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Biology professor James Wagner (*standing, left*) joins philosophy professor Jack Furlong (*standing, right*) and economics professor Larry Lynch as the third Transy professor in six years to win a statewide teaching award. Photo by Joseph Rey Au.







Clive M. Beck Center

# Beck Era Begins

## Transylvania's new \$15 million Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center is a busy place following its grand opening on January 2

by William A. Bowden

For Chris Martin '95, it makes him wish he could start his Transylvania basketball career all over again.

Sophomore Jennifer Cook proclaimed it "an amazing facility."

Franklin McGuire '45 was amused when asked to compare it with the "Barn" that served as Transy's gymnasium in his student days, declaring there simply *was* no comparison.

"It," of course, is the new \$15 million Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, which had its grand opening the evening of January 2 with a women's and men's basketball doubleheader against Hanover College. On this night of nights for Transy athletics, it hardly mattered that Hanover won both games. The Beck Center's debut, by any reckoning, was a smashing success.

The gleaming new four-level Beck Center takes Transy into a new era for athletics, recreation, and physical education. Designed for all students, the facility accommodates varsity sports, intramurals, fitness activities, casual recreation, and the curricular needs of the physical education program.

"The Beck Center is an exciting new center of activity on the Transylvania campus," said President Charles L. Shearer. "From the very beginning, it was conceived as a multipurpose facility to serve the needs of the entire Transy community. Since its opening, it has lived up to that role as students, faculty, and staff members have discovered and used the building's many features."

### Something for everyone

Versatility and flexibility are the building's strong suits. With full two-court gymnasiums on two levels, a fitness center, a dance studio, and a walking/jogging track, the Beck Center can support a multitude of athletic and fitness activities at the same time. Fully automatic retractable spectator seating in the performance arena allows that space

to be used as a two-court gym or a single court for varsity competition. Classrooms and office space serve the needs of the physical education faculty, coaches, and administrators.

Beck replaces McAlister Auditorium, which was a 1957 renovation and expansion of a 1929 gymnasium. That building had become inadequate to serve the many needs of today's Transylvania students.

The 97,000-square-foot Beck Center is built on the same site that McAlister (32,000 square feet) once occupied. Construction took about 18 months.

Franklin McGuire, a Transy student from 1941-45 and now a Lexington resident, has seen all three structures, and his tour of the Beck Center on opening night left him highly impressed.

"McAlister was a remarkable improvement over the old Barn, but this is really something else," he said. "It's a magnificent building and its facilities are very impressive."

Before each game on opening night, Shearer welcomed the crowd to the historic occasion and made reference to "the 70-year Pioneer tradition of playing basketball on the corner of Fourth and Broadway."

Shearer continued, "Although we are enjoying these basketball games tonight, this facility is far more than just a place for intercollegiate athletes to play and practice. The classrooms, the fitness center, the dance studio, and other features will serve all of our students. So thanks for being a part of history tonight."

Sitting in a packed Beck Center arena watching the first games against Hanover, Chris Martin, who played under coach Don Lane from 1991-95, envied the Transy students and players who are making the center their new athletic home.

"I was overwhelmed with how impressive a facility it is," he said. "As a former player, I'd like to have a couple of more years to play and enjoy it. I think (coaches) Brian Lane and Mark Turner



Joseph Rey Au

■ Clay Tate shoots in the opening game against Hanover College.

■ Transy cheerleaders excite the opening night crowd.



Joseph Rey Au



Joseph Rey Au

■ Women's action against Hanover College



David Wheeler

■ Students, faculty, and staff use the fitness center.



David Wheeler

■ Dance team members practice in the dance studio.

■ Head coach Mark Turner '77 instructs Tari Young.



Joseph Rey Au

## Beck at a Glance

**Named for:** The late son of Transylvania Board of Trustees member Graham J. Beck and his wife, Rhona

**Cost:** \$15 million

**Square feet:** 97,000

**Architectural style:** Georgian

**Number of levels:** Four

**Number of gymnasiums:** Two

**Number of dressing rooms:** 12

**Number of basketball goals:** 12

**Spectator seating in main gymnasium:** 1,250

**Number of classrooms:** Three, including an exercise physiology lab

**Number of offices for faculty, coaches, and staff:** 18

**Number of workstations:** 10

**Square footage of fitness center:** 4,075

**Fitness center equipment:** Selectorized weight machines, free weights, stationary bikes, treadmills, stairclimbers, rowing machines, ellipticals

**Other features:** Pioneer Hall of Fame room  
 Training room with hydrotherapy facilities  
 Dance studio with sprung floor  
 Batting cages  
 Walking/jogging track encircling upper gym  
 Concession stand  
 Fully automatic retractable seating for lower arena

are going to do an outstanding job here and will establish new traditions for the Pioneers.”

Jennifer Cook, a student admissions assistant who takes prospective students through the Beck Center, is but one example of the current students who are giving the facility a real workout.

“I run three days a week on the track and also use the fitness center,” she said. “The machines in the fitness center are probably the best I’ve seen in Lexington—they’re out of control. The running track is great—real cushiony and springy.”

### Enhancing student life

Dean of Students Mike Vetter has already seen the impact of the Beck Center on student life at Transylvania, and it’s significant, he says.

“Quality of life on a college campus is measured in many ways, but one significant factor is the availability of recreational activities,” he said. “The Beck Center allows us to enhance our popular program of intramural sports, which involves as much as 65 percent of the student body, while also offering lots of space for casual recreation.”

Students, faculty, and staff are also benefiting from the Beck Center’s ambience as a gathering place, one of the goals for the facility.

“Beck gives everyone in the Transy community a place to interact in an informal way,” said Athletics Director Brian Austin. “You’ll see a professor chatting with a student in the fitness center, or staff and faculty members on the running track. It contributes to a sense of community on campus through shared experiences.”

The interior design of the Beck Center was conceived to foster just such interaction by using glass walls in many areas. This openness begins as soon as visitors enter the building and encounter the glass walls that allow views into the performance gymnasium and its seating for 1,250. Similar walls connect the upper gymnasium to the fitness center, while the elevated jogging/running track overlooks that gym.



David Wheeler



■ Students use the exercise physiology lab.

David Wheeler



■ The softball and baseball teams practice in the upper gymnasium. The atrium (below) runs from concourse level to roofline.

“The use of glass makes the spaces better connected, larger feeling and more gracious,” said Erik Kocher, the lead architect for the Beck Center and a principal and owner in Hastings & Chivetta Architects, Inc., of St. Louis. “You can also bring more natural light deeper into the building when you have those series of windows.”

An atrium with a skylight runs the full height of the front of the Beck Center and provides a main entrance and access to three of the four interior levels.

Bettye Stehle Burns ’67 noticed the building’s feeling of openness when she attended the first game against Hanover.

“What I really love is where you can watch the game from up above as you first come in,” she said. “The size and sense of light are really nice. It’s a great facility.”

First-year student Josh Lutterman, who has a work-study job in the fitness center, is a fan of the Beck Center’s efficient use of space.

“I like how it basically has everything in one place,” he said. “You don’t have to go to 17 different buildings to get something done—you just go up and down stairs.”

### Student recruitment, athletics

The Beck Center is also playing a key role in new student recruitment and in Transylvania’s transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) Division III.

The center is one of the stops on a campus tour for prospective students and their families, and it’s become an important selling point for the University, according to Admissions Director Sarah Coen.

“The Beck Center really puts us ahead of many other schools the size of Transy,” she said. “Athletics and fitness activities are part of the lifestyle of so many students these days and we need to be





Joseph Rey Au

■ Head coach Brian Lane '90 exhorts the men's team.



Joseph Rey Au

■ Tipoff for the men's game against Hanover College

## Dedication set for May

The Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center was made possible by the generous support of members of Transylvania's Board of Trustees, along with many alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University. That support will be honored at a Beck Center dedication in the spring.

The Beck Center is named after the late son of Graham J. and Rhona Beck, whose lead gift anchored the building's fund-raising campaign. Graham is a Transylvania trustee.

Trustee William T. Young, chair *emeritus* of the Transylvania board, and Trustee Warren W. Rosenthal, chair of the Development Committee, provided leadership throughout the planning and fund-raising stages of the Beck Center.

"The Beck Center would simply not be a reality without the leadership and support of these trustees, along with many others who contributed to the cause," said President Charles L. Shearer. "We look forward to recognizing their efforts and to formally dedicating this magnificent building in the spring."

able to accommodate those needs when they arrive on campus. Plus, they want to know what's new, what kind of facilities you are building to stay current. The Beck Center answers all those questions and needs."

Transy's varsity athletic teams are now competing in NCAA Division III, which does not allow athletic scholarships. That makes facilities even more important when recruiting athletes, said Austin.

"Our coaches have commented on the quality of the facilities they see at the increasing number of Division III schools we are now playing," said Austin. "When you're not giving athletic scholarships, you need to give something else that says athletics are important, and that's another thing the Beck Center says to prospective students."

Another overlap in admissions and athletics comes when prospective students want to meet with coaches. The Beck Center brings most of the coaches together, making that a convenient situation.

"Transy is very big on personal contact, and with coaches' offices in Beck, it's so easy to walk right over there," said Coen. "We have many prospective students who want to talk with coaches. Not all of them will wind up playing a varsity sport, but the coach's visit is just one more chance to talk to them one-on-one about Transy."

## Physical education program

The Beck Center is also the new home of the physical education program. It provides two high-tech classrooms and a physiology laboratory, along with faculty offices.

"The Beck Center is strengthening academics at Transylvania by providing a state-of-the-art laboratory, excellent 'wired' rooms for other physical education classes, and outstanding exercise facilities for the Lifetime Fitness class that all students are required to take," said James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college.

Ron Whitson '67, physical education professor and program director, pointed out many features of the Beck Center that support classroom work.

"For our physical education majors, it's great to have so many intramural activities in the building because they can gain experience as coaches, officials, and administrators," he said. "The fitness center will allow our majors to become familiar with different kinds of aerobic and weight equipment. Weight programs are an important part of so many schools now."

Physical education professor Sharon Brown said exercise science majors now have a state-of-the-art lab that includes such sophisticated equipment as a VO<sub>2</sub> machine, which provides a measure of the amount of oxygen a person can take into the muscle tissue during maximum exercise.

"Maximum oxygen uptake is the most accurate assessment of cardiovascular fitness, which is a major concept in the physiology of exercise," she said. "This machine is one of the most significant pieces of equipment we have."

The lab also includes life-size anatomy models, a study station with CD-ROMs, a treadmill, and other equipment that will allow students to study the relation of body fat to lean muscle mass, the biomechanics of walking and running, lactate threshold, fatigue level, and other physiological aspects of exercise.

"The facility and the equipment we now have allows us to do things with undergraduates that many students don't see until graduate school," Brown said. "There are so many hands-on opportunities for students to not only read it in a book, but to practice learning the skills on how to make an assessment."

From whatever angle it's viewed—varsity sports, intramurals, recreation, fitness, academics, coaching, administration, or student life in general—the Beck Center is a stunning new addition to the Transylvania campus. ■



# The Keys to Teaching Excellence

Biology professor James Wagner's Professor of the Year Award is third major honor for Transy faculty in six years

by David Wheeler

It's Friday morning, and students are filing in to James Wagner's Biological Interactions class in Brown Science Center. The day's topic: dichotomous keys. The first example: Scooby Doo.

"Scooby," Wagner writes on the chalkboard, asking for more characters from the famous cartoon series.

"Shaggy," a couple of students say simultaneously. He writes it on the board.

As he had explained earlier, a dichotomous key is a series of questions used by scientists when trying to identify something.

"What's the most basic question we could ask that would separate one individual from the entire group?" he asks after all the characters are listed on the board.

"Is it a dog or is it a human?" someone offers.

Almost, but not quite. Dichotomous keys have yes/no questions rather than either/or questions, Wagner explains.

"Is it a canid?" he writes on the board, with a "yes" arrow pointing to Scooby.

To an outside observer, this is no ordinary biology class. Then again, Wagner is no ordinary professor.

## 'A category by itself'

Wagner was recently named 2001 Kentucky Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The award is yet another accolade in Transylvania's long list of achievements in teaching. Economics professor Larry Lynch won the CASE award in 1996, and philosophy professor Jack Furlong won the Acorn Award in 2000 (see sidebar).

"We are delighted that Dr. Wagner



■ Kentucky Professor of the Year James Wagner works with students Sheena Van Coppenolle, left, and Alyx Dixon.



■ A video crew taped Wagner in his Brown Science Center laboratory for a *Discover Magazine* show on The Discovery Channel in 1999.

received this well-deserved award,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “We also applaud our entire team of faculty members who, like Wagner, put forth a polished effort every day to ensure that Transy students have the best education possible. As the CASE and Acorn awards demonstrate, our professors have an incomparable passion for knowledge and an unrivaled dedication to students. In fact, whenever Transylvania wins such an award, it affirms what we already know: In the area of teaching excellence, Transylvania is in a category by itself.”

Wagner, one of 46 national winners, was chosen from a pool of 384 college and university faculty members. Criteria for the award include support from colleagues and extraordinary dedication to teaching demonstrated by involvement with undergraduate students.

“Like many of his colleagues, as a teacher

James Wagner consistently exhibits zest for his discipline, rigor in his expectations of student work, and support for each student’s learning,” said James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college. “Dr. Wagner’s infectious openness of mind and spirit has refreshed the environment for teaching and learning not only in the biology program but also throughout the sciences and across the campus. These characteristics and commitments define the quality of teaching that Transylvania students have come to expect, so it is especially significant when one of our inspiring teachers is recognized nationally for the excellence that our faculty so consistently demonstrates.”

#### **Asking the unanswerable**

Wagner, the director of the biology program, has taught at Transy since 1995. He earned his bachelor’s degree in zoology from the University of South Florida, his master’s in biology from the University of Maryland–Baltimore, and his Ph.D. in entomology from the Uni-

versity of Kentucky. He was so impressive as a visiting instructor at Transy that he was hired the following year with a Bingham Start-Up Award, given to promising new faculty members.

Even before the CASE award, Wagner’s talent had brought him national recognition. In 1999, his research in wolf spider cannibalism was profiled on The Discovery Channel’s *Discover Magazine* program. In 2000, he brought the National American Arachnological Society’s annual meeting to Transylvania.

While such accolades are important, perhaps his most meaningful accomplishments are a unique teaching style and a devotion to learning—his own learning and his students’.

“The reason I went to a small liberal arts school is so I could learn from other people,” he said. “In my mind, a liberal arts college means interactions with your colleagues from humanities, social sciences, the arts, business—all of these fields. And what I really love about Transy is that my colleagues have the same desire of talking across disciplines and thinking about the bigger picture.”

In his classes, Wagner likes to address the bigger picture by asking questions that have no answers.

“What I try to get students to realize is that scientists get answers, but those answers are very qualified, they’re our best understanding as of yet, and that understanding can change,” he said. “Once they realize that, I try to get them to come up with alternative explanations, and then evaluate those explanations and see which have more merit than others, or if they have equal merit.”

In *Biological Interactions*, one of the first unanswerable questions is encountered in a lab: The students look at pond water through a microscope and discover a hidden world of tiny multicellular organisms, called protists.

“The students pipette them out on a slide and look at them, and when they’re finished, there’s always this moral dilemma of what to do with them. They don’t want to wash them down the sink, because that might kill them. So they’re trying to pipette them back into the dish, and I tell them, well, you’re going to contaminate the dish, so you actually have to rinse them down the sink or else it will contaminate the culture.”

After looking through the microscope, the students inevitably ask questions like, How do the organisms know where to move?

“I can’t answer that, and a lot of people can’t answer how some of these organisms respond to a stimulus, but they do,” Wagner said. “At that point the students start to realize that there’s a lot going on in an organism if you take the time to look at it.”

Another class that is ripe for unanswerable questions is Senior Seminar in Evolution, in which Wagner might pose a question such as, What does it mean to say we want to cure cancer?

“In the discussion group in Evolution, we’ve been reading a book called *Why We Get Sick*, which deals with illness from an evolutionary perspective,” he said. “And that twists things around—it points out that fever is good and morning sickness has a function. Really, when we say ‘cure,’ we mean ‘control symptoms.’ That’s where teaching is the most exciting, because students start to apply their knowledge and then twist it around to readdress old ideas.”

Fellow professors are dazzled by some of Wagner’s teaching methods.

“He is one of the most natural, energetic, and enthusiastic teachers I’ve known—and I’ve known many,” said English professor Ingrid Fields. “Last year I had the opportunity to sit in on several sessions of Evolution, and I have not been as impressed by a single course and instructor in my 12 years of teaching or many years as a student.”

Kimberly Ehret '00 ranks Senior Seminar in Evolution with Wagner as her favorite class ever. "In the classroom, Dr. Wagner never lectured, but rather stimulated discussion," she said. "Even quiet people who rarely talked in other classes were moved to get involved in the discussions."

Outside of class, Ehret spent hours talking with classmates about evolution issues. "We even managed to get eavesdroppers from other classes to engage in those conversations. I think it really says something about a teacher when they're able to evoke so much reflection from students that they want to tell students in other classes about class discussions."

### **An unconventional application**

Many graduates have contacted Wagner to compliment their former professor—especially after reading about his CASE award on the Transy Web site. Their e-mails have been the most rewarding aspect of the CASE recognition, Wagner said.

"You assume the success of your students after graduation is a review of your teaching; it's not necessarily," he said. "What you

really want to know is: Has what they learned been useful to them in their career? What's been nice about this award is that it's given me a lot of feedback. It actually is a validation; I teach this because I think it's valuable, and it turns out, it is."

Ryan Taylor '00, now a tax consultant with Deloitte and Touche LLP in Boston, would agree. As a student, when Taylor was confused by the dichotomous key and missed several points on the test, Wagner took time outside of class to cover the concept with him.

"It took me forever to figure it out—probably three hours—but Dr. Wagner made sure that I understood," Taylor said. "In fact, on the comprehensive final, I believe I got over 90 percent of it correct."

Once Taylor grasped the concept, he didn't forget it. While doing an internship at a law office in Lexington, he was helping a lawyer organize information for a drunk driving case. At first the lawyers weren't sure how to present the evidence, but suddenly Taylor had an idea: Use a dichotomous key.

"Really, it shows the two-pronged approach of the exercise," Wagner said of the unconventional application Taylor dis-

covered. "One, to organize a mass amount of information, and two, to focus in on the key characteristics of something."

### **Distinguishing characteristics**

And that's where Scooby Doo comes in. "You see what you're doing?" Wagner asks his class. "You're subdividing groups. So now we go to number two, and we've scratched out Scooby. What could we do to separate the others?"

"Male or female," someone suggests.

"Is it a male character?" he writes, noting that the males and females will be further subdivided after this question.

He asks for suggestions on how to separate Shaggy and Fred, then decides on hair because it's a physical characteristic.

"What did their hairs look like?" he asks. "Didn't their hairs look different?"

No one has the answer he's looking for.

"You don't watch the Cartoon Network much, do you?" he jokes. "First I've been telling you to watch The Discovery Channel, and now I have to tell you to watch the Cartoon Network too?" ■

## **Transy teaching in the spotlight**

When James Wagner was named CASE Kentucky Professor of the Year for 2001, it marked the second time in six years that a Transy professor won the award. Economics professor Larry Lynch was honored with the accolade in 1996, when he was recognized for utilizing his off-campus professional work experiences to make learning come alive for students. Lynch is also known for taking students to conferences and public meetings to see economics experts in action. He has inspired several students to pursue graduate work in economics at various universities, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Adding to the national spotlight on teaching excellence at Transy, philosophy professor Jack Furlong won the 2000 Acorn Award, given annually to the outstanding teacher in Kentucky by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education. Furlong was cited for being a "teacher of teachers," helping his colleagues become more proficient at teaching in general and the Foundations of the Liberal Arts in particular. Vice President and Dean of the College James G. Moseley considers Furlong an ideal liberal arts professor because his interests cross many different disciplines, including political science, psychology, and biology.

These awards, coupled with the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching, underscore Transy's dedication to external and internal recognition for exceptional achievement in the classroom.



■ **Philosophy professor Jack Furlong (above) won the 2000 Acorn Award, and economics professor Larry Lynch won the 1996 CASE Kentucky Professor of the Year Award.**

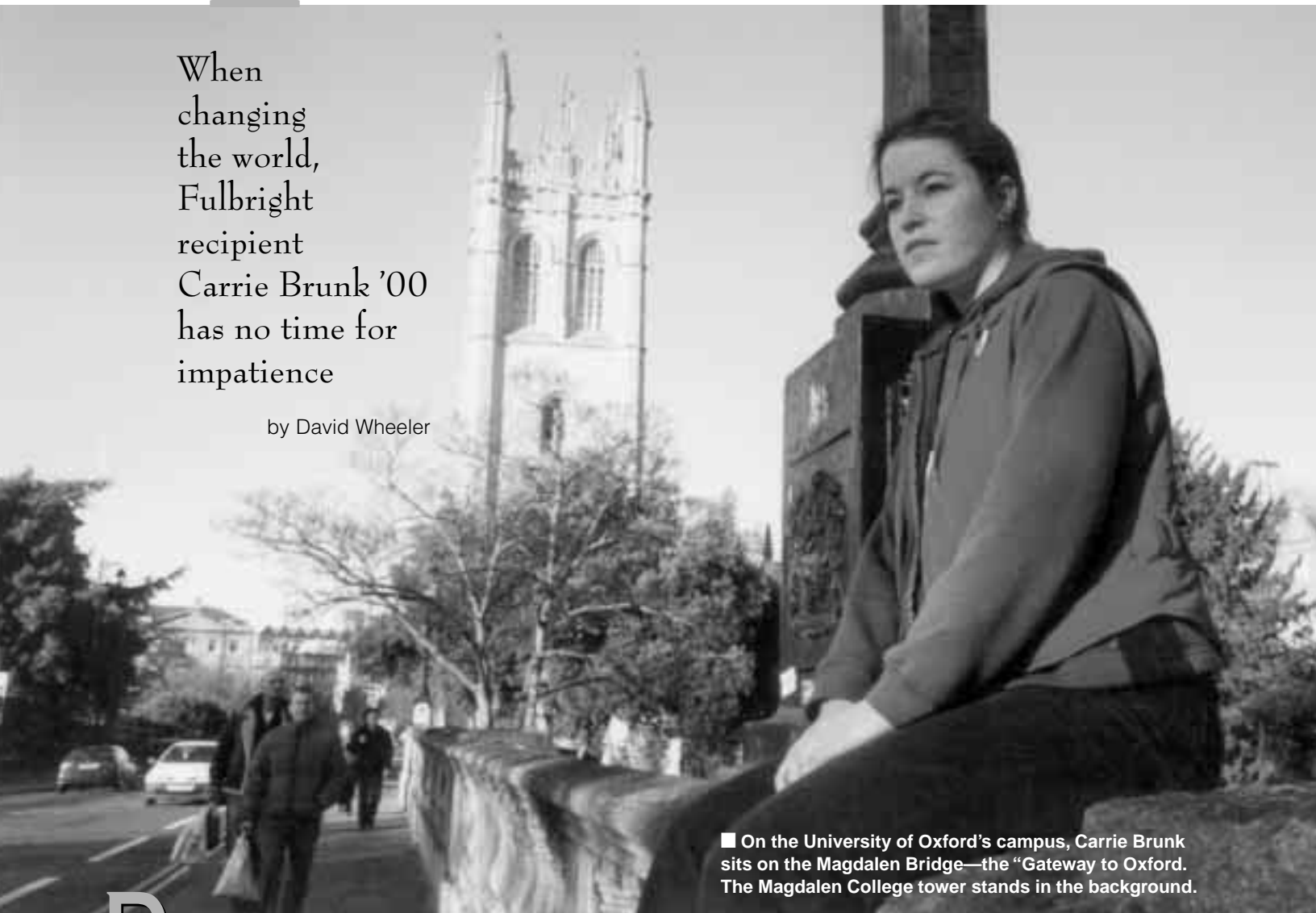




# T TRUTH TRAVELS

When  
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Fulbright  
recipient  
Carrie Brunk '00  
has no time for  
impatience

by David Wheeler



■ On the University of Oxford's campus, Carrie Brunk sits on the Magdalen Bridge—the “Gateway to Oxford.” The Magdalen College tower stands in the background.

**D**uring the summer of 2000, shortly after graduating from Transylvania, Carrie Brunk climbed in an RV for a 13-day road trip across the United States to protest what she and many other activists believe are poor labor conditions at some of the overseas factories of sporting goods giant Nike.

Brunk, nine other college-age activists, and a former sweatshop laborer from the Dominican Republic made stops at Nike stores in several major U.S. cities, including Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, and New York. Their “Truth Tour,” sponsored by an Internet site called Behindthelabel.org, was broadcast live on the World Wide Web and covered in the March 12, 2001, issue of *Newsweek International*.

As the *Newsweek* article pointed out, Nike management tried to thwart the protests along the way. But there was no stopping the

group in Los Angeles, where the activists pulled up to a cheering crowd of local students and Hispanic sweatshop workers who had been waiting to welcome them. “*Sí, se puede*,” the protesters chanted. “Yes, it’s possible.”

Because Brunk’s number of daily appointments can sometimes rival that of a prime minister, she embraced this rare opportunity to stop and savor life.

“It was one of those slow-motion moments,” she said, sipping hot chocolate at a Lexington coffeehouse between terms at The University of Oxford in England. “I can see myself walking out of the RV and stopping and staring around at everyone and thinking how all those people are going to remember that day for the rest of their lives.”

## AN OXFORD AFFIRMATION

From the United States to England, whether on a road trip or on a Fulbright grant, Brunk has been spreading the truth moment by moment. As an undergraduate, she kept herself so busy that political science professor Jeff Freyman can't reflect on her stamina without poking fun at her impossible schedule.

"What Carrie lacks in terms of focus, she more than makes up for in terms of her prodigious energy, commitment, and enthusiasm for social justice," said Freyman, whose initial urging led Brunk to get involved in the anti-sweatshop movement. "Carrie wants to do all things; the remarkable thing is that, despite this, she is successful in a number of them."

Brunk's résumé is crammed with activist credentials. She was the only student among the 55 international delegates to the Clean Clothes Campaign conference in Germany—an event sponsored by non-government organizations fighting sweatshops that was held during her senior year at Transy. After the summer 2000 Truth Tour, she began full-time work for United Students Against Sweatshops, a high-profile, Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that she had worked with as an undergraduate.

Last summer, more affirmation for her activism poured in as she received a prestigious Fulbright Full Grant to pursue a master of philosophy degree in development studies at Oxford—allowing her to delve even more deeply into the economics and politics of countries with sweatshop labor problems. The grant is especially noteworthy because United Kingdom Fulbrights are the most competitive of all the awards in the Fulbright international exchange program. From an applicant pool of nearly 500, Brunk was one of only 20 to receive the honor.

Valerie Hymas of the Institute for International Education, the program manager for American students studying on a Fulbright in Europe, said Brunk's application proposal was distinct and articulate.

"When selecting grant recipients in academic fields, the U.K.'s Fulbright Commission obviously looks for candidates with an excellent academic background, but they also look for leadership skills, involvement in extracurricular activities, and an intention to pursue a practical career in which the student can have an impact in a field of research or in a policy-making area," she said. "Carrie certainly fit all of those criteria."

Hymas said Brunk also made a convincing case for why she needed to study in the United Kingdom as opposed to another country: the Queen Elizabeth House on Oxford's campus is a world-renowned center for development studies.

"The work Carrie is doing provides an excellent link between her studies and her activism with the anti-sweatshop movement," Hymas said.

### 'LITTLE BY LITTLE'

In some ways, the Oxford degree is only a pit stop on what might be called the "Truth Tour" of Brunk's life. On this journey, however, the destination isn't a Nike store—it's a more benevolent world. The goal may be lofty, but then again, Brunk is drawing the map patiently, making the most of her time at every stop.

"We're trying to make people see that there is a humane way to do business," she said. "That's the bottom line. That's why I'm taking economics classes at Oxford now—to be more articulate about this."

Brunk began her Oxford studies in the fall, taking courses in economics, history, politics, social anthropology, and research methods. The courses were designed by the multi-disciplinary board

that organizes the master of philosophy degree in development studies. "Beyond that, I attended lectures in the natural sciences department on evolution and occasionally on genetics," she said. "I want to have a complete view of human development—what it means and what it looks like from different perspectives."

Although she's not sure about specific career plans yet, her time at Oxford is allowing her to consider the possibilities. "What I feel I've been doing at Oxford more than anything else is asking 'What next?'" she said. "How is it that one makes an impact? How do passion, ideas, and a need for change spread from one to another? The answer is little by little. And I want to figure out what my 'little' is. I have no idea what my role will be at this point. Every time I rule out something 'big,' some very quaint, lovely, 'little' idea takes its place. I must admit, though, that I'm looking for something 'big' in the world to happen, to wake everyone up so that all of us out here doing our 'little' parts will be seen more clearly and heard more loudly."

## A REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS

Brunk was certainly seen clearly and heard loudly while at Transy. She majored in biology, French, and political science; started an activist group called Progress; and, during her senior year, edited the student newspaper, played field hockey, and waited tables at a restaurant.

"I've always admired Carrie for what I would call her 'passionate altruism,' her desire to change the world, and her indefatigable perseverance in effecting change," said French and Spanish professor Simonetta Cochis. "Her interest in French literature revealed her personal engagement, through the connections she always made between literature and its broader social context, especially ethical issues of social justice and responsibility. Carrie has that wonderful ability to apply her intelligence to fundamental human concerns."

One of those fundamental concerns—labor conditions in developing nations—inspired Brunk to push for a practical response to the sweatshop problem. With widespread campus support, Progress persuaded Transy to join the Workers' Rights Consortium, a group of about 80 colleges that adhere to a set of restrictions on college clothing manufacturers. Transy was one of the first 10 colleges to join the WRC, which asks an international monitoring group to oversee college apparel manufacturers to make sure they do not use sweatshop labor.

However, the Nike corporation has not been quite as receptive to the student activists' challenge, according to the *Newsweek International* article. The corporation insisted that its factories were clean and scoffed at the United Students Against Sweatshops' demand for permission to inspect the foreign factories, the article said.

Still, in Brunk's mind, that doesn't mean the Truth Tour protest in Los Angeles was a failure.

"It didn't change anything per se, but it stuck in people's minds, and that's what this is all about at the base: changing people's minds," said Brunk at the coffeehouse. She had several engagements to keep that day but, not letting time get the best of her, wore no wristwatch. "If it's a slow process, it's a slow process, and of course you get frustrated with that, especially when you're young. You want everything to happen all at once. I'm very much that kind of person, so I get really frustrated at times. In my heart I'm looking for revolution, but that's not how it works."

Almost finished with her hot chocolate, she leaned the warm mug against her cheek and thought about the protest in L.A. "That's why every little moment like that is priceless. I wouldn't trade those moments for anything." ■

# The Heart of the Matter

Ken Thielmeier '84 is part of medical history with participation in artificial heart implant

by William A. Bowden



Providing anesthesia as a member of the surgical team that performed the world's first self-contained artificial heart implantation in a human was not in Ken Thielmeier's crystal ball when he left Transylvania in 1984 headed for medical school at the University of Louisville.

"During medical school I thought I was going to become a surgeon," he said. "Somewhere along the line, just out of interest and personal reasons, I ended up in anesthesia. Once I started doing anesthesia, it became clear to me that I also wanted to do cardiac."

As head of the anesthesiology team, Thielmeier played a key role in the stunning success of the groundbreaking heart operation that was performed July 2, 2001, at Louisville's Jewish Hospital on 59-year-old Robert Tools.

The AbioCor artificial heart implanted in Tools' chest performed flawlessly for 151 days before Tools died on November 30 of complications from pre-existing health problems unrelated to his mechanical heart. The operation attracted worldwide media and medical community attention.

The mechanical heart, a plastic and titanium pump about the size of a softball, is the first such device to operate without any external connections. It has its own internal battery, charged through an electrical coil that is also implanted in the patient.

In contrast, the Jarvik-7 artificial heart that was introduced in 1982 required the patient to be tethered to a large compressor through wires and tubes sticking out of the chest.

When the seven-hour operation on Tools was over, Thielmeier said the surgical team was momentarily awestruck at what had been accomplished.

"It became most impressive to me when the chest was closed and there were no external connections at all that came through the patient's skin. I was standing at the head of the table and Dr. Gray, who is a seasoned, veteran cardiac surgeon, looked up at me and said, 'This is amazing, Ken. This is truly amazing.' And he was right."

## A wise choice

The decision to become an anesthesiologist instead of a surgeon has proven to be a fortunate one for Thielmeier. In addition to providing him with a rewarding medical career, it has also given him the opportunity to become a part of medical history.

Many of the procedures involving anesthesia for the AbioCor heart patients are being devised and perfected by Thielmeier and his team, and then shared with other doctors throughout the country.



“Interestingly, one of my partners provided the anesthesia for all the Jarvik operations done in the 1980s, so I did have his experience to draw upon,” he said. “But many of the decisions we made in the operating room had not been made by anyone in the past. For instance, when the native heart is removed and the artificial heart implanted, it changes the way some drugs affect the patient.”

Although most of the media attention has centered on Robert Dowling and Laman Gray, the surgeons who performed the operation, Thielmeier’s role as head of the anesthesiology team has brought him considerable recognition within the medical community.

“I was fortunate enough to have done the first two operations (there have been three other AbioCor heart implants), so my brain’s been picked by every anesthesiologist who’s been involved in the other operations,” he said.

The second AbioCor heart implant was performed on Tom Christerson, 70, also at Jewish Hospital by the same team that performed Tools’ operation. Subsequent implants were performed at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, University of California–Los Angeles Medical Center, and the Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. All of the patients are part of a federally approved clinical trial by ABIOMED Inc. of Danvers, Mass., makers of the artificial heart.

“Dr. Dowling, Dr. Gray, and I were flown to the Texas Heart Institute as consultants when the third artificial heart was implanted,” said Thielmeier. “Before the operation, the anesthesiologist there was on the phone with me two or three times, just asking me how I did things. I also got phone calls from the anesthesiologist at UCLA and from a cardiologist at Hahnemann.”

Thielmeier has also published two papers on the subject, including an overview of the operation co-authored with N. Martin Giesecke, staff anesthesiologist at the Texas Heart Institute, that appeared in *NEWSLETTER*, a publication of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

## The anesthesiologist’s role

Thielmeier is a partner in Medical Center Anesthesiologists, which provides anesthesia services for Jewish Hospital. He is also director of cardiovascular anesthesiology for the Rudd Heart and Lung Center at Jewish Hospital (the exact location of the artificial heart implantations) and clinical assistant

professor of anesthesiology in U of L’s School of Medicine.

Laypeople may envision the role of the cardiac anesthesiologist as simply putting patients to sleep for the operation and then waking them up when it’s over. In fact, the role is far more comprehensive. Essentially, the anesthesiologist is responsible for all aspects of the medical care of the patient immediately before, during, and after the operation, freeing the surgeon to focus only on the operation itself.

“We deal with everything concerning the patient’s care, not just making sure they’re asleep and pain-free, but coping with bleeding problems, giving them medicines to influence blood pressure and protect brain cells in the case of compromised blood flow, and putting in all the lines to monitor vital signs. We make sure the patient is stable, giving the surgeon the ability to perform the operation and not have to provide care for the patient.”



Providing anesthesia for a patient like Tools was doubly difficult because of the many health problems he was experiencing in addition to his congestive heart failure. These included liver failure, kidney failure, and muscle wasting.

■ The AbioCor artificial heart (above) is being used in a five-patient clinical trial. Photo by David Stephenson, Lexington Herald-Leader.

Tools died five months after the operation because of internal bleeding and organ failure unrelated to his artificial heart; the UCLA patient died in December, also from organ failure unrelated to the AbioCor heart. The other three AbioCor heart patients’ mechanical hearts were functioning without incident at the time this article was written.

The AbioCor artificial heart is still in its clinical trial phase, but Thielmeier believes that if all goes well, it has great potential as therapy for patients with serious heart disease.

“Getting the device to pump blood has not been a problem,” he said. “A limiting factor for prior artificial hearts has been the development of clots. ABIOMED has spent many research hours and development dollars to create an interior surface that helps to avoid this problem.

“If the device proves to be safe and efficacious, then clearly it provides a great alternative to human heart implantation. Fewer than 5,000 hearts are implanted yearly in the United States, while hundreds of thousands of people need them.”

## At home in Louisville

As for his own future, Thielmeier seems to have found a home at Medical Center Anesthesiologists and in Louisville, his hometown. His offices are in the midst of a 26-block area of downtown Louisville that is the location of four major hospitals and nearly 200 other medical organizations.

He came to Louisville in 1999 from a private practice position at Welborn Baptist Hospital in Evansville, Ind. Before that, he was on the teaching staff at the University of Kentucky, where he also did his residency in anesthesia and a fellowship in cardiovascular and thoracic anesthesia.

“Louisville was an attraction because of being my hometown and because of my interest in cardiac anesthesia,” he said. “The Medical Center has a well developed program with Jewish Hospital, whose cardiac program is among the country’s 10 largest.”

Thielmeier took a double major at Transylvania, in biology and chemistry. His important influences included chemistry professor Gerald Seebach, his adviser; biology professor *emeritus* Lyla Boyarsky; biology professor J. Hill Hamon; the late Rodney M. Hays Jr., biology professor; and the late Monroe Moosnick, a chemistry professor and administrator at Transy for 50 years.

Thielmeier and his wife, Lisa, have five children—Embry, 10, Kendrick, 6, Tristan, 5, Bracksieck, 3, and Jackson, 2. ■

# New Perspectives on Race

*Don Dugi's Bingham-Young Professorship helps faculty understand issues of race in relation to teaching and research*

by William A. Bowden

**W**hen a sensitive issue such as race comes up for classroom discussion, it takes a skillful and well prepared teacher to ensure that the conversation is productive and considerate, allowing strongly held beliefs to be examined on an intellectual plane that fosters a good learning environment.

"I like to see an intellectual engagement with these ideas, and to a certain extent an emotional one—I think you can learn from your emotions—but I don't think students should become upset in a classroom situation," said psychology professor Meg Upchurch.

Helping Transylvania professors become more adept at handling such learning situations is but one of the many benefits that political science professor Don Dugi was hoping for as a result of his three-year Bingham-Young Professorship, which will officially draw to a close at the end of the coming May term.

In a broader sense, Dugi's program is intended to create opportunities for faculty members to investigate the concept of race as both an intellectual and a pedagogical concern, leading to enhancement of their research and course offerings in this area.

Interestingly, many of the participating professors have discovered that race is a more complex issue than they might have originally thought. Thus, even though they have learned much about the implications of racial issues in their thinking, research, and teaching, these faculty members say they still have questions about the subject and that not everything that might change as a result of the program has changed.

And that's good, says Dugi.

"There have been some very positive immediate effects, but I don't think all of the consequences of this program will be immediately apparent," he said. "I hope there will be more effects down the road."

## **Proposal on the mark**

In 1999, when faculty proposals were sought for Transylvania's first Bingham-Young Professorship, Dugi decided that race would be an appropriate and timely subject. His proposal hit home with the Bingham Selection Committee.

"I thought about topics that might be useful, and I felt that the most important and most timely topic, not only at Transylvania but perhaps for the country, was race," he said.

The overall purpose of Bingham-Young Professorships is to stimulate curricular enrichment

and development of the art of teaching at Transylvania. Dugi has accomplished this through a series of events that have included a film series along with visiting lecturers, performers, and artists for both campus-wide and smaller audience presentations.



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A cornerstone small-group event was a faculty seminar facilitated by Dugi and titled "Teaching Race" that took place during June 2000. The seven participating professors read and discussed a variety of texts and also prepared papers based on individual research projects.

Upchurch credits her seminar experience with stimulating some new thinking in her area of bio-psychology.

"Because my research is bio-medical in nature, it got me thinking about race in relation to medical research and how that research should be inclusive of different ethnic groups," she said.

As an example, Upchurch cited her research focusing on hormone replacement therapy (HRT), especially as a therapy for osteoporosis.

"Some of my side reading in this area shows a demographic difference in who gets hormone replacement therapy. Minority groups get relatively little of this treatment. I was curious about why this would happen—was it simply a woman's choice not to take it, were minorities informed about it, or was there a perception that it was not as necessary for minorities."

Upchurch discovered that there was a feeling that African-American women were unlikely to get osteoporosis and that HRT was not a significant issue for them.

"The incidence of osteoporosis is somewhat lower among minorities, but not to the point where you wouldn't want to tell them about the condition and talk about possible preventatives," she said. "Probabilistic information—X percent of Caucasian women would get osteoporosis, X percent of African-American women would not—was being translated into absolutes. To me, that was an interesting example of racial thinking."

### **The economics of race**

Economics professor Alan Bartley, who also took part in the "Teaching Race" seminar, used a grant from Transylvania's Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment to take part in an international faculty development seminar on socio-economics in Brazil in the summer of 2001, a trip he says was stimulated by what he learned in the Transy seminar.

"Our group went from very large cities—Rio de Janeiro is the

fifth largest city in the world—to small colonial towns, looking at economics and social settings," he said. "Brazil is known for being a racially bifurcated society, with more emphasis on socio-economic status than in the United States. I'm using this information in my senior seminar in economics, where we talk about economics and discrimination and whether or not we should be taxing some people to help others."

Bartley said the seminar, along with the many outside speakers and artists brought to campus over the past three years, made him rethink some of his class material in relation to racial issues.

"In my class on Public Finance, for example, we talk about taxes and spending programs. Should our government spend more on welfare programs, which, if you look at statistics, have a lot of minorities in them? Can we fix that problem just by giving out money, or should we be looking at what is causing the problem and try to fix that? That's really what the seminar was about—the deep-rooted idea of where discrimination and racial relations begin."

The outside convocation speakers and other visitors that Dugi brought to campus, many of whom were African American, were of particular value to Bartley.

"It's so important to show that people can be just absolutely amazing no matter what their ethnicity or culture is, and that we here at Transy and in Lexington don't see everything the world has to offer. The more we do that, the better."

### **The 'unmarked' minorities**

For English professor Martha Billips, Dugi's program on race has helped her see the complexity of the subject, especially in relation to the Appalachian regional writers she pays particular attention to in her teaching.

Billips refers to Appalachian minorities as "unmarked," meaning they are not people of color, and says that fact alone is no protection against discrimination.

"In some ways I've found the stereotypes against unmarked people to be almost more insidious than those against other minorities," she said. "They are not dark-skinned, but they have an ethnic background that makes them be perceived as the 'other.' Much of the focus of the professorship has been on African Americans, but



there are clear parallels to the marginalization and stigma that some attach to Appalachian peoples.”

Billips said two of the convocation speakers were particularly helpful to her in relation to the Foundations of the Liberal Arts course she teaches. Margaret Beale Spencer, Board of Overseers Professor of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke at the beginning of the 2001 winter/May term, and Ahmed Samatar, professor and dean of international studies at Macalester College, was the fall term 2001 speaker.

“Both of these speakers also met with the FLA faculty,” she said. “In FLA, we teach students to read texts and culture critically, and that often brings up issues of race. Spencer suggested that, in addition to discussing minorities, we also focus on issues of whiteness, particularly white privilege, or the sense of not being marked in any real way by race or ethnic background.”

Martha Gehringer, English professor and director of the Writing Center, said the number of FLA texts by minority writers has increased in recent years and now includes such authors as James Baldwin, Rita Dove, Malcolm X, Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, and bell hooks, among others.

“I feel students are wanting to deal with issues of race more than they used to,” she said. “In my Introduction to Journalism class, our textbook talks about diversity writing, which deals with diversity in the community.”

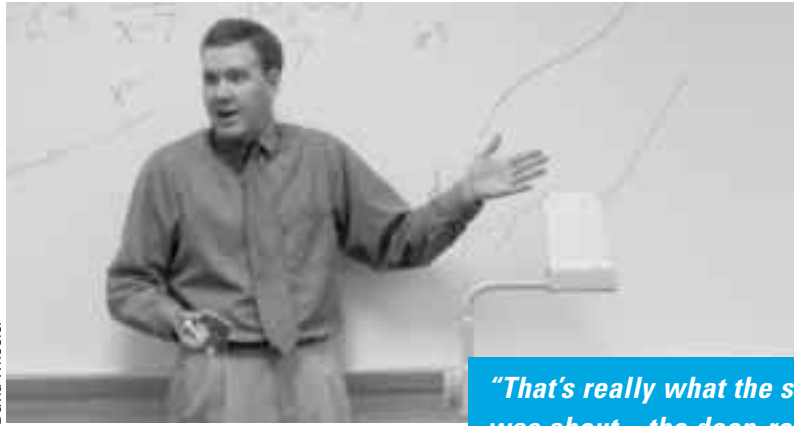
The challenge of how to have an effective discussion of racial issues in the classroom is one that Gehringer, along with other Transylvania professors, has faced at one time or another. Many professors say a certain level of uneasiness may be inevitable in these cases, and can actually encourage learning, but that the discussion must always be respectful and intellectually honest.

“You need that edginess, because there’s something productive about that,” said Gehringer. “I think that’s the value of the kind of texts we have in FLA. Racial issues can be stated very powerfully in literary texts, which can be discomfiting, but since the author is not present to pin the uncomfortable feelings on, you can deal with it. And it’s especially effective because it’s well written.”

### **The artistic approach**

For art professor Dan Selter, it was easy to pinpoint a highlight of his participation in Dugi’s professorship—the campus visit of David R. MacDonald, a professor in the Department of Studio Arts, School of Art and Design, at Syracuse University.

MacDonald was one of Selter’s profes-



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sors and a mentor when Selter was in graduate school in Syracuse in the mid-1970s. The two have stayed in touch over the years and become colleagues and friends. It was Selter, a member of Dugi’s professorship advisory committee, who suggested bringing MacDonald to campus.

“David is one of the top artists nationally,” said Selter. “When I was at Syracuse, he was focusing on political themes, and he later adopted an African pride motif. His ceramics and sculpture are informed by a deep interest in his heritage as an African American. The patterns in his work reflect this theme.”

MacDonald gave a ceramics workshop at Transy and also gave a lecture that Dugi called “absolutely brilliant. He talked about his development as an artist in the context of the cultural history of the United States from the 1950s through the 1990s.”

Selter said that MacDonald’s visit had a direct impact on his teaching in both his art and FLA classes.

“There was a lot of spin-off in my classes after MacDonald’s visit,” he said. “For one example, I asked my ceramics students to create an artwork inspired by a different culture than their own. Also, their work in general became more creative. In my FLA class, the conversation about race became larger and better informed.”

### **Breaking down stereotypes**

With a subject as complex as race and a professorship stretching over three years and intended to have both short- and long-term effects, a summary of Dugi’s Bingham-Young Professorship and its impact on thinking, research, and teaching at Transylvania is by necessity preliminary. Still, professors had positive things to say about their experiences thus far.

Many professors agreed that the series of outside speakers, artists, and performers that the program brought to campus had benefits that went beyond the specifics of their individual messages.

**“That’s really what the seminar was about—the deep-rooted idea of where discrimination and racial relations begin.”**

—economics professor Alan Bartley

“Many of our students come to Transy having had a limited interaction with people of other races,” said Selter. “The visitors we have had the past three years brought a variety of perspectives that begin to break down stereotypes. That kind of exposure is vitally important.”

Upchurch felt she had benefited in a broadly intellectual way by taking part in the summer seminar. “I think I can speak in a more informed fashion now. I have a greater breadth of thinking about these issues.”

James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college, who said applications for the next Bingham-Young Professorship will be considered in the near future, pointed to another benefit of these professorships in general.

“The improvement of teaching occurs directly through classroom visitation, evaluations, and mentoring, but it improves maybe even more significantly in an indirect way through programs about ideas and academic subject matter that faculty members work on together,” he said. “That has a sort of overflow consequence in terms of revitalizing and cross-fertilizing teaching, and that was one of the ideas behind this professorship when the Bingham Board set it up.”

In the end, the best overall summary of the professorship’s impact thus far comes from its facilitator.

“In a general way, I think people are better able to engage the issue of race,” said Dugi. “Discussion on campus is better informed. I know that I certainly think more deeply about this subject now. We’ve had some immediate successes, but I hope there will be more in the years to come. The whole idea is to set things in motion and hope that things happen.” ■



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■ Transylvania student teacher Kim Haynes spent the fall term in a primary classroom at Lexington's Northern Elementary.

## Education program earns NCATE accreditation

Transylvania's teacher education program has long enjoyed a reputation for turning out quality graduates who win high praise from the school systems that employ them. The program recently added to its luster when it earned accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The recognition is very meaningful for Transy's graduates, said education professor Angela Hurley, who was division chair and program director when the NCATE application was submitted.

"Being able to say your degree is from a college that is nationally accredited in teacher education will be a real advantage for our students," said Hurley. "NCATE is the only nationally recognized accrediting organization for teacher education programs at colleges and universities. They gave us a glowing report."

The Washington, D.C.-based NCATE sets national standards for curriculum design, assessment of candidate performance, faculty qualifications, supervision of clinical experiences, and adequate, modern resources. Approximately 525 schools nationwide are recognized by NCATE, including 12 in Kentucky.

James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college, said the accreditation recognizes the value of a liberal arts context for teacher education.

"The national debate about how to improve teacher education usually focuses on large universities, and the NCATE standards are actually aimed at those institutions," said Moseley. "When a small college like Transylvania wins accreditation, it sends a message that really good teacher preparation can occur in a small liberal arts setting."

Transylvania's constructivist-

based teacher education program was one of the keys to winning accreditation, said Hurley.

"What I am most proud of is our curriculum and how we prepare our students," she said. "The constructivist approach means that we insist upon having active learners instead of passive recipients of knowledge. Our students learn how to encourage their own future students to be good inquirers."

Hurley believes Transy's size and liberal arts orientation are ideal for teacher training.

"One reason we can do such a good job of preparing our students is that we know each of them very, very well," she said. "We can tailor our program to meet their needs. Our students and faculty become a little community. Many students even call and write to us long after they've left Transy, so that we never quite stop being their mentors."

## Technology Learning Center provides equipment, assistance to students, faculty, staff

Transylvania students, faculty, and staff have a new resource for assistance with technology-related projects and access to the most up-to-date electronic equipment. The Technology Learning Center (TLC) opened early in the fall term in the J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

On any given day, TLC Director Sharon DeBrocco and her work-study students may be found helping a faculty member develop a PowerPoint presentation for a class, setting up a spreadsheet for a staff member, coaching a student on research techniques, or assisting groups and individuals with a variety of other projects. The goal is to integrate technology throughout the campus, thereby enhancing learning and increasing efficiency.

"Technology is a valuable tool when used appropriately," said DeBrocco. "Instead of simply teaching students to use technology, we prepare them to use it

effectively. For example, they learn to seek legitimate, authoritative Web sites, then evaluate and assess the information on those sites. If they're putting together a computer-assisted presentation, we encourage them to analyze the audience first. This makes our students better thinkers, better problem solvers."

The TLC also works to enhance instruction by helping faculty members incorporate technology into the curriculum. Classes often visit the center for group sessions on software and research skills as they begin to prepare assignments.

"Thanks to the equipment and training that Transylvania provides, technology is infusing all of the academic disciplines on campus in ways that truly improve learning," said James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college. "We hope to stay a half-step ahead of demand and look forward to seeing what the technological future holds."



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■ Transylvania senior Scott Wolford, left, and first-year student Graham Oliver get help with a project from Technology Learning Center Director Sharon DeBrocco.

## Alumnus author **Jeff Vasseur** speaks

Jeff Vasseur '83, a literature professor at Valdosta State University in Georgia, offered some wise counsel when he came to campus November 7-8.

"Gobble up life!" he told students at a discussion on writing careers in the William T. Young Campus Center. When reading Vasseur's book, *Discovering the World: Thirteen Stories*, one is certain that the author has taken his own advice. His recently published collection, which has garnered high praise from fellow fiction writers, takes the reader to wide-ranging destinations and tackles diverse themes.

"Thomas Jeffrey Vasseur has written stories I have waited to read all my life," author Marita Golden, founder of the Zora Neal Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation, says in a quotation on the jacket of Vasseur's book. "These narratives unfold like poems etched on the tender heart of the world. They com-

prise the brave, agonizing, stubborn, awesome autobiography of us all."

Pulitzer Prize nominee Janice Daugharty says his stories are some of the "most sophisticated Southern stories" she has ever read.

Among his stories' many settings: Kentucky, Southeast Asia, the Oregon coast. Among his many characters: a ballet dancer, a choir minister, a Vietnam veteran. Among his many themes: faith, happiness, desire.

"What's so important about having a writer like Jeff come and talk to student writers is the way in which he showed them how to see art through an artist's eyes," said English professor Ingrid Fields, who invited him to campus. "He sees the world differently—he looks. As a writer, Jeff is interactive with literature, art, and culture in ways that, as readers, most of us are not."

Vasseur, who spent extended periods of time living and working in Europe and South America, said he gained his love of literature and the arts while at Transy.

"Surprisingly for an English major, a couple of my favorite courses were a music appreciation and an art appreciation class, which were really well taught and spanned all kinds of genres," he said.

In his book, he specifically thanks three of his former Transy English professors: Tay Fizdale, Anthony Vital, and Ann Kilkelly. "Their real contribution to me as a young student was that they taught me how to be curious and open-minded," he said.

During his visit, Vasