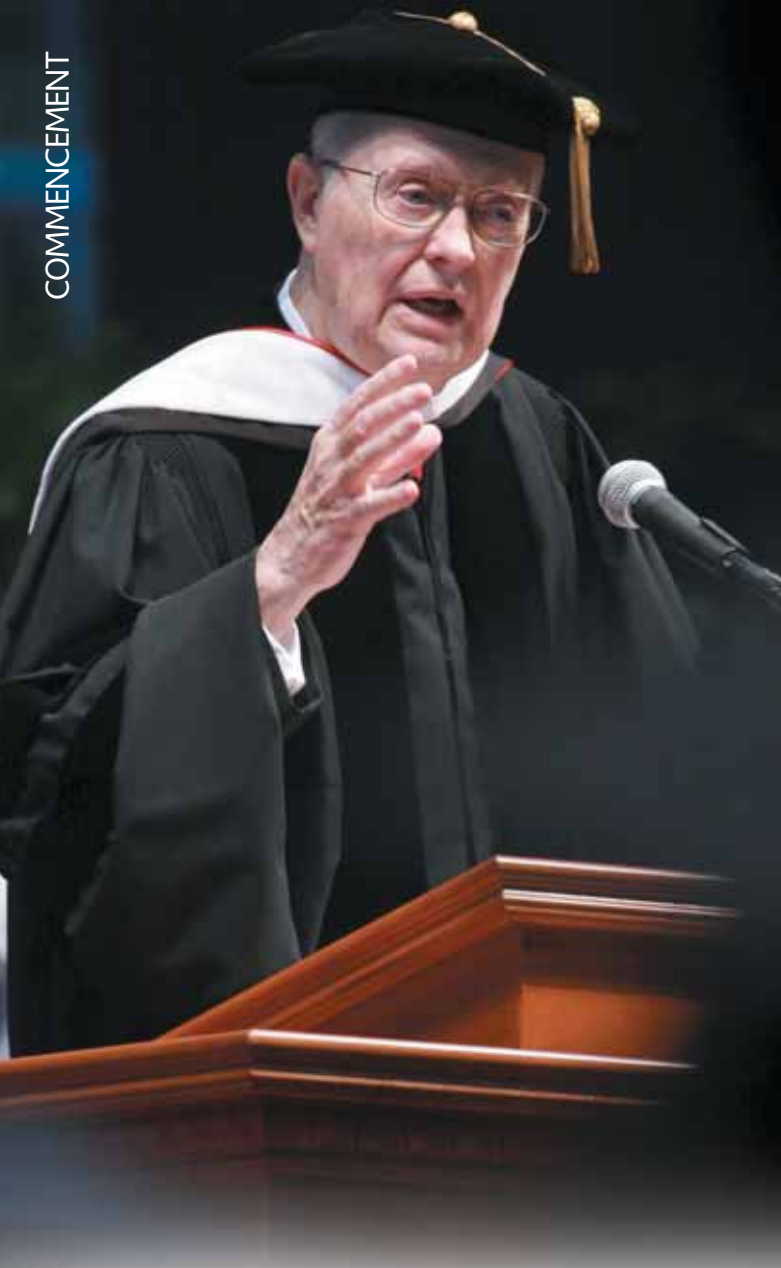
“Galileo first received a copy of the telescope in 1609 and improved upon it,” said Dr. Metress, an English professor who directs Samford’s University Fellows program. “The device was invented for its mercantile possibilities, so that business owners could look from towers and get about a two-hour lead on ships arriving into port. Galileo’s original intention seemed to be improving business, both for others and himself.”

Christenberry Planetarium hosts various groups throughout the year. In addition to the annual Christmas show, the planetarium hosts church groups, Boy Scout troops, public school groups and corporate meetings.

The planetarium has three different shows that it uses for such groups, in addition to being used for film screenings by organizations such as the Samford Film Club.

For information on the planetarium, contact Atchley at geatchle@samford.edu or 205-726-4139. ■

Planetarium Director George Atchley shows off projection equipment. **Insets:** NASA images of the Pinwheel Galaxy or M101, at left, and Monocerotis V838, above, shown at Samford.



Samford Confers Honorary Doctorate on Former Provost William E. Hull

Samford University conferred an honorary doctor of letters degree on retired former provost William E. Hull during fall commencement Dec. 13. Dr. Hull is a well-known writer and theologian who served as provost during 1987–96 and later as university professor.

A Birmingham native and 1951 Samford graduate, he continues to hold the position of research professor at Samford, and serves as theologian-in-residence at Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

Hull has written 12 books on theological subjects, the most recent being *Harbingers of Hope*, published in 2007. He has contributed to 24 other books. He recently completed another manuscript that is an update of his 1981 book, *Beyond the Barriers*.

Clark Watson, chairman of the Samford board of trustees, presented the honorary degree, saying, “As much as any other person over the last two decades, Dr. Hull has led the charge to ensure that Samford continuously strived for the highest possible standards at all levels.”

Watson read a doctoral citation that described Hull as “a man of intellect, a gentle spirit, a world-renowned theologian, a loving pastor, a lifelong learner and teacher, a Renaissance man, and a Christian committed to the integration of faith and scholarship.”

Hull addressed the class of 265 seniors from 19 states and three foreign nations, reminding the graduates that their “educational pilgrimage should last a lifetime” and offering suggestions on how to make that happen.

His remarks were greeted with a standing ovation from a crowd of more than 2,000 in Samford’s Pete Hanna Center. They are printed here in their entirety.

An Invitation to Lifelong Learning by William E. Hull

Samford University Commencement Address
December 13, 2008

To the graduating class of December 2008

Fellow students:

We are both here today for the same reason—to get a degree! But there is an obvious difference between us, for you will receive your diploma near the beginning of your adult life while I will receive mine near the end of my adult life. This is not because I failed to complete a degree program many years ago, having received the bachelor of arts degree from the Howard College of Samford University in 1951. Rather, the difference is that yours is an earned

degree while mine is an honorary degree. But what does it honor?

Here we come to the crux of the matter. I have no great fortune that this award might encourage me to share with Samford. Nor am I a celebrity who might attract attention to Samford by appearing on this platform. Rather, the awarding of this degree is Samford’s way of saying that the educational pilgrimage should last for a lifetime, that your search for truth should not cease today but should continue all the days of your life. In a phrase, the awarding of honorary degrees is one way that Samford

symbolizes the importance of lifelong learning. Let me offer you five suggestions as to how this may be done.

1 Take seriously the operative word for this occasion, which is not “climax” or “conclusion” but “commencement.” Most of your formal education has involved learning how to learn. You now have some sense of what is available to be learned in your chosen concentration. Hopefully, your professors have modeled how to appropriate the findings of the past and to launch new inquiries of your own.

But all of this is about to change in

dramatic ways. First, a knowledge explosion is transforming what each generation needs to learn. In 1951, we had no African American, Hispanic or Asian perspectives on life, no computers or Internet, no outer space or subatomic exploration. But what an educated person must know is likely to change more in the next half century than it has in the last half century. Science is on a roll that promises amazing discoveries. The sleeping dragon of China has awakened to become a key player in world affairs. Religion is being reinvented before our very eyes, and you will have to assimilate these stupendous changes without benefit of professors or courses or textbooks. You are going to have to learn to educate yourself without the incentives of grades, credits and degrees.

All I am saying here is that if, with a sigh of relief, you think your education is finished, then you are finished! What you have learned thus far will not last you five years in the real world. So let me urge you to set a new goal today, to define your future as an ongoing educational venture that will qualify you to graduate in another half-century from Lifelong Learning University—whether you get an honorary degree for doing so or not!

2 As you embark upon this journey, do not keep your learning in the separate silos where you received it. Disciplinary specialization is at the heart of formal education according to which faculty major on English, history, biology or some career competency. This departmentalization provides a convenient way for schools to organize knowledge, but life will hopelessly scramble such categories the minute you walk out these doors. For example, in the presidential campaign that dominated the headlines this year, politics, economics, regionalism and religion were so inseparable that those who viewed the race only from one perspective badly misunderstood it. You have probably moved beyond segregation to integration in race relations, but now you must learn to do the same in the cognitive domain, thinking holistically rather than segmentally.

One way to do this is to major on experience rather than on ideology in organizing your lifelong learning. Avoid the lazy way of assuming that you have a coherent worldview just because you call yourself a liberal or a conservative, since nobody knows what these categories really mean. (Have you noticed, for example, how the lynchpins of conservatism, small government and

free-market economy, died a brutal death this fall at the hands of conservatives?) Instead, throw yourself headlong in the path of life. Read biographies and memoirs to see how others have coped with its infinite complexity. Study yourself, particularly those pivotal moments that redirect your pilgrimage. Keep a journal, live an examined life, learn to articulate the meaning both of your breakthroughs and of your heartbreaks.

3 Test your learning in honest dialogue with views that differ. Get over the idea that you can grow without making a lot of mistakes. Professors can seem to have all of the answers by steering classroom presentations into areas of their greatest competence, but you will not enjoy such controlled situations in the real world. Instead, celebrate your ignorance as a learning threshold inviting you to explore where you have never gone before. The grading system under which anyone can aspire to get an “A” gives the impression that, with a little extra effort, we can know all that we need to about a given subject, but that assumption is false, as is demonstrated by national leaders who, with brilliant advisers at their disposal, nevertheless make colossal mistakes. For example, no one saw radical Islamic Jihad coming until it exploded on our shores. No one on Wall Street saw the present economic collapse coming, even though we had more data than ever at our disposal. So wear your learning lightly and be prepared to update it as new understandings emerge.

One way to guard yourself from becoming defensive about your limitations is to read newspapers, periodicals, books and blogs that challenge everything you believe. Pick thinkers and writers whose views represent a serious alternative to yours and dare them to overturn your position. It is perfectly fine to seek out the best minds that agree with your views and use them to fortify your understanding, but this should be balanced by a desire to understand other options regardless of whether they are persuasive enough to make you change your mind.

4 Never underestimate the potential of your peer group. In school, fellow students have been your competitors for the top grades and awards. To collaborate with them on assignments or examinations could be called cheating and incur harsh penalties, but lifelong learning requires the reinforcement and encouragement of

others who share your goal. The group provides motivation that you will no longer receive from being enrolled in school. Obviously, it offers more resources than you could assemble on your own, and membership teaches you how to learn both for each other and from each other.

While the group needs to be congenial and collegial, it should also build in deliberate diversity. If Republican views tend to dominate the conversation, recruit a thoughtful Democrat. If Baptist views go unexamined, look for an articulate Roman Catholic. Learn to cross generational lines by having at least one guru to help mentor the group. The point is not to follow a politically correct quota system, but to avoid listening to the echo of your own voice or becoming the echo of another’s voice.

5 Once you have learned to think for yourself and to relate to others, don’t stop until you have also learned to commit. It may seem that I have stressed exposing yourself to a variety of viewpoints, which might encourage a posture of perpetual neutrality. However, it is precisely the awareness of genuine alternatives that strengthens the recognition of your need to choose between them. It does not take courage or insight merely to go along with what the crowd is saying, but it does take soul searching and firm resolve to choose an option counter to the views of others whom you truly respect. In a world where so many are seduced by media slogans, by the hype of advertisers, by the political doublespeak of the spin twisters, you will know that you have really begun to learn when your positions are independently taken after considering all of the evidence presented in its most persuasive form.

True commitment begins with the creative exercise of the imagination, when you are seized with wonder and awe at the mystery of existence. Deciding what you value will help you ponder: What makes my life truly significant? What do I want to shape my character? What do I want to pass on to my kids? True religion should help you make these higher-order decisions, but be sure to choose a religion that has not become captive to its culture. Once you know who you are, why you are here, where you are going and what you want to leave behind, you will be ready to apply for that most important degree in lifelong learning. May you qualify to receive it with all the honors that come from being a truly educated person! ■



Learning the Art of

by Melissa Gibson

Glassblowing

It starts with a blob and a 900-degree kiln. It ends with a delicate glass ornament. The process in between—glassblowing—requires determination and patience.

Samford students learned about the process firsthand this spring, working alongside artist Sam Cornman to create their own glass art. Cornman, whose work is known internationally, has been working with glass for nine years.

“Glass is a unique medium,” he said. “It gives a student another opportunity of visual expression and broadens the visual vocabulary that one can create with.”

Senior art major Shelby Patton found the process “a lot hotter than you would expect.” Students wore safety glasses and hand coverings to shield the heat.

Katherine Hammers, another senior art major, found the metal blowpipe hard to twirl. “The glass was so hot that when I stopped twirling the pipe, my ornament collapsed,” she said.

With some practice, the students were able to form ornaments, heat and reheat them in the kilns, and blow bubbles into the interior of the glass.

“It is important for a visual artist to create each day,” Cornman said, “as it is [for them] to hone skills and explore the mind.”

After graduating from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Cornman moved to Birmingham to work for Bear Creek Glass as the hot shop studio coordinator and head gaffer. He helped the University of Montevallo set up its hot glass studio and last year created a commissioned

sculpture for the Balch and Bingham law firm in downtown Birmingham. His glassblown artworks are represented in collections in Germany, Japan and New York as well as Birmingham.

Cornman’s work was displayed in the Samford Art Gallery during February and March. He worked with students to introduce them to glassblowing at the University of Montevallo hot glass studio as part of his exhibit. ■

Melissa Gibson is a senior journalism major who served as an intern in Samford’s Office of University Relations during the spring of 2009.



“Sea Life Composition,” left, was part of Sam Cornman’s exhibit at Samford. Right: Students Holly Long (red shirt) and Carolyn Conklin (yellow) get glassblowing tips.

Fellows Parents Provide More than Tuition

by Jack Brymer

Rick and Teresa Dunn of Knoxville, Tenn., are members of the University Fellows Parents Council at Samford. Their daughter, Jessica, a sophomore, is a member of the program that began last fall and targets academically gifted high school students.

At the first Parents Council meeting last October, Rick Dunn asked how parents might help with the program.

"We told them that our top priority was to find funding to support needy University Fellows with miscellaneous and unexpected expenses," Program Director Chris Metress said. The Duns took the lead in a campaign that has raised more than \$3,000 for the fund thus far.

Dr. Dunn is helping in other ways as well. The pastor of Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Knoxville is an 18-year veteran in the field of youth and family ministries. He recently volunteered to conduct a leadership seminar for the Fellows program.

Dunn has served as a campus ministry leader, a youth and family life pastor, a retreat/conference speaker, and as a college and seminary professor in both national and international contexts. Before taking the Knoxville post, he was chair of the department of educational ministries at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. His wife is a licensed clinical therapist.

About halfway through the fall semester, several Fellows expressed a desire to remain on campus during Jan Term, according to Dr. Metress.

"They didn't want to necessarily take courses; rather, they just wanted to be here to continue building the community they had started in the fall," he said. Metress contacted Dunn about conducting a seminar. "He graciously agreed to do so, and it was a great week."

Students who attended the seminar agreed.

"I attended the seminar with Dr. Dunn because I wanted to learn about leadership within a spiritual context," said Anne Marie Pope of Chesapeake, Va. "It is important that we, as Christians, learn to be strong, Christ-focused leaders in a world that is severely lacking in such leadership.

"I walked away from the seminar encouraged, and with a renewed sense of

purpose. Dr. Dunn's lectures helped me understand that God can use my strengths in spite of my weaknesses to fill a need in the different communities around me. I came away with a practical sense of how to fulfill his purpose in my life."

Caroline Miller of Nairobi, Kenya, said she thoroughly enjoyed the seminar and vicariously gained an inside look at leadership through Dunn's experiences.

"I was reminded that leaders are ordinary people, that there are numerous types of leaders and styles of leadership, and that balance is key in many areas of leadership," she said. "Not only a balance between results and relationships, but also balance insofar as leaders need people around them to balance out their abilities, qualities and viewpoints.

"Also, Dr. Dunn emphasized the importance of integrity in leadership."

Dunn shared that his motivation was singular in providing this seminar. "I was aware from conversations with Metress and Ashley Floyd [associate director] that providing this type of seminar would be beneficial to the students and to the future of the Fellows Program," Dunn said.

"I wanted to give this seminar as a gift to Samford to express my appreciation for the school and for the opportunities that have been created for my daughter, Jess," he said. "As I told them, being a pastor does not afford me the

luxury of substantial financial resources with which I can be a significant donor to the school. However, I can offer my time and experience and gifts."

Metress said the seminar was a blessing to the Fellows Program.

"[Dunn] challenged us to think about our deepest convictions, because his own experience has taught him that good leaders must understand the principles that guide them before they can begin to guide others. Many of our students now see leadership as a journey of the spirit that demands strength and vision, but also compassion and risk. As director of the program, I've been building upon those insights in my courses and in my daily decisions."

In addition to his pastoral leadership, Dunn is the author of *Shaping the Spiritual Life of Students: A Guide for Youth Workers, Pastors, Teachers & Campus Ministers*. He is coeditor of *Reaching a Generation for Christ: A Comprehensive Guide to Youth Ministry* (Moody Press). For more information, go to www.samford.edu/fellows. ■

Rick Dunn conducts a leadership seminar for University Fellows.





Ida V. Moffett School of

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NEWSLETTER

A New Era in Nursing Education and Practice



As nursing enters a new era of medical advances and challenges, the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing [IVMSON] has recently achieved several milestones that secure the school's position as a leader in nursing education and practice for the future. These major accomplishments include expanding the school's academic programs, creating state-of-the-art clinical and simulation laboratories, and enhancing our commitment to the mission of Samford University by strengthening partnerships with the faith and health communities.

As our school continues its obligation to fulfill the health care needs of the state, nation and world through exceptional teaching, scholarship and service, the stability and quality of our nursing program is especially important in this critical time of nursing faculty and practitioner shortages.

Recent educational advances include the launching of a Doctor of Nursing Practice [D.N.P.] program, incorporating simulation experiences into all nursing degree programs; and transitioning to an accelerated second degree in nursing program. These programs put us in the vanguard of nursing education and practice, and respond to the expanding needs of the nation's health care system.

The D.N.P. is an alternative to research-focused doctorates in nursing and is congruent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN] recommendation that advance practice nursing education transition to

the clinical doctorate level by 2015. The DNP is a degree that prepares nurses for multiple advanced practice roles. Its target population includes those practitioners whose aim is to practice at the highest levels of excellence in practice. Graduates of this program will have the expert skills and knowledge to work within interdisciplinary teams to achieve the nation's goals for quality health care and reduce health disparities. D.N.P. graduates will assume leadership roles in nursing practice, administration and education.

Our new Simulation Laboratory represents one of the most significant nursing education changes that the IVMSON has ever experienced. The Simulation Lab includes two beds and four full body patient simulators that model clinical needs of infants, children and adults, including obstetrical patients. This lab is designed to reproduce realistic practice settings, including a basic hospital nursing unit; an intensive care unit; a surgical/operating suite and recovery unit; and a pediatric, neonatal nursery, maternity, health assessment and diagnostic units. This is accomplished through the use of clinical case scenarios, faculty guidance, and resources that facilitate critical thinking and decision-making. This computerized equipment allows faculty to create advanced clinical practice situations to teach and test student learning before the students use new skills in actual patient care.

This is a revolutionary advancement in our school's ability to prepare students for the complex medical practice environment they will confront in the future. In addition simulation improves faculty resource utilization, decreases pressure on our clinical partners for placements, and creates new opportunities for continuing education of nurses already in practice. The Simulation Lab can also serve all health-related programs at Samford, thereby promoting interdisciplinary learning opportunities.

The IVMSON is committed to addressing the severe shortage of nurses in our state and nation. For example, our school has transitioned our traditional second degree program to an accelerated

second degree program. Second degree programs like ours provide students who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing, the opportunity to complete a B.S.N. in an accelerated curriculum model in a shorter period of time than is typically required. The major change in our program is in the time-frame. The accelerated program will shorten the time for completion from four semesters over 24 months to four semesters over 15 months. This program will be an option within our current B.S.N. degree program and will utilize the existing B.S.N. degree infrastructure substantially reducing costs.

The IVMSON's commitment to service, specifically as it relates to faith-based medical initiatives, spans over two decades. As we continue to strengthen the links between faith and health, we are pleased that the Baptist Health System's Congregational Health program has moved to the IVMSON. Debbie Duke, RN has joined our staff and will continue to oversee the program and serve as chair of the Congregational Health program advisory committee. In addition, Duke will provide leadership for our parish nursing, palliative care, end-of-life and ethics programs, faculty and student health-related ministry and mission experiences, as well as congregational health research and grant initiatives.

It is my pleasure to showcase the academic excellence, scholarship and ministry dimensions of our nursing program. Our success is due in large part to the generous contributions of our alumni, friends, and donors. Let me take this special opportunity to thank each of you who have contributed to the IVMSON and made these accomplishments possible.

As Mrs. Moffett stated, "Before great things are accomplished, someone has to dream a dream." We are continuing to dream dreams for our nursing program. We invite you to join us in making these dreams a reality.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nena F. Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nena F. Sanders, D.S.N., RN
Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor

Congregational Health Program Moves to Samford



Debbie Duke

Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has been actively involved in promoting congregational health ministries through parish nursing for a decade. In 1999,

the nursing school became one of the first 50 in the nation to offer the course, Basic Preparation for Parish Nurses.

"The relationship between faith and health has gained considerable validation in recent years, while congregational health ministries have spread with increasing momentum throughout the country," said nursing professor Gretchen McDaniel, who heads Samford's continuing nursing education program.

"A key figure in the health ministry movement is the faith community nurse, or parish nurse," she continued. "The American Nurses Association recognizes faith community nursing as a specialty practice and professional model of health ministry.

"The faith community nurse is defined as a specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit as part of the process of promoting holistic health, and preventing or minimizing illness in a faith community," said Dr. McDaniel.

Samford has offered the parish nurse continuing education course in conjunction with the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union/Baptist Nursing Fellowship and Baptist Health System 19 times, resulting in the education of some 475 parish nurses.

Debbie Duke, a 1995 Samford nursing graduate, was among the first group of nurses to complete this Basic Preparation for Parish Nurses course and, in 2002, was among the first group of five Baptist Health System [BHS] nurses to pilot parish nursing in their newly established Congregational Health program. Later, she was chosen to lead the Congregational Health program at BHS.

Through Duke's leadership, the Congregational Health Program grew to covenant with 116 churches of all denominations in 22 Alabama counties.

"It has been a wonderful six years working with churches to help them

start their ministries," she said.

"Relationships have been established and lives have been changed through their health ministry work. The program offers support and resources to churches that are interested in beginning a health ministry."

In addition to training sessions, the Congregational Health program offers a speaker's bureau, arranges for health screenings and health fairs, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and holds quarterly focus group meetings for churches involved in health ministries.

This spring, the Congregational Health program moved to the Samford nursing school, where Duke will continue to oversee the program and serve as chair of the Congregational Health program advisory committee, in addition to providing leadership for parish nursing; palliative care, end-of-life and ethics programs, faculty and student health-related ministry and mission experiences; as well as congregational health research and grant initiatives.

"I smile and thank God for opening the doors to continue this ministry at Samford," said Duke. "I'm back home." ■

Members of the D.N.P. Class of 2009



Members of the first Doctor of Nursing Practice class that will graduate in May include, from left, front row, Betsy Mann, Jacqueline McCoy, Mary Walden, Rebecca Peinhardt, Susan Stillwell, Marie Mompount; second row, Gail Burns, Patricia Hampton, Sherry Fua; third row, Donna Williams, Greg Eagerton; fourth row, Deborah Rushing, Earnest Agnew, Rebecca Cahill; fifth row, Carol Ratchliffe, Stuart Pope. See story on page 24.

Samford's First Doctor of Nursing Practice Class How a Flourishing Program Will Promote Patient Care

by Jean M. McLean

Susan Stillwell remembers June 2, 2008—the first time she saw Samford's campus. “There's so much green!” she said. This clinical associate professor from Arizona State University was at first overwhelmed by these lush, southern grounds. But soon, she was overwhelmed by something else.

“It's the friends that I made,” said Stillwell of one of the biggest highlights of her yearlong doctoral program experience. “I feel like I can depend on them 20 years from now. Moreover, the faculty is outstanding, committed to student learning and exceptional pedagogy. I knew I had made the right choice.”

Stillwell made those friends despite her long-distance relationships. As one of 26 students in Samford's first Doctor of Nursing Practice [D.N.P.] class, she participated in an on-campus immersion experience the first semester, then in rigorous virtual classroom study, returning only occasionally to Birmingham.

The program, part of a national trend toward doctoral study for practicing nurses, differs from traditional Ph.D. nursing programs focused on preparing researchers. National nursing school deans, including Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Dean Nena F. Sanders, are working toward developing standardized D.N.P. programs meeting accreditation standards adopted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. D.N.P. graduates focus on advanced clinical practice and administrative techniques aimed at improving patient outcomes and keeping people healthy. The impact will be felt in hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, schools, home health care, rural clinics and other patient-care settings.

Samford's D.N.P. program is another step toward meeting health-care challenges that include nationwide nursing shortages, overworked physicians, aging populations and underserved rural areas.



D.N.P. student Carol Ratcliffe, left, vice president and chief nurse executive for St. Vincent's East Hospital, looks over patient information with nurses Kelly Bundy, seated, and Iris Reasor.

Graduates will be qualified as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, administrators and educators.

“The D.N.P. program is critical because its focus is to improve patient-care outcomes, whether that's changing an intervention technique or the administration of a drug,” said Sanders. “We're looking at what makes a difference in the outcome of a patient's care, based on evidence-based research.” D.N.P. graduates can bring evidence-based research to policy-making discussions with doctoral-level colleagues, from pharmacists to physical therapists.

D.N.P. student Greg Eagerton already has applied evidence-based research techniques as chief nursing officer at Birmingham's Veteran's Administration [VA] Medical Center.

“I soon started to think differently than before,” he said of his beginning D.N.P. study. “Because of evidence-based

research, we're now opening up new visiting hours for ICU patient families. The research shows that our assumption that families would interfere with traffic in ICU was unfounded based on databases from other hospitals' experiences. We're only three weeks into it, but after introducing more flexible visiting hours, we're finding patients and families more satisfied. The research enabled me to go to nursing managers with evidence that countered their fears.”

Carol J. Ratcliffe, vice president of patient care services and chief nurse executive for Birmingham's St. Vincent's East Hospital, says the D.N.P. program also has encouraged her to think differently. “This will help me guide my leadership team to the next level. It has also re-sparked my interest in advocacy and health policy. I have an enhanced understanding of the analysis process required for health policy development. It is very extensive.”



D.N.P. student Greg Eagerton, chief nursing officer at Birmingham's Veteran's Administration Hospital, confers with Tina Strickland, left, a unit manager at VA Hospital and 2001 graduate of Samford's master of science in nursing program.

There are other D.N.P. programs scattered across the country, but Ratcliffe and other students say Samford offers a unique learning community that is both academically rigorous and personally enriching.

"This is an excellent program," said Ratcliffe. "The dean and the professors at Samford care about their students and want them to be successful. I considered other schools for my doctorate but chose Samford because of what the school of nursing stands for. It's a very well-rounded program."

Others agree. Although Stuart Pope, medical staff coordinator of Montgomery's Greil Memorial Psychiatric Hospital, and Marie Mompoin, medical specialty nurse practitioner for the Atlanta VA Medical Center, come from very different backgrounds, they shared similar concerns about pursuing advanced degrees while working full time. Mompoin's first language is French. Pope's is Deep South English. Both remember their first interviews at Samford. Pope remembers confiding his fears about returning to get his then-master's degree to former Dean Marian Baur.

"She told me, 'Stuart, you will be successful. This will be hard, but you can and will do it,'" recalled Pope. "So many others were negative about my efforts; her attitude was so refreshing. At Samford, they

start out with the attitude that you will be successful unless you prove them wrong."

Mompoin knew that although she is fluent in English, being a second-language learner would further complicate her studies in an already difficult field. She, too, received her master's degree at Samford before returning to be a part of the first D.N.P. class.

"Samford gave me the confidence to pursue it," said Mompoin. "Now I consider persons like Dr. Jane Martin my friend. That is something I could never give back to Samford. They are very different from other schools. Samford respects me for who I am. They gave me that courage to go ahead and do it."

Pope, who is also a seminary graduate and pastor, thinks Samford's faith base is part of what makes this institution different from other worthy schools. "At the end of the first week in the D.N.P. program, every person, with the instructors, stood and held hands in a circle and prayed," Pope said. "It was just an awesome experience. I mean, we had church!"

The first class will graduate in May. Some, like Stillwell, will immediately begin teaching graduate-level students what they have learned. Others, like Mompoin and Pope, will expand their supervisory teaching roles in clinical and administrative settings. From nurse practitioners to admin-

istrators to educators, each specialist will bring a new perspective to their already flourishing careers.

The faculty can't wait to see what happens next. The response from potential students from around the country has been a pleasant surprise, said Dr. Jane Martin, associate dean and D.N.P. director.

"The quality of work produced by our current class is excellent, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with our D.N.P. graduates," Martin said. "I know that they will have a tremendous impact in health care when they return to their positions. It is a very exciting time for nursing."

No one knows exactly what impact these first graduates will have or what awaits the next class that starts in June. But Sanders hopes that five years from now, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing will have transitioned into a D.N.P. program that takes students straight from a bachelor's to a doctoral degree. It's not about promoting nursing, Dean Sanders says, but about promoting patient health and welfare.

Nurses practicing from an evidence-based perspective will influence health-care policy, identify alternative treatment protocols for population groups, assist patients in making better health choices and be better prepared to address future complex health-care needs.

Like Stillwell's first impression, the future of nursing at Samford is green. It's as promising, all say, as the lush lawns and arbors of this friendly Lakeshore Drive campus. ■

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Modern On-Campus Clinical Lab Provides Numerous New Opportunities

by Rob Collingsworth



Students Marlo Johnson, left, and Dmitriy Gaevoi practice dressing a wound in the new clinical lab.

After years of commuting to an off-site hospital, Samford nursing students are benefiting from a new modern clinical laboratory on-campus. The lab provides additional opportunities to the students, faculty and staff of Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

Students in the undergraduate, graduate and nurse anesthesia programs use the lab as a resource during and outside classroom time before advancing to the hospital area. Faculty can simulate a clinical environment, giving students the opportunity to learn and receive constructive criticism before working with real patients.

The lab, which opened in the fall of 2008, simulates numerous aspects of patient care using mannequins specifically designed for medical training. Students use these mannequins to learn skills such as IV insertion, tube feeding, medication administration and sterile dressing change.

"The mannequins can have 'blood' in their veins, so that when the student practices their IV insertion skills, there will be a blood return when the student is in the mannequin's vein," said Rebecca Warr, an

assistant professor in the nursing school. "Many of our mannequins also have heart, lung and abdominal sounds that can be made to sound normal or have problems.

"The students must dress in professional attire, consisting of either profes-

sional dress with a lab coat and name badge or their nursing uniform," Warr said. "Throughout the experience, the students treat the mannequins with respect and dignity as if they were real patients."

In addition to its medical aspects, the lab also has helped students and faculty save time and be more fiscally responsible because they no longer have to make the long trek to Trinity Hospital for training. The lab's location on Samford's campus gives students easier access to training tools as well.

"Not only is the lab more convenient, but students also are able to utilize the lab as a practice area after class hours," said Jill Pence, assistant professor in the nursing school.

Samford's clinical lab also features a number of other advantages.

"Students can repeat skills without compromising patient safety," Pence said. "As patient acuity increases in the hospital, simulation practice for students becomes an integral part of nursing education to provide safe, effective care for our patients." ■



A student inserts IV into hand of clinical lab mannequin.

High-Tech Simulator ‘Stan’ Helps Anesthesia Students Gain Practical Experience

by Mary Wimberley



Nurse anesthesia student Mary Beth Greenway practices intubation.

When Kathryn Nix anesthetized her first live patient recently, she secured the airway and performed the drug induction sequence with the confidence of one who had performed the procedure before.

Thanks to a high-tech mannequin dubbed “Stan,” the nurse anesthetist graduate student had, in essence, done so.

Stan was at Samford on loan for inspection when Nix and other students were able to practice techniques they had studied in textbooks. Thanks to a \$788,389 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, another mannequin is on its way to Samford, and this one will stay.

The funds, highlighted by a first-year award of \$458,589, are being used to establish a clinical simulation program that includes purchase of a human patient simulator [HPS] manufactured by Medical Education Technologies, Inc. The grant also provides for an expanded emphasis on training nurse anesthetists for rural and underserved areas in Alabama and Mississippi.

According to the company, its HPS

is the only patient simulator with the ability to provide respiratory gas exchange anesthesia delivery and patient monitoring with real physiological clinical monitors.

This means that just about any situation a nurse anesthetist is likely to encounter with a living, breathing patient can be experienced in advance.

Use of the human patient simulator will be incorporated into the basic and advanced nursing course to reinforce didactic principles, and serve as a bridge between bookwork and clinical management, said Nurse Anesthesia Program Director Mary C. Karlet.

“Because the simulator mirrors human responses, students can learn, practice and gain confidence in their clinical skills prior to actual patient-care interventions,” said Dr. Karlet. “Anesthesia and nursing misadventures and crises can be encountered and managed without risk to real patients.”

Patient simulator reactions to injected drugs and inhaled anesthetics will help reinforce reaction, dosage, uptake, distribution and elimination concepts that are discussed in class, she explained.

The use of the simulator allows the instructor to do a better job, too.

While a student is working with the simulator in a realistic nursing scenario, the instructor can evaluate the simulation relatively “hands-free,” noted Karlet.

“Working with Stan definitely helped me to feel more confident and at ease during my first induction sequence with an actual patient,” said Nix, who is in her first clinical rotation at Shelby Baptist hospital.

“The ability to simulate induction of general anesthesia on a mannequin that reacted to drugs and interventions similar to an actual person greatly helped prepare me for my first rotation,” said Nix, who predicted that the mannequin will be a “wonderful asset” to the nurse anesthesia program.

Although Stan’s full name is Stan D. Ardman, or “Standard Man,” the mannequin can be used as male or female, as

the teaching need may be.

In addition to the adult mannequin, the nursing school is purchasing a pediatric simulator, other teaching devices, lab supplies and simulation training for lab coordinators and instructors, said John D. Lundeen, coordinator of the Nurse Anesthesia Simulation and Clinical Learning Center.

All will be in place by April 17 for an open house to show off the new simulation lab and introduce Stan to the Samford community.

The component of the grant that allows the nursing school to better address needs of rural and underserved areas in Alabama and Mississippi is especially welcome, say administrators.

According to Karlet, students must spend at least one of their nine required clinical rotations at a rural site.

Working and studying at a health-care facility in rural or underserved communities enhances the training for the students. “The practice is often different in those settings, and the students may be given more responsibility” than they would at larger facilities, said Karlet. The latest site to be added is Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth, Miss., bringing the total number of rotation sites to 30.

Also new this year, thanks to the grant, is a collaboration with traditionally black Alcorn State University at its Natchez, Miss., campus, where Samford nursing faculty members are mentoring undergraduate students. The hope is that Alcorn graduates will want to pursue nurse anesthesia training at Samford, which will increase diversity for the school and equip students to return to their communities as graduate-level trained practitioners. ■

Anesthesia Students View Service as Their Mission

by Mary Karlet



Nursing Dean Nena Sanders presents a hood to Alison Herren during fall ceremony.

The nurse anesthesia program of Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing experienced a combination of rich rewards and deep sorrow during 2008–09.

Our dear colleague and friend, Dr. Resa Culpepper, passed away in February 2009. She was a long-time educator and leader in the Birmingham area, and she left behind a strong legacy of dedication to the nurse anesthesia profession. This year, an award was developed for program graduates who best personify the commitment to professionalism that Dr. Culpepper cultivated. Cyndi Bass '08 was the first recipient of the Resa Culpepper Award in recognition of her professional involvement as a student.

Service to the community is part of the mission of Samford University, and Samford nurse anesthesia students embrace this as a responsibility. Fifteen students participated in construction of a Habitat for Humanity house in September. Nineteen nurse anesthesia students participated in "Walk for the

Cure" in October. Each week, students from the Class of 2009 assist clients with physical therapy at the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham. Mary Beth Greenway '09 delivered anesthesia for surgical patients in Belize on a recent mission trip.

This past year, the program welcomed two new faculty members. Amy Snow, C.R.N.A., M.S., joined the faculty in February as director of clinical education. She is a graduate of the nursing school's undergraduate program and the University of Alabama at Birmingham nurse anesthesia program. In addition to a love for Samford, Snow brings to the position a rich background in clinical anesthesia education.

David Fort, C.R.N.A., M.S.N., joined the faculty in July. He is a graduate of the inaugural class of Samford's nurse anesthesia program and the first recipient of the Agatha Hodgins Award. Students benefit every day from Snow and Fort's knowledge and enthusiasm for educating nurse anesthesia students.

The nurse anesthesia program spent an exciting week in January learning about simulation in anticipation of the arrival of a high-fidelity human patient simulator. Medical Education Technology Incorporated [METI] and Chad Epps, M.D., from the UAB simulation lab spent time with faculty and students demonstrating the remarkable capabilities of Stan (see page 27) and the potential uses of METI Vision. As another part of the simulation preparation, John O'Donnell, C.R.N.A., associate director of the WISER Center at the University of Pittsburgh, provided a two-day seminar on various aspects of incorporating simulation activities into the nurse anesthesia curriculum. ■

Nurse Anesthesia Director Resa Culpepper Dies



Dr. Theresa L. (Resa) Culpepper, director of Samford's nurse anesthesia clinical program, died Feb. 9 following a yearlong battle

with cancer. Culpepper was one of the founding faculty members of the nurse anesthesia degree program in Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. She directed the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist [CRNA] clinical program.

"In 2003, Dr. Culpepper joined the nursing school and Samford University to assist in the re-establishment of the nurse anesthesia program," said Samford Nursing Dean Nena F. Sanders. "Her expertise as both a nurse educator and practitioner was invaluable to establishing the program and achieving accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs."

Dr. Mary C. Karlet, chair of the nurse anesthesia department, called Culpepper "an inspirational mentor to so many nurse anesthetists in the Birmingham community and a national leader in our profession."

Culpepper was a practicing CRNA for 38 years and taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham before joining Samford. She was active in regional and national professional organizations, and was widely published in her field. She was also a highly sought speaker and conference leader.

The Samford nursing school recently established the Resa Culpepper Award for student professionalism in the CRNA program and presented the first award to graduating senior Cyndi Bass last fall.

Her family suggested memorial gifts to the scholarship fund, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing CRNA program, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. ■

Dr. Ginger Frost Wins Major Fellowship from Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton

Samford University historian Ginger S. Frost has been accepted as a member at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, N.J. The fellowship award will enable Dr. Frost to spend a sabbatical year at the institute working on her latest book project, *Strangers in Blood: Illegitimacy in England, 1860–1939*.

The Institute for Advanced Studies was founded in 1930, and one of its first faculty members was Albert Einstein, who joined the institute in 1933 and served until his death in 1955. Historian George Kennan and physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer are among many noted scholars to have served on its faculty.

Each year, the institute selects about 200 members to receive fellowships from about 1,500 applicants. The institute expects a member's period in residence to result in work of significance and originality.

"Dr. Frost's membership at the institute is another testament to her status as a world-class scholar," said Dr. David W. Chapman, dean of Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Frost also has received a \$6,000 summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to fund

research in Great Britain before she heads to Princeton this fall.

Frost recently published two peer-reviewed books with academic presses in her field of British history. *Victorian Childhoods*, a study of the experiences of children growing up in Britain during Victorian times, is part of the "Victorian Life and Times" series by Praeger Press. *Living in Sin: Cohabiting as Husband and Wife in Nineteenth Century England*, which researches how the courts dealt with the unions of hundreds of couples in common law marriages, is part of the "Gender in History" series of Manchester University Press.

She also wrote *Promises Broken: Courtship, Class and Gender in Victorian England*, a study of breach of promise in marriage suits, published by the University Press of Virginia in 1995.

In 2002–03, Frost became the first scholar from Alabama to hold a fellowship at the National Humanities Center in Triangle Park, N.C. She has published articles in scholarly journals and spoken

frequently at conferences in the U.S. and Europe. She is past president of the Southern Conference on British Studies.

A Samford faculty member since 1996, Frost holds the Ph.D. degree from Rice University. ■



Dr. Ginger Frost

Biology Students Contribute to Five Mile Creek Research

Sections of Five Mile Creek in north metro Birmingham became familiar territory to a group of Samford University senior biology majors last fall. The students used the creek as the basis for their senior projects, employing research skills to obtain information they hope will be helpful to area environmentalists and officials.

About two dozen students paired in two-person teams to select a project, conduct research, and prepare visual and oral presentations. All projects related to the biological and environmental health of Five Mile Creek, a 28-mile waterway that flows through nine cities and 14 communities in Jefferson County.

Partners Madeleine Mula and Lee Ross studied how common duckweed might be a natural filter to contain excess aluminum, iron and zinc found in Black Creek, a major

tributary to Five Mile Creek.

In early October, the pair took water samples from three sites: upstream, mid-point and downstream. Back at their Samford lab, they recreated the samples in beakers, to which they introduced 25 species of duckweed.

The finding was that the flowering aquatic plant does a good "uptake" of the unwanted ions. The downside is that the plant, although easily available and plentiful, is highly invasive, maybe too much so.

They and other teams shared their findings with Five Mile Creek Greenway Partnership Coordinator Francesca Gross.

Using Five Mile Creek as the venue for the student research "was a good Samford-community project," said biology professor Betsy Dobbins, who cotaught the seminar with Dr. Kristin Bakkegard.

"North Birmingham has been under-

investigated," said Dr. Dobbins, noting that the Five Mile Creek area poses an abundance of interesting biological problems. The area has light industry, heavy industry, landfill and abandoned coal mines, all of which can impact water.

"It is an excellent learning laboratory," she said of the beleaguered creek. "Everyone is interested in water quality, but there are never enough people to do adequate investigation."

Gross, who was present when the students displayed and explained their findings, agreed. "It is a good, real-world example for students to be able to study a stream that has such a variety of problems," said Gross. For more information, go to www.samford.edu/biology. ■

Macon Award Winner

Metress Interests Cover Broad Spectrum: Teaching, Literature, Film Noir, Athletics

by Mary Wimberley

Dr. Christopher Metress is a sought-after speaker on the American literature lecture circuit, especially when the themes include such Southern literary classics as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and more recently his own 2002 book, *The Lynching of Emmett Till*.

To the hundreds of Samford students he has taught in his English and Cultural Perspectives classes, however, his most appreciated label may be that of encourager and inspirer.

Metress' classroom efforts were recognized in late January when he received the school's George Macon Memorial Award during the opening convocation of the spring semester. The award goes annually to a faculty member who, through outstanding performances as a teacher, counselor and friend to students, demonstrates the ability to inspire students to greatness.

Described by students as "brilliant," Metress also "embodies the spirit of Samford University," said Provost and Executive Vice President Brad Creed, noting the honoree's ease at developing relationships across campus.

Metress, who joined Samford's English department in 1993, took on a new role when he was named inaugural director of the school's innovative new University Fellows program in 2008.

The highly competitive liberal arts honors program attracts top students who want to become intellectual leaders.

This year's inaugural class

already has taken the lead on several important projects, says Metress, noting that the students have invited speakers to campus, hosted university-wide public forums, started organizations and supported many ongoing initiatives.

"But more than this, they have embraced the idea that to whom much is given, much is expected. They've pushed themselves to excel in a difficult curriculum, and they are challenging themselves to change the campus culture," said Metress.

Metress' own undergraduate days were at St. Mary's University, a small Catholic liberal arts school in San Antonio, Texas. There, he built on an academic interest that had started in high school when he read *The Fathers* by Allen Tate.

The novel, set during the Civil War in his home county in Virginia, whetted an interest in Southern history and literature that would lead to master's and Ph.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University.

While teaching a course at Samford entitled *The Literature and History of the Civil Rights Movement*, Metress was drawn to the case of Emmett Till, an African American teenager who was abducted and murdered by two white men in Mississippi in 1955. The murder case, which at the time put Southern racism in the international spotlight and motivated the Civil Rights Movement, was reopened in 2004.

Metress, who eventually spent a summer researching the case, discovered a rich archive of historical and literary material that he shared with scholars and others. Urged by the University of Virginia Press to shape the material into an anthology, he penned the book, which happened to come out about the same time as two documentary films on the subject. The topic quickly became a focus of national attention.

"I'm glad that I was able, in my own small way, to help restart the national

Christopher Metress

conversation about the case. For many, the Till lynching is still an open wound, so it's often difficult to write about it in a scholarly, disinterested way, but that's always been my approach," said Metress, who was interviewed on the topic for national news stories and broadcasts.

"When I speak to audiences about the case, I tell them that the Till lynching still shapes the way we talk about race in America, whether we realize it or not. So, no matter how difficult it is to revisit these kinds of moments in American history, we have to do so. Otherwise, we don't really understand ourselves."

The Lynching of Emmett Till was a university press bestseller. In 2003, the Association of American University Presses named the book one of its "Best Books for Understanding Race Relations in the U.S."

Metress is also the author of *The Critical Response to Dashiell Hammett* (Greenwood, 1995) and *Emmett Till in Literary Memory and Imagination* (LSU Press, 2007).

His academic specialties also include film noir and British literature, which he frequently teaches at Samford's Daniel House in London.

Among faculty and students, Metress is known for his ability to build relationships outside specific disciplines. The opportunity to do that, he says, is one of the best things about working at Samford.

"We're a large enough university to have faculty working in a wide variety of disciplines, but not so large that we don't get to see each other and interact. There's no doubt that this kind of environment makes for better professors and better colleagues," he said.

Teaching in the Cultural Perspectives core curriculum has enabled Metress to meet students from many different backgrounds and majors. "I get to talk about ideas that aren't confined by any disciplinary boundaries."

Sometimes, his role in conversation is that of a conduit, as in his position at Samford as National Collegiate Athletic Association faculty athletics representative.

At many NCAA institutions, the faculty athletics representative mainly puts out or prevents fires, says Metress, but that's not true at Samford. "It's my job to understand, and to be able to represent the interests of faculty, student-athletes, coaches and the administration," he explained.

"More often than not, it's a fun job. When I talk with faculty, I try to get them to see the student-athlete's or the coach's point of view. When I talk with coaches or student-athletes, I try to get them to think like the faculty or the administration," he said.

"The most rewarding thing is when you can be part of change or solution that makes things work more smoothly than they did before," Metress added.

Being a faculty athletics representative is a perfect fit for the avid hoopster whose older and younger brothers are both basketball coaches.

For 15 years, he gathered with colleagues for lunchtime hoops three times a week. He has been sidelined this year because of his new duties with University Fellows.

Learning the ropes of directing the new program has one huge downside, says Metress: "It's killed my jump shot." ■

British Author Aitken Wins Pollock Award



Jonathan Aitken

British journalist and former Member of Parliament Jonathan Aitken received the 2008 John Pollock Award for Christian Biography given by Samford's Beeson Divinity School.

The award recognized Aitken's book, *John Newton: From Disgrace to Amazing Grace*. The book chronicles the life of the 18th century Anglican clergyman and former slave-ship captain who wrote many hymns, the best known of which is "Amazing Grace."

Aitken received the award and spoke during convocation at Samford March 12.

A former news correspondent, Aitken was elected to Parliament in 1974 and served briefly in the mid-1990s as chief secretary to the treasury, a cabinet position. His political career ended in 1999 when he was sentenced to prison for perjury in a civil case. During his seven-month incarceration, he rediscovered the Bible and his faith, and became a student of Christian theology.

Aitken's writings include *Charles W. Colson: A Life Redeemed* (2005), *Nixon: A Life* (1993) and his autobiography, *Pride and Perjury* (2003). He is coauthor with John Piper of *Amazing Grace in the Life of William Wilberforce*.

The Pollock Award is named for the British author of more than 30 books on religion, the majority of them being biographies of Christian leaders. Beeson Divinity School established the award, which carries a cash prize, in 2001. ■

Metress' Film Noir Top 10

Professor Christopher Metress often teaches a course on film noir. Here are his top 10 favorites from that genre of stylish Hollywood crime drama.

Double Indemnity (1944)

Chinatown (1974)

Kiss Me Deadly (1955)

Touch of Evil (1957)

Detour (1945)

Vertigo (1957)

L.A. Confidential (1997)

Lady from Shanghai (1948)

Miller's Crossing (1990)

The Killing (1956)

Graduate Survives Hudson River Crash

‘I realized there was no engine sound at all . . . we were gliding’

by William Nunnelley



Andrew Gray had just settled into his seat and was thumbing through a copy of *Economist* magazine as U.S. Airways flight 1549 took off from New York’s LaGuardia Airport Jan. 15, headed to Charlotte, N.C. Moments later, as the Airbus A320 climbed to about 3,000 feet, Gray heard a boom and immediately smelled something burning.

The plane had hit a flock of geese and lost power in both engines. As it descended, the pilot decided to try for a landing in the Hudson River.

“At first, I thought we had lost one engine and would return to the airport for another plane,” said Gray, a 2003 Samford graduate who recently completed five and a half years in the U.S. Army Airborne. “Then I realized there was no engine sound at all and that we were gliding.”

Gray was sitting in a window seat on the right side of the plane just behind the wing. His fiancé, Stephanie King, was next to him. He saw the river coming up and heard the captain tell passengers to brace for impact.

“We started praying,” said Gray. “I think we accepted that we could die, but as Christians, we felt we were right with God. We held hands and kissed and told each other we loved each other.”

Andrew Gray and Stephanie King

The plane hit the water “with a sound like thunder,” Gray said, and skidded across the surface. As it stopped, people opened the emergency exits on each side and started climbing onto the wings. Gray was about two rows behind the exit.

“People were very orderly,” he said. “There was no screaming or panic. As we got out on the wing, we were in water to our ankles. I was about the sixth person out on the right side, and we had to keep moving to let others out behind us. We were waist deep by the time we got to the point we could jump off and get to a ferry.”

Gray and King jumped into the 35-degree water and “sort of thrashed our way a short distance to the ferry.” He said, “you couldn’t really call it swimming, but the ferry was very close.”

He managed to keep his cell phone dry, one of the few to do so, and later, after he had called his parents and Stephanie’s family, he let other people use it to call their relatives. Miraculously, 155 people survived the crash and no one was killed.

“We went to the New York side of the Hudson, and the Red Cross gave us dry clothes and blankets. They took survivors to three spots on both sides of the river, and it took about three hours to process everyone. They had to know the seat you were sitting in to make sure everyone was accounted for.

“The pilot, Chesley Sullenberger, was in our group, and he was being bombarded with people saying thank you, thank you. He was the hero. Then they took him away pretty quickly so he could talk to the authorities.”

Gray said the airline got them a hotel room for an overnight stay. They weren’t ready to fly again the next day, so the airline bought them a compartment on an Amtrak train for Fayetteville, N.C., their destination.

Gray and Stephanie spent some time in Fayetteville with his parents. His father, Eastland Gray, is minister of pastoral care and seniors at Village Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Gray went to high school in Monroe, La., and attended Samford with the help

of an Army ROTC scholarship. He majored in political science and was active in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

“A guidance counselor tipped me off about Samford, and I enjoyed my experience there very much,” he said.

After earning his degree and commission as an Army second lieutenant in May 2003, he went to Fort Benning, Ga., to train as a paratrooper and ranger. He was later attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, and served two tours in Afghanistan, one of 12 months and another of 15 months.

“I had some close calls in the service, but nothing quite this close,” he said. “We’re just thankful for being alive. God’s hands must have been on those wings because they were both filled with people, and I never felt like I was losing my balance.” ■

Passengers line the wings of the partially submerged airliner that crashed into the Hudson River in January. **Below:** Rescue vessels race to aid survivors.



CLASSnotes

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- '42 **Charles C. McCain** of Anniston, Ala., is retired director of missions for the Calhoun Baptist Association. He was pastor of seven churches during his career.
- '49 **Henry Raymaker, Jr.**, of Dublin, Ga., is filming Native American history and culture to produce educational DVDs. He is a retired psychologist.
- '50 **Roy A. and Willodean Davis Graves** of Fairhope, Ala., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December. He retired as supervising criminal investigator, U.S. Department of the Treasury. While in school, she was director of the Howard College nursery for children of ministerial students. She was later principal cellist for the first Orlando, Fla., civic orchestra, and was a guest cellist with the Samford Orchestra under George Koski.
- '53 **James Lee Holland, Jr.**, of Birmingham is a clerk at Alabama Goodwill Industries. He is active in his church music program.
- '55 **Howard and Jane Duffey Wright**, who met as Samford students, recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. He is part-time minister of music at First Baptist Church, Graham, N.C.
- Bill W. Mathis** is retired. He and his wife, May Ann, live in Louisville, Ky.
- '59 **C. Thomas Bodkin** was elected president and board chair of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. He is associate pastor for congregational care at Hayes Barton Baptist church, Raleigh, N.C.
- '62 **Carolyn Kendrick Tate** of Pensacola, Fla., was named Northwest Florida's 2008 Volunteer of the Year for Florida Baptist children's Homes. She and her husband, **Ed Tate '63**, assist in fund-raising, sponsor children in their home, and provide assistance at the Children's Home campus in Pensacola.
- '65 **Olivia Campbell** is an executive leadership coach in Jacksonville, Fla.
- '66 **Jim Gibson** is vice president for external relations at Mid-Continent University in Mayfield, Ky. He directs financial support for the university, public and media relations, external publications, marketing, church relations, alumni support, and denominational relations.
- '67 **William Lee** retired as pharmacy manager at Winn Dixie, Columbus, Ga., after 41 years as a pharmacist, district manager and drugstore owner. He and his wife, Wynne, live in Waverly Hall, Ga. They have three children.
- '69 **John Wayne Cargile** of Coker, Ala., is the author of his first novel, *The Cry of the Cuckoos*, a mystery about a son who is estranged from his parents. The story, set in Birmingham and Kilgore, Texas, deals with deception and forgiveness.
- Virginia Pike Gielow** of Bay Village, Ohio, won Cornell University ornithological laboratory's photography contest and is a finalist in Photography Forum's 2008 international contest. She is an analyst for an investment company.
- Cheryl Dorn Taylor** and her husband, Richard, live in Reno, Nev., where they are in the real estate business.
- '70 **David Moore** is president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Little Rock, Ark.
- Ronald A. Wilson** is chaplain at Hospice of West Alabama, and pastor for music and worship at Woodland Forest Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- '74 **Sherry Echols** teaches sixth grade social studies at Hartselle (Ala.) Junior High, where she received the Freedom Award at the school's 2008 Veterans Day program.
- James B. Morris, Jr.**, is a pharmacist with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Susan, live in Madison, Tenn. They have three daughters.
- Joe Norman** works with the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service in Indianapolis, Ind. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children.
- '75 **Leighton Spann** of Louisville, Miss., earned the Accreditation in Public Relations designation. He is an officer in the Starkville/Mississippi State University chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and serves on the state board of directors. He oversees electronic media productions for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine at MSU, and co-anchors the weekly Farmweek program on Mississippi Public Broadcasting and RFD-TV. He and his wife, Katharine, have five children.
- '76 **Joe Bower, J.D.**, of Kinston, N.C., received the Kinston Home Builders Association's 2008 award for outstanding community leadership and service. The association's general counsel for 16 years, he is a member of the Kinston firm of White & Allen, P.A.
- Earl Ann Lenert Bumpus** and her family live in San Angelo, Texas. She and her husband, Mark Alan, have two children.
- Marcia Walker Hamby** is director of counseling services at Samford. She earned a Ph.D. in counselor education from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa in 2007.
- James O. Helms** is executive vice president/chief financial officer of Fulton Teachers Credit Union, Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Robin, have two children.
- James Ronald Wilson** is director of development for Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga. He was most recently a development officer at Samford. He and his wife, Jody, are parents of **Matt Wilson '05**.
- '77 **Rickie Moon, M.S.E. '97**, of Huntsville, Ala., is senior environmental scientist at Teledyne Solutions, Inc. He and his wife, **Mary Ann Buffington Moon '76** have a son, Russ, and a daughter, Laura, who is a junior at Samford.
- Mary Virginia Thompson** wrote her first book, *In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington* (University of Virginia Press). She is research librarian at Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Mount Vernon, Va.
- '78 **David Brazzeal** lives in Tucker, Ga. He has been a missionary in Canada.
- Deborah Wesner Dodd** of Yorktown, Va., is director of music and children's ministries at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newport News, Va. She and her husband, Nelson, have two children.
- Sherry Thomas Mullenix** of Gardendale, Ala., is owner of Mount Olive Pharmacy.

Powell and Lockman Find New Level of Energy at Samford

by Jack Brymer

Greg Powell and Jeffrey (Jeff) Lockman both hailed from Chattanooga, Tenn., and knew some of the same people, but they didn't know each other until Samford freshman orientation in 1977. They pursued different majors at Samford—Powell business and Lockman music—but formed a friendship. Both lived in Crawford Johnson Hall and were active in campus ministries activities.

“One of many great things about Samford is that regardless of a student's major, you had activities that allowed you to get to know people throughout the campus,” recalled Powell. Likewise, Lockman cited a “real collegial atmosphere of respect for each other.”

When the two got together on campus recently for the first time since graduation in 1981, they agreed that their 32-year friendship was sealed as a result of their Samford experience.

In the intervening years, Powell remained in Birmingham and ultimately established his own financial planning business, Fi-Plan Partners. He has continued to be actively involved with Samford, currently serving as president of the National Alumni Association. His numerous contributions to his alma mater were cited in the 2008 winter issue of *Seasons* (page 13).

Lockman's journey was a bit more circuitous, however. His dream of a profession was to be an opera singer. He had been a member of the A Cappella Choir, Samford Opera Workshop, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the men's professional music fraternity.

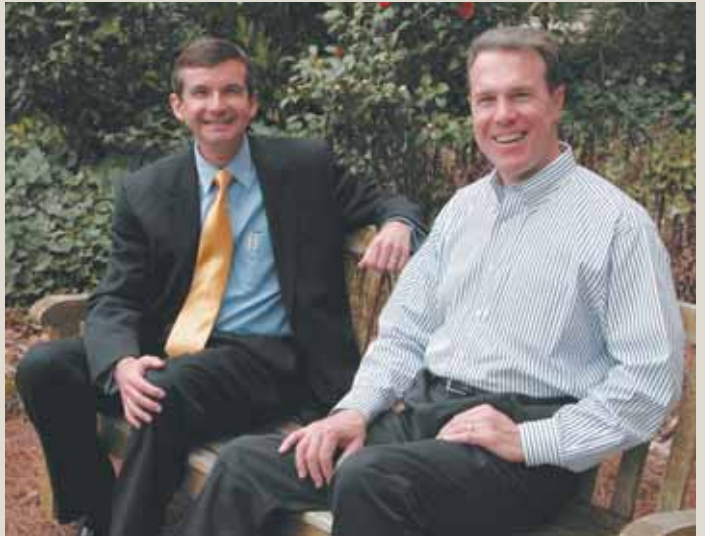
Following graduation, he enrolled in Indiana University, where he earned the master's degree in vocal performance and performed with the chorus of the Cincinnati Opera Company. During his time at Indiana, he played Alberich in *Das Rheingold* and Alcindoro in *La Boheme*. However, he said a frank discussion with the director of the Cincinnati Opera resulted in his reassessment of a music career.

By 1985, Lockman realized that opera was no longer in his future as a profession. As he had wanted to be a pilot from childhood, his mind flashed back to his Samford days when he spoke with an Air Force recruiter. So, he visited a U.S. Navy recruiting officer in Cincinnati, hoping they could turn a musician into a pilot.

They did, and he flew for almost nine years. But the end of the Cold War had resulted in a military-wide reduction in force by the early '90s. Lockman found himself applying to fly for airlines that had been hit hard by recession and were not hiring.

Following his release from the Navy in 1994, Lockman took a position with Pfizer, a pharmaceutical company. He discovered that his performance background served him well in talking with physicians. As a result, he was in the top 10 percent of the sales force within two years.

In the meantime, he had become a client of Powell's company. Powell said he considered it a huge compliment to their friendship. “To now know his wife and children as well as having watched each other's lives evolve cannot be summed up in words,” he said. “It shows the true value of the Samford experience.”



Greg Powell, left, and Jeff Lockman chat during a recent visit to Samford.

Powell invited Lockman to visit the campus recently for only the third time since graduation. One of those visits was a 1991 drive-through to show his wife his alma mater, and the other was in 1983 to visit a friend.

During the recent visit, Lockman said he found facilities he could not have imagined as a student. “With so many fields of study available now, it's a place I could see my children attending,” he said.

Lockman commended Powell and the Alumni Association for their efforts to involve alumni in the life of the university. He specifically cited the Phonathon program, “chatting with students,” and invitations to visit the campus and become involved as a way to support Samford.

“Support is more than just giving money,” he said.

Powell agreed. “Samford alums need to understand that there is so much for them to do when they come back to campus,” he said. “The campus has changed so much, and you feel an energy level of enthusiasm throughout the campus.”

Powell said the business networking that is taking place has been incredible.

“I have hired fellow alums for my business that I never would have met without our networking system, which is alive and well throughout the whole country,” he said. “In the current economic times, we as alums need to show that relationships do matter and that we can help each other just as we did when we were students. One of my main goals as president of the Alumni Association is to revitalize those relationships that have been dormant in these past years.” ■

Journalism Grads Invited to Attend 25th Anniversary During Homecoming

Samford has offered courses in journalism and mass communication since 1915, and has offered a major in the discipline on and off since that time. Over the years, it has produced many respected journalists, including the late Pulitzer Prize winner Harold Martin '54 and former *Atlanta Journal* editorial page editor Durwood McAlister '49.

The current department, which dates from 1984, will celebrate its 25th anniversary during homecoming Nov. 6–8. The department invites all Samford alumni who graduated with a journalism major or minor, or who have worked in the journalism profession, to attend.

Please contact Journalism and Mass Communication Department Chair Bernie Ankney for details about the homecoming celebration and other events planned by the department. He can be reached at rnankney@samford.edu or 205-726-2948. ■

'79 **Reita Jane Bishop** of Sugar Hill, Ga., is in her 25th year with the North American Mission Board. A national missionary for mobilization, she works with Southern Baptists to raise awareness of need for missions and missionaries.

Arthur Lyons, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, is a squad leader in the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Carson, Colo. He assists wounded soldiers in their recovery and transition back to duty. He was formerly in the investment industry for 28 years.

'80 **William Knowles** is associate professor and music department chair at Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, Tenn. He and his wife, Diana, have three children.

'81 **Cindy Lynn Walker Gaskins** and her husband, Emory, live in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she works with international students at University of Hawaii and Hawaii Baptist Academy. They have three children, Bethany, Hannah and Caleb.

Michael Price works in the advanced engineering department at Corning, Inc., Corning, N.Y.

J. Woods Watson is pastor to senior and single adults at First Baptist Church of West Monroe, La.

Richard Braxton Williams is CEO of Braxton Technologies, Conyers, Ga. He and his wife, Cathy, have one child, Robby.

'82 **Ralph Baker** is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Mayflower, Ark. He married Mila Gonzales in December and is serving January through June 2009 as a missionary in the Philippines.

William Huckeba is city president of CB&S Bank, Birmingham.

'83 **Melissa Martin Allphin** is a development director, working with the Samford Auxiliary, at Samford. She has two children, Claire and Carl Dupree.

Debra S. Moore is an occupational therapist at Kershaw County Medical Center, Camden, S.C.

'84 **Ben Bruner, J.D.**, is managing principal with Bruner Law Firm, Montgomery, Ala. **Cathy L. Gresham** is professor of internal medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine's Tuscaloosa campus. She is also director of medical student affairs.

Pamela Morris Tindal, M.S.E. '88, of Birmingham is principal of Brookville Elementary School.

'86 **Sandy White Elliott**, director of choral activities at Mt. Juliet (Tenn.) High School, is president-elect of the Middle Tennessee Vocal Association. She and her husband, Scott, have a son, Kyle.

Gina Wilemon Smith was chosen Social Worker of the Year by the Mississippi Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care. She is regional manager for social work with North Mississippi Medical Center Home Health in Tupelo, Miss. She and her husband, Greg, live in Saltillo, Miss.

'87 **Charles Todd Henderson** is an attorney in private practice in Pelham, Ala.

Craig and Barbara Hudson Webb live in Hermitage, Tenn. He is pastor for vision and purpose at Gladeville Baptist Church, and edits online materials for LifeWay. She is designer at Hantel Kitchen and Bath Design in Berry Hill, Tenn. They have three children.

'88 **Regina Hurley Ellis, M.B.A. '91**, of Dora, Ala., is senior paralegal at Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham. She has two children, Brennan and Garrett.

Mary Simpson Neel Springer works at First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She and her husband, Rob, have three sons, Noah, Samuel and Elijah.

'89 **William Burton** of Cynthiana, Ky., is a floating pharmacist for Kroger in northern Kentucky.

Donna Hudson Kilgore is executive director of the Walker County Children's Policy Council, Inc., Jasper, Ala. She has two children, Blake and Tyler.

Kimberly Garretson Neely is pharmacy manager at Kroger Marketplace, Thompson Station, Tenn.

'90 **Jose M. Alonso** is chief operating officer at ForgeHouse, Inc., Alpharetta, Ga.

Stacey and Whitney Wheeler Pickering live in Laurel, Miss., with their four children, Katie, Robert, Harrison and John Thomas. Whitney, a senior director with *Southern Living* at Home, was named one of Mississippi's Top 40 Under 40 for 2008 by the *Mississippi Business Journal*. Stacey recently won statewide election as auditor for the state of Mississippi.

Tal David Roberts is owner of Roberts Realty, Cartersville, Ga.

'91 **Thomas Brown** is chief executive officer/administrator of VRF Eye Specialty Group, Memphis, Tenn. He and his wife, Melissa, have two children, Ashby and Olivia.

H. Wayne Cleghorn of Talladega, Ala., is a division manager with Energen Corporation.

Orlanda L. Hendricks, M.B.A., of Snellville, Ga., received certification in project management (PMP). She is a senior project manager with AT&T in Atlanta, Ga.

Tonya Stephens of Crossville, Tenn., is a pharmacist with the Tennessee Department of Health.

Christopher and Jennifer Tindill Webb live in Panama City, Fla. They have two children, Audrey, 6, and Atticus, 4.

'92 **John Brewer** lives in Guntersville, Ala., with his wife, Traci Lynne, and their daughters, Molly Ruth, 3, and Sadie Logan, born in April 2008.

Matt Smith is superintendent of education, Prentiss County School District, Booneville, Miss. He and his wife, Dana, have two sons, Stegan and Danan.

'93 **Steven T. Brown** works in inside sales and purchasing with Motion Industries, Jonesboro, Ark. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Anna, 4, and Will, born in April 2008.

Rhonda Marable Harden, Pharm.D. '01, serves on the boards of the Alabama Pharmacy Association and Alabama Medicaid Drug Utilization Review, and is a member of Sanford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy advisory board. She is a clinical pharmacy specialist with Central Alabama Veterans Healthcare System, Tuskegee, Ala. She and her husband, William, have a daughter, Cheryl, 2.

Scott Gary Hopkins is general manager for marina development at Cedar Bay Yacht Club, Marco Island, Fla. He and his wife, Dolores, have four children, Abigale, Nomar, Sophia and Alexandra.

'94 **Andrea Mikala Henderson Northcut**, a chaplain at Seton Family of Hospitals, Austin, Texas, is pursuing board certification for chaplaincy. She and her husband, Lane, have two children, Aubrie Anne and Leah Michelle.

'95 **Kristi Kline Branch** is a teacher in the Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas. She and her husband, Eric, have two children, Kady and Dylan.

Mollie Alysson Neal McCarthy is a special operations air planner with the U.S. Air Force. She and her husband, Sean Michael, have two children, Matthew Neal and Caroline Grace.

Lauren Colley Studdard is a freelance graphic designer in Pelham, Ala. She and her husband, Barry, have a daughter, Emma, 3.

Jennifer Ables Underwood is marketing director at Pulaski Physical Therapy, Pulaski, Tenn. She was a Barack Obama delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo., in August. She and her husband, Tim, have two children, Anna Katherine, 10, and Jack, 8.

'96 **Chris, M.Div.**, and **Beth Ranson Callaway** live in Westbrook, Maine. He is assistant professor of philosophy at Saint Joseph's College of Maine. She is a freelance editor. They have a son, Ben, born in August.

Joseph Gilmore is head of operations at New South Federal Savings Bank, Birmingham.

'97 **Jeremy Brad Lewis** married Courtney Ingalls in November. They live in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is systems analyst manager for Lender Processing Services.

Lane Lynchard, J.D., was elected a county commissioner in Santa Rosa County, Fla. He practices transactional law in Navarre, Fla., and lives in Gulf Breeze, Fla., with his wife, Lori, and son, Bryan.

Amy Turner Minish of Anniston, Ala., owns a business for nutrition and lactation consultations. She and her husband, Victor, have two children, Ava, 5, and Annie, 1.

'98 **Kevin Lee Arnold, Pharm.D.**, of Leighton, Ala., owns Self Village Drugs/Westpoint Pharmacy, Muscle Shoals, Ala. He and his wife, Leah, have two children, Delaney and Samuel.

Patricia Gosha Frazier, M.B.A., M.Div. '07, is director of Christian education at Sardis Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Lana Greenfield, Pharm.D., is a Walgreens pharmacy manager in Nashville, Tenn.

Jennifer Diane Hamby Higdon, Pharm.D., is clinical pharmacist at Parkridge Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Alicia Christine Bower Owens, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist in charge with Target Pharmacy in Birmingham. She and her husband, John, have three children, Stone, William and Catherine Grace.

Lacey Thomas Reid, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist with Winn-Dixie in Helena, Ala. She and her husband, Danny, have two children, Ellen and Madelyn.

Jeanie Tennyson Tumlin, Pharm.D., of Gadsden, Ala., is a pharmacist with Northeast Pharmaceuticals. She and her husband, Todd, have two children, Claire and Reid.

'99 **Rebecca Gail Jakoby Centeno** and her husband, Justin, live in Miami, Fla., with their three children, Ethan, 7, Annabella, 5, and Preston, 4. Gail is a gift designer for her online boutique, The Pea Closet.

Elizabeth Dunning of Minneapolis, Minn., married Robby Timmons in May.

Eric Stephen Fowler, a major in the U.S. Army, is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in international studies at Old Dominion University. He plans to complete his dissertation during a yearlong deployment to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, beginning in March. He and his wife, Teresa Anne, have a daughter, Savannah Katherine, 1.

Jason Calvin Glenn is senior pastor at Upton Baptist Church, Upton, Ky. He and his wife, Michelle, have three children, Ethan, Emma and Evan.

Jason Grant of Suwanee, Ga., is a corporate development manager for Giant Impact, LLC. He and his wife, Jackeline, have a daughter, Kayde Alana, born in November.

Christopher Haygood is a doctoral student in the choral conducting and sacred music program at Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

Jonathan Randall Meacham, Pharm.D., is a clinical pharmacist at Indian River Medical Center, Vero Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Xander Cain, born in October.

Melodie Mitchell Swanson, Pharm.D., is a pharmacy manager with Bi-Lo in Ooltewah, Tenn.

Hillery Moore Odum and her family live in McDonough, Ga. She and her husband, David, have two sons, Camden, 3, and Conner, 1.

Edward B. Vines was appointed a district judge in Jefferson County by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and serves in the county courthouse in Bessemer, Ala. He is a graduate of Birmingham School of Law. He lives in Hoover, Ala., with his wife and two daughters.

'00 **Johnny Scott Brewer, J.D.**, is assistant district attorney for the 29th Judicial Circuit, Talladega County, Ala., and is president of the Talladega County Bar Association. He and his wife, Penny, have two children, Marissa and Lindsey.

Vincent Cipriano is a claims adjuster with Infinity Insurance in Birmingham. He and his wife, Kelly, have two sons, John and Nicholas.

Jill Troglen Corbin directs constituent services for U.S. Congressman Bobby Bright of the 2nd District of Alabama. She and her husband, Brian, live in Montgomery, Ala.

Charles (Chuck) Oscar Hetzler earned a Ph.D. degree in New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 2008. He is a Christian Union Teaching Fellow at Princeton University. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Nathanael Charles and Annalise Michelle.

Meridith Nealy Starling became a licensed clinical social worker in August. She works with pediatric cancer patients and families at the University of Michigan Health System Cancer Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., and has formed an advisory board to improve patient/family care. She and her husband, John, have one child, Jude. They live in Saline, Mich.

Tanya Hollins Williams, M.B.A., is a financial controller with Michelin North America, headquartered in Greenville, S.C. She and her husband, Michael, live in Simpsonville, S.C.

'01 **Jeremy Shawn Burchfield** is a police/field training officer with the University of Alabama at Birmingham Police Department.

Lucas Dorion is minister to students at College Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. He and his wife, Emily, have a son, Joseph Nash, born in July.

Reginald L. Jeter, an attorney with Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, LLC, was named to the inaugural class of the Birmingham Bar Association's Future Leaders Forum. His practice focuses on civil litigation.

Paula Marie Polinski, M.S.E., is office manager and executive assistant to the president of FHL Capital Corporation in Birmingham.

Rayna Jeannette Thompson is an attorney in Birmingham. She graduated from Birmingham School of Law.

'02 **Amanda Foster Coleman** is senior clinical supervisor at Youth Villages, Tupelo, Miss. She and her husband, Phillip, live in Starkville, Miss.

Kristy Greenhaw is a board-certified behavior analyst with Allied Behavioral Services in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Elizabeth Elaine Evans Hagan is senior pastor at Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Reston, Va. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Arlington, Va.

Janice Fuller Johnson is administrative director of the Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Lindsay Keith Kessler is a freelance photo stylist/interior designer in Pelham, Ala.

Elizabeth Boyce Wilson earned a master's in education in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in ESL from Columbia International University, Columbia, S.C., in July. She teaches second grade at Academia Los Pinares in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

'03 **Blair Lesley-Anne Byrket** is an underwriter with CCSMI, Inc., Danville, Ill. She lives in Champaign, Ill.

Christen Michele Saunders Edmonds and her husband, William Kelly Edmonds, Jr., live in Charleston, S.C. She works with area colleges as a ministry assistant with Charleston Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Juanita Franklin of Leeds, Ala., is a supervisor with the U.S. Treasury Financial Management Service.

Corinne Marie Broomfield Maleski of Westminster, Mass., passed the exam to be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional [LEED AP]. An interior

designer with Mauge Architects, Harvard, Mass., she works on commercial projects ranging from high-end car dealerships to biotech facilities.

Jess Randall Nix is an associate with the Birmingham law firm of Bradley, Arant, Rose and White, LLP. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. He and his wife, **Sara Mike Nix '04**, have a son, Barrett Thomas, born in August.

Kathryn Nowiczewski, M.S.E.M. '05, married Landon Foster in October. They live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Ryan Christopher Price earned a doctor of optometry degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2007 and is missionary clinic director in Haiti with Fellowship of Christian Optometrists International. He married Teresa Murphy in October.

'04 **Lacey Elizabeth Dunlap Amos** recently was licensed as a professional counselor [LPC]. She holds a master's degree in community counseling from Louisiana State University and advanced certification in psychiatric care. She and her husband, John Blake, live in Baton Rouge, La.

Amy Carrington of Lexington, Ky., is executive director of the Global Scholars Program at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. She is pursuing a master's degree in community development and leadership at the University of Kentucky.

Daniel Riherd of Loveland, Ohio, graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine in May and will be a resident in radiology in Oklahoma City, Okla. He and his wife, **Ashley Roberts Riherd '04**, have a daughter, Aubrey Ruth, born in September.

Scott S. Rosen is enrolled in medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tenn.

'05 **Robert C. Henslee** and his wife, Tracy, live in Dora, Ala.

Edrie Renee Hidle Lee, J.D., is an attorney in private practice in Dothan, Ala.

Courtney Renee McCoy is student ministry director at Silverdale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

'06 **Shannon Carnathan** and **Ryan Phillips, Pharm.D.**, married in April 2008. They live in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Casey Erin Clardy is enrolled in a combined Ph.D. in clinical psychology and master of divinity in theology program at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Seth Matthew Dye, Pharm.D., and **Kathleen Jordan Peebles, Pharm.D.**, married in Cortina, Italy, in March 2008. They practice pharmacy at Walmart and live in Lenoir City, Tenn. They are moving to Anchorage, Alaska, this spring.

Elizabeth L. Hammer married Eric Wester in October. They live in Norcross, Ga.

Pamela Hite, Pharm.D., is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at South University School of Pharmacy, Savannah, Ga.

Leonel Muralles is corporate wellness lead/wellness reward coordinator/disease coordinator at East Jefferson General Hospital, New Orleans, La.

'07 **Jefferson Adcock** and **Eve Muntz** married in August. They live in Brentwood, Tenn.

Jennifer Hope Cochran of Gardendale, Ala., is project service director with Logista.

Cari Freer teaches English as a foreign language in Istanbul, Turkey.

Sheila Lynn Goebel, Pharm.D., of Birmingham is a pharmacist with CVS.

Megan Hodges and **James Peter Kaal '08** married in September. They live in Birmingham.

Mary A. Robinson is an adjunct evening instructor at Jefferson State Community College. She lives in Hoover, Ala.

'08 **Meridith Hamilton Barnes, J.D.**, is an assistant attorney general with the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, Montgomery, Ala. She and her husband, Noel Steven, live in Pike Road, Ala.

Sarah Catherine Haslett Campbell is a legal assistant with Balch & Bingham, LLP, Birmingham. She and her husband, Austin, live in Hoover, Ala.

Audra Marie Clifton, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist with Walgreens Pharmacy, Birmingham. She has two children, Blake and Kelsey.

Pamila Sue Dycus, Pharm.D., is a pharmacist at Singing River Hospital Pharmacy and Burnham's Drugs, Pascagoula, Miss.

Hollie Brooke Beason Guffey is account services coordinator with Southern Progress Corporation, Birmingham. She and her husband, Justin, live in Steele, Ala.

Holly Jaye was selected from a pool of 1,000 applicants to serve as a teacher advisor for Scholastic Books, becoming one of two first-year teachers to sit on the 14-member panel. The company will host her in New York for three days. She is a fifth grade teacher at McAdory Elementary School. ■

births

- '92 Traci Lynne and **John Brewer** of Guntersville, Ala., a daughter, Sadie Logan, born April 8, 2008.
- Lara and **Brian Disher, M.B.A. '00**, of Greenville, S.C., a son, Jacob, born Dec. 17, 2008.
- '93 Elizabeth and **Steven T. Brown** of Jonesboro, Ark., a son, Will, born April 20, 2008.
- '94 Joy and **Frank Gilliam** of Memphis, Tenn., a daughter, Caitlin Sloan, born Sept. 3, 2008.
- '95 Laura and **Ron Ezell Jr., J.D. '98**, of Charlotte, N.C., a son, John Robert, born Dec. 2, 2008.
- '96 **Ashley Adams** of Birmingham, a daughter, Harper Elizabeth, born Nov. 5, 2008.
- Christopher Dean and Amy Bussey Bryant '99** of Trussville, Ala., a son, Alan Wesley, born Nov. 10, 2008.
- Chris, M.Div., and Beth Ranson Callaway** of Westbrook, Maine, a son, Benjamin Patrick, born Aug. 20, 2008.
- R. Todd and Suellen Williams Epps '97** of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Marlee Suzanne, born Nov. 15, 2008.
- '97 Lori and **Phillip Hoenig** of Smyrna, Tenn., a daughter, Carley, born May 5, 2008.
- Victor and **Amy Turner Minish** of Anniston, Ala., a daughter, Annie, born Sept. 10, 2007.
- Stephanie and **Chad Myrick** of Fairhope, Ala., a son, Tristan Alexander, born May 21, 2008.
- David and **Amanda Mangum Vincent** of Pelham, Ala., a son, Joshua Graham, born Jan. 30, 2009.
- Anne Goodwin Wilson and Guy H. (Trey) Wilson III '98** of Hattiesburg, Miss., a daughter, Kristen Lynn, born Dec. 30, 2008.
- Dee Anne and **Joey Winchester, Pharm.D.**, of Gilbert, S.C., twin daughters, Harper Noelle and Brett Allen, born Dec. 2, 2008.
- '98 Jason and **Jennifer McLean Arndt** of Atoka, Tenn., a daughter, Monica Elaine, born Sept. 30, 2008.
- Stephen Andrew and **Kelley Crawford Brown, Pharm.D.**, a daughter, Ainsley Cross, born June 5, 2007.
- Edgar and **Stacy Patterson Bueno** of Reston, Va., a daughter, Madison Kate, born Sept. 30, 2008.
- Lee and Dawn Wyatt Burgess** of Birmingham, a son, Ronald Lee IV, born Sept. 2, 2008.
- Brandy and **Peter Lacy** of Margaret, Ala., a son, Henry Collins, born May 23, 2008.
- Hunter, M.Div. '03, and Anna Greene Stanley '00** of Birmingham, a son, Joseph Alexander III, born Sept. 7, 2008.
- '99 Tommy and **Rebecca Ricketts Gladney** of Bessemer, Ala., a daughter, Erin Ryleigh, born Sept. 10, 2008.
- Jackeline and **Jason Grant** of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Kayde Alana, born Nov. 3, 2008.
- Heather Downs Lee, M.Acc./J.D. '02 and Gary Lee M.B.A./J.D. '02** of Birmingham, triplets, Piper, Henry and Rosemary, born June 25, 2008.
- Jay and **Katherine Tomlinson Lown** of Knoxville, Tenn., a son, Robert Patrick, born March 24, 2008.
- '00 **John Aaron, M.Div., and Emily Kemmerlin Martin '01** of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son, Elijah Joseph, born May 13, 2008.
- Sellers and **Kimberly Baker Meador** of Jackson, Miss., a son, Richard Sellers III, born Feb. 8, 2008.
- '01 Emily and **Lucas Dorion** of Orlando, Fla., a son, Joseph Nash, born July 28, 2008.
- David A. and Jill Mullins Hedges '03** of Auburn, Ala., a son, William Clark, born May 22, 2008.
- Dana and **Jeffrey G. Miller, J.D.**, of Mobile, Ala., a daughter, Kathryn Ann, born Oct. 2, 2008.
- '02 **James and Piper Carr Fly** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Adelaide Leigh, born Oct. 13, 2008.
- Cathy and **Brett Fuller** of Opelika, Ala., a daughter, Kenadie Celeste, born Oct. 30, 2008.
- Justin and Aimee Cochran Harris** of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Vivian Elizabeth, born Oct. 2, 2008.
- Maryam Iranikhah, Pharm.D., and Nasser Iranikhah, Pharm.D. '05**, of Birmingham, a son, Daniel, born Sept. 17, 2007.
- Emily Dockery White, M.Div. '05, and Daryl J. White, M.Div. '04**, of Quinton, N.J., a daughter, Aubrey Jade, born July 23, 2008.
- '03 Jennifer and **Jonathan R. Meacham, Pharm.D.**, of Cape Canaveral, Fla., a son, Xander Cain, born Oct. 9, 2008.
- Jess and Sara Mike Nix '04** of Birmingham, a son, Barrett Thomas, born Aug. 22, 2008.
- '04 Jon and **Christin Demetros Cochran** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born Oct. 20, 2008.
- Alison and **Steven Hyde, Pharm.D.**, of Louisville, Ky., a daughter, Madelyn Renee, born Oct. 31, 2008.
- Matt, Pharm.D., and Kay Sarniak Guess, Pharm.D.**, of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Eveline Drew, born Sept. 5, 2008.
- Ashley and **Alex Millender** of Birmingham, a son, William Rex, born Aug. 12, 2008.
- David and Casey Skewes O'Dell** of Birmingham, a son, Charlie, born Jan. 29, 2009.
- Jonathan and **Rebekah Walker Raffini** of Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, a daughter, Elizabeth Amy, born Nov. 18, 2008.
- Daniel and Ashley Roberts Riherd** of Loveland, Ohio, a daughter, Aubrey Ruth, born Sept. 17, 2008.
- John Braxton and **Kimberly Addington Watkins** of Huntsville, Ala., a daughter, Mae Virginia, born Nov. 18, 2008.
- Lindsey and **Colby Jon Williamson** of Roseville, Minn., a daughter, Elliot (Ellie) Jane, born July 29, 2008.
- '05 Douglas and **Alisha Williams Barnett** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Douglas, born April 20, 2008.
- Kevin and **Rebekah Lewis Lin** of Smyrna, Ga., a daughter, Ayda Grace, born Dec. 4, 2008.
- Carrie Denice and **Alejandro Viernes Pascual IV, J.D.**, of Norcross, Ga., a daughter, Ella Taylor, born Dec. 12, 2008.
- '06 Christopher and **Emily Dalrymple Reeves** of Tallahassee, Fla., a son, Shawn Christian, born Aug. 14, 2008.
- Kerry and **Tiffani Hopper Twilley** of Eva, Ala., a son, Connor, born Sept. 26, 2008.
- '07 Mary Lee and **E. Jones Doughton, D.Min.**, of Columbus, Ga., a daughter, Mary St. Claire, born Jan. 11, 2009. ■

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ALUMNI

'37 **Ernestine Jones Mallory Davis**, age 93, of Birmingham died Jan. 20, 2009. A member of Ruhama Baptist Church for 75 years, she was a fourth grade teacher and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'39 **Rose Watkins Sutley**, age 92, of Clanton, Ala., died Nov. 25, 2008. She taught school in Chilton County.

'40 **Charles David Mullins**, age 90, of Helena, Ala., died Dec. 13, 2008. He was a Baptist minister and missionary pastor in Hawaii and Macao, East Asia. In retirement, he taught English to Vietnamese residents in Birmingham and was pastor of a Vietnamese congregation.

'41 **Christine Suggs Pinson** of Prattville, Ala., died Jan. 19, 2008. She was a nurse who retired from the Autauga County Health Department. Her nursing career included hospital, private duty, public health and Red Cross volunteer work.

'47 **Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Byars Brown**, age 83, of Little Rock, Ark., died July 2, 2008. She was a history major and vice president of the Samford chapter of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority. She married fellow Samford student William Haddon Brown '49.

George Peach Taylor, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Dec. 10, 2008. While enrolled in the U.S. Navy's V-12 program at Samford, he lettered in football, basketball and track. He was a Birmingham attorney, a Peace Corps director in Guyana and Sierra Leone, University of Alabama law professor and chief public defender for Tuscaloosa County.

Edwin Clay Townsend, J.D., age 84, of Parsons, Tenn., died Jan. 31, 2009. An attorney, he was active in the Lions club and in his area's industrial development. He served with the Navy in the Pacific Theater (Philippine invasion) during World War II.

'49 **Durwood McAlister**, age 81, of Atlanta, Ga., died Dec. 8, 2008, of a heart attack while playing golf. He retired in 1992 after 14 years as editorial page editor of *The Atlanta Journal*, which he had joined as a copy editor in 1954. He was a board member of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association, a Pulitzer Prize judge, a deacon at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., a 2005 Samford Alumnus of the Year and a member of various civic boards. He enrolled at Samford on the GI Bill of Rights after serving two years in the

U.S. Navy. He married fellow Samford student Fay Curenton McAlister '50.

'50 **Harold C. Bettis, Sr.**, age 85, of Birmingham, died Oct. 25, 2008. He was owner of Springville Drug for 50 years. He served in World War II and retired as a major in the Air National Guard.

Sybil Wylene Kendrick McCrory, age 80, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Jan. 21, 2009. She worked for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and served on staffs of churches in Mobile, Ala., and Birmingham. She was a charter member of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

James C. Piper, Jr., age 82, of Bessemer, Ala., died Oct. 18, 2008. He was a metallurgist for U.S. Steel. He served in the pre-school department of Cannan Baptist Church for 30 years. He was in the Army Air Corps at the end of World War II.

'52 **Myra Gravlee Grady**, age 82, of Trussville, Ala., died Dec. 2, 2008. She taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Alabama, was evaluator of Title I programs for the Alabama State Department of Education, and was a consultant to many school systems. She was a member of the executive committee of the Samford University Auxiliary.

Jack Wayne Hagan of Pell City, Ala., died Nov. 27, 2008. A pharmacist and businessman, he was a member of the town's board of education and industrial development board.

Herbert Mackey (Sonny) Champion, age 78, of Ragland, Ala., died Dec. 18, 2008. He owned Champion Drug and Ragland Hardware. He received a 50-year pin from his Masonic Lodge.

'56 **Conrad E. McCrary**, age 73, of Memphis, Tenn., died Jan. 25, 2009. He retired from South Central Bell after 30 years of service and from Shelby County government. An Eagle Scout, he volunteered with the Scouts and youth football programs. He played football at Samford on scholarship.

Vasil Charles (Bill) Valekis, age 87, of Birmingham, died Jan. 30, 2009. He worked for Alabama Power Company and Southern Company Services for 34 years. He was a longtime acolyte leader at Holy-Trinity Holy Cross Cathedral, serving until the last Sunday before his death. He served in the Navy during World War II.

'57 **William Ernest Dodson**, age 73, of Selma, Ala., died Dec. 27, 2008. Pastor of Baptist Churches in Alabama and Texas, he was a Navy chaplain for 20 years, serving three tours of duty in Viet Nam.

James E. Lockhart of St. Louis, Mo., died Dec. 13, 2008, after a cerebral hemorrhage. He was director of pastoral care at Missouri Baptist Medical Center for 40 years until his retirement in 2001. He was an adjunct professor at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Charles (Jim) Marsh, age 74, of Bradenton, Fla., died May 18, 2008. He was professor of speech and religion at Manatee Community College for 34 years, and longtime senior minister of Longboat Island Chapel. He was an avid sailor. A football player at Samford, he caught his first collegiate touchdown pass from Little All-American quarterback Bobby Bowden.

John William Urquhart, Jr., age 73, of Birmingham, died Nov. 7, 2008. He was president and CEO of John's Photo, Inc., and president of the National Photofinishers and Dealers Association. He enjoyed photography, fishing and hunting, and civil war history.

'58 **James Hubert Brownlee**, age 75, of Quitman, Miss., died Dec. 14, 2008. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. A pharmacist, he owned Poly Pharmaceuticals.

'59 **Jasper J. Dean**, age 76, of Oxford, Ala., died in January 2009. He was in the U.S. Army for 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel and chaplain. He served during the Korean War and was a two-time Vietnam combat veteran. He was a former pastor of Baptist and Methodist churches in Calhoun County.

Elizabeth Yarbrough Tyler, age 87, of Birmingham, died Dec. 16, 2008. She was a teacher in Birmingham schools. The 1969 Ramsay High School yearbook was dedicated to her.

'66 **John Nelson Kuykendall**, age 70, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Nov. 22, 2008. He was pastor of seven churches in Kentucky and north Alabama, and moderator of the Calhoun County Baptist Association. He served on the Alabama Baptist Executive Board.

'67 **Joel Michael Folmar, J.D.**, age 73, of Panama City Beach, Fla., died Dec. 24, 2008. He was a district judge, state representative and district attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit.

- Browne Garrison Linder, Jr.**, age 64, of Columbiana, Ala., died Jan. 7, 2009, of cancer. He was a certified public accountant. After retirement, he raised champion Morgan show horses, and Doberman and German Shepherd dogs.
- William Caswell Scott III**, age 63, of Birmingham, died Jan. 9, 2009. He was secretary-treasurer of Lee-Rodgers Tire Company. At Samford, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.
- '68 **Jerome King**, age 63, of Lanett, Ala., died Feb. 22, 2009. He was longtime pastor of First Baptist Church of Shawmut and was retired director of missions of East Liberty Baptist Association. He served as chair of the Alabama Baptist State Convention's Board of Aid to Students in Church-Related Vocations, which provides scholarship funds to many Samford students. He married fellow Samford graduate Frances Rollins King '68. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Jerome King Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.
- '70 **Kirkwood Balton, M.B.A.**, age 73, of Birmingham, died Feb. 10, 2009, of liver cancer. He retired as chairman and chief executive of Booker T. Washington Insurance Co. in 2001, and then formed several of his own businesses. His civic involvements included the A. G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club, the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham and Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.
- '71 **Patricia Brazeel Lewis**, age 60, of Maplewood, N.J., died Jan. 24, 2009, of metastatic breast cancer. A newspaper reporter and public relations consultant, she was an aide in Washington to Congressman John Buchanan of Birmingham, government relations director for a national association of biologists and consultant for an agency of the U.S. Agriculture Department. She was chair of an advocacy group for the developmentally disabled. While at Samford, she was a member of the *Crimson* staff. She married fellow Samford student Michael A. Lewis '70.
- '72 **Charlotte Self Lovell**, age 66, of Moody, Ala., died Nov. 18, 2008. She taught second grade for 30 years at Moody Elementary School.
- '73 **Hugh David Corbett**, age 59, of Winfield, Ala., died Jan. 10, 2009, of cancer. A pharmacist, he opened Corbett's Pharmacy in 1984.
- '74 **Dick Donnelly Nave, Jr., J.D.**, of Birmingham died Jan. 4, 2009, of a heart attack. He practiced defense insurance law for 34 years. He was a Green Beret in the 20th Special Forces Group, Airborne Division, U.S. Army Reserves.
- '75 **Robert Morgan Simms, J.D.**, age 58, of Nashville, Tenn., died Nov. 11, 2008, of biliary cancer. He was legal analyst for the Judiciary Committee of the Tennessee State Senate, which honored him as employee of the year in 1999. He retired in 2006.
- '76 **Herbert J. (Jadd) Fawwal, J.D.**, age 57, of Birmingham died Jan. 27, 2009. He was a trial lawyer who focused on civil and criminal practice, and was town counsel for Brookside, Ala. He was a president of the Bessemer Bar Association.
- '81 **Joseph Lynn Adams**, age 66, of Pell City, Ala., died Jan. 22, 2009. He was pastor of Stemley Baptist Church for 21 years, and also taught history, shop and music in Pell City schools. He was a member of Echota Cherokee Indian Tribe and a Mason.
- '86 **Susan Hubbert Peterson, J.D.**, age 55, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Nov. 12, 2008, of cancer.
- '88 **Juanita Ann (Nita) Prince Ivey**, age 53, of Hoover, Ala., died Nov. 26, 2008. She was a regulatory analyst with Protective Life Corporation and was on the board of directors of Alabama Association of Paralegals Inc. She was Alabama Paralegal of the Year in 2002.
- Charles Edward Lightsey**, age 44, of Nashville, Tenn., died Dec. 23, 2008. He worked in public relations and enjoyed his work at Belmont Mansion antebellum home.
- '91 **C. Harold Golson**, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Jan. 6, 2009. He majored in counseling foundations in Samford's Metro Programs. Memorials may be made to Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.
- '92 **Erick Thomas Fitzgerald, M.Div.** '96, age 39, of Uniontown, Penn., died Dec. 30, 2008, after an automobile accident. He worked with the Coalition of Christian Outreach through Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, focusing on Pennsylvania State University-Fayette campus. He most recently was director of discipleship at the church.
- '93 **Lewis Eugene Greene**, age 54, of Riverside, Ala., died Jan. 17, 2009. He was a former Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy and a sergeant with the Mountain Brook Police Department.
- Barbara Watts**, age 71, of Birmingham died Dec. 11, 2008. A solo vocalist for many years, in 1994, she became the first woman ordained to the ministry by Birmingham's Southside Baptist Church. She was a chaplain at Princeton Towers Retirement Center and Brookwood Hospital.
- '94 **Carolyn Murphy Windham, M.S.E.**, age 60, of Trussville, Ala., died Dec. 3, 2008. She was a retired teacher who taught at Grantswood Elementary School.
- '98 **Kevin Kuykendall, M.B.A.**, age 42, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Dec. 10, 2008.
- '03 **William Samuel Tynes**, age 30, of Fairhope, Ala., died Dec. 23, 2008. He was a cartographer with the U.S. Army in Iraq, and most recently was a geospatial engineer at Northrop Grumman in Alexandria, Va. He was an Eagle Scout.
- '04 **Jessica (Lorie) Johnson**, age 37, of Chelsea, Ala., died Jan. 25, 2008, of breast cancer. She worked at Regions Bank.

BASKETBALL

Men Finish Fast to Vault into SoCon Semifinals

The Samford men's basketball team finished fast, winning three straight road games to vault into the semifinal round of the Southern Conference tournament in March. That meant Coach Jimmy Tillette's squad was one of four SoCon teams left standing. And these Bulldogs had been picked sixth in their six-team division before the season (they finished third).

Samford closed out the regular season with a 72-63 win at Appalachian State, then beat Furman, 57-52, and The Citadel, 76-67, in the first two rounds of the SoCon tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn. The win over The Citadel was particularly impressive because that team was the No. 2 seed in the SoCon East and beat Samford badly in Birmingham during the regular season.

"That was a pretty good performance by our team against a very good Citadel team," said Tillette. "They had a great year, they're really well-coached, they beat us 70-45 at our place, so we had something to play for. I was proud of our guys at both ends of the floor. We did a lot of good things, used a lot of good judgment, so good for them."

Samford, playing its third game in three nights, faced the home-standing Chattanooga Moccasins in the semifinal game, losing 81-70.

Tillette said he thought his team was able to "continually get better as the season went along." The Bulldogs had only one senior, guard Curtis West, and the coach said, "now is when all the younger guys have to start stepping up preparation for next year."

Three Bulldogs finished the season scoring in double figures—forward Bryan Friday (12.5), and guards Trey Montgomery (11.6) and Josh Davis (10.1). The other returning starter, post player Andy King, scored 8.8 a game.

Friday was named to the all-tournament team in Chattanooga after averaging 18.3 points and 6.3 rebounds for the three games.

West played in 110 games at Samford and started 54, including the last 21 of his senior season.

Samford finished the season with a 16-16 record and led the conference in defense, allowing only 62.2 points per game. With 12 of 13 squad members returning, prospects are bright for next year's team. ■



Bryan Friday



Coach Jimmy Tillette is the winningest coach in Samford basketball history with 195 victories.

Women Go 22-7 in First SoCon Season, Morris Named Coach of Year

Samford women's basketball coach Mike Morris admitted that his team faced some unknowns as it entered Southern Conference play this year. "The Southern Conference will be a little tougher competition and, hopefully, we can raise the bar as a program," he said going into the 2008-09 season.

The Bulldogs were able to accomplish that goal as they posted a 22-7 record and finished second in conference play with a 16-4 mark. It was the best conference record in school history.

"I was very pleased with our first season in the SoCon," said Morris. "Our team was one game away from winning the regular season championship and for that I am very proud of these players."

That performance earned Coach of the Year honors for Morris, his second such honor in four seasons. He also was named Coach of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference, Samford's former league, in 2006.

Samford has averaged 20 wins a season for the past four years and turned in a 45-16 mark the past two.

Bulldog sophomores Emily London and Savannah Hill won All-Conference honors in their first SoCon season.

London, a 5-7 guard, was a first-team All-Conference choice after leading the team with a 13.8 scoring average and finishing third in the nation in both 3-point and free-throw accuracy. She hit 46.4 percent of her 3-point shots and 90.2 percent of her free throws.

Hill, a 6-2 forward, was second-team All-Conference and ranked second in Samford scoring (12.4), and first in rebounds (5.4 a game) and blocked shots (24).

The Bulldogs made it to the semifinal round of their first SoCon tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., before losing to eventual champion Western Carolina, 66-53. Senior forward Chika Okoli was named second-team All-Tournament after averaging 15.5 points and 5.5 rebounds a game in the tournament.

Okoli was the only senior in the starting lineup this season. The other two starters, in addition to London and Hill, were junior guards Monica Maxwell and Megan Wilderotter. ■



Coach Mike Morris has led the women's team to an average of 20 wins a year for the past four seasons.



Emily London

Sullivan Signs New Five-Year Contract, Completes Third Recruiting Success

Samford University reached a new five-year deal with Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan in January that will run through the 2013 season. In February, the coach announced completion of his third successful recruiting season at Samford.

"In every respect, Pat exemplifies the qualities that are important to Samford," President Andrew Westmoreland said in announcing Sullivan's new contract. "People are drawn to the strength of his character, his commitment to his student-athletes, his emphasis on performance in the classroom as well as on the field, and his faith. In addition, his teams win. What more could we ask?"

Sullivan improved the team's record during each of his first two seasons at Samford. In 2008, after moving to the strong Southern Conference, Samford finished in a tie for fourth place after being picked to finish ninth in the league's preseason polls.

Despite 98 percent of its scoring coming from underclassmen, the team posted an overall record of 6-5, marking the program's first winning season since 2003. Samford led the SoCon in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, opponent first downs, time of possession and turnover margin.

Samford placed four players on the 2008 Coaches' All-SoCon team and five on the Southern Conference Sports Media Association's All-Conference team. First-year quarterback Dustin Taliaferro was named the league's Freshman of the Year in both polls.

Sullivan said he was excited about Samford football and that "the program is headed in the right direction." He thanked Westmoreland, Athletics Director Bob Roller and all of Samford for their support.

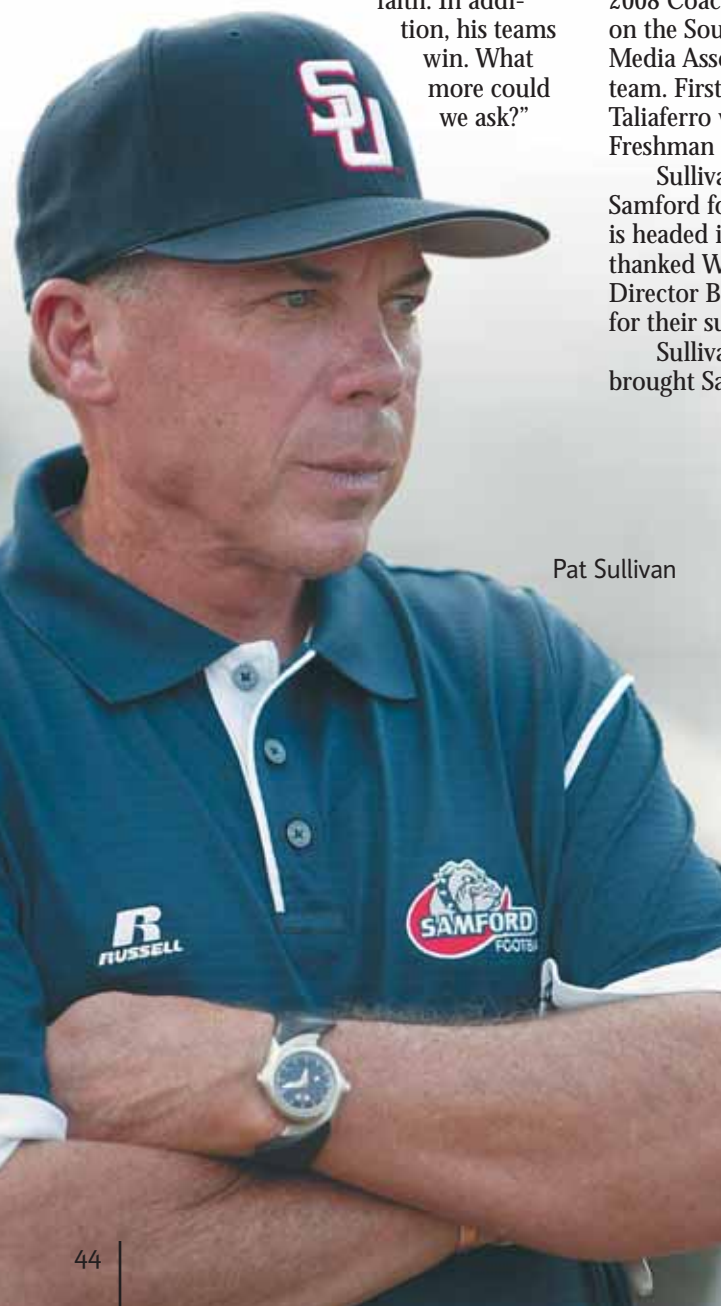
Sullivan and his coaching staff brought Samford two of the top recruit-

ing classes in the program's history in 2007 and 2008, and added another chapter of recruiting success this spring. He signed 10 players, filling team needs heading into the 2009 season.

With only 10 scholarships available, "This was not a year for us to have a lot of numbers," he said. "But we accomplished what we set out to accomplish." He said this year's signee class "is on par with the first two, and should help keep the future of Samford football bright."

He signed two defensive backs, two linebackers, two wide receivers, three offensive linemen and a kicker—all specific needs to help bolster the existing team. Nine players are from Alabama, where Sullivan continues to improve Samford recruiting efforts, and one from Georgia.

In addition to the successes on the field and in recruiting, Sullivan has made a major impact on the school's fund-raising efforts. The Cooney Family Field House, named for Birmingham business executive and Samford graduate Gary Cooney and his family, is scheduled to be completed by the 2009 season. The building will be funded completely from private donations. ■



Pat Sullivan

2009 SAMFORD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	at Central Florida
Sept. 12	JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
Sept. 19	MILES
Sept. 26	at Appalachian State*
Oct. 3	WESTERN CAROLINA*
Oct. 10	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA* (Family Weekend)
Oct. 17	at Furman*
Oct. 24	OPEN
Oct. 31	at The Citadel*
Nov. 7	GEORGIA SOUTHERN* (Homecoming)
Nov. 14	at Wofford*
Nov. 21	ELON*

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- April 23** Earth Day at Samford
- April 30–
May 3** Samford Theatre presents “High Society.” For performance information and tickets, go to www.samfordartstickets.com.
- May 6** Beeson Divinity School consecration service and commencement, 11 a.m., A. Gerow Hodges Chapel
- May 8** Spring semester ends
- Bolding Garden dedication ceremony, noon, University Quadrangle
- May 15** Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing pinning ceremony, 10 a.m., A. Gerow Hodges Chapel
McWhorter School of Pharmacy commencement, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- Brock School of Business commencement, 1 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing commencement, 3:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- President’s reception for graduates and families, 4–5 p.m.
- Baccalaureate, 6 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- May 16** School of the Arts, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies commencement, 10 a.m., Pete Hanna Center
- Cumberland School of Law commencement, 3 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- June 1** Summer session begins
- June 20** Bulldog Bash fund-raiser for Samford Athletics, Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden ’53, speaker, Birmingham Downtown Sheraton Hotel, 6 p.m. Tables available for purchase. Contact Vaughan Lyons at hvboyd@samford.edu or 205-726-4217.



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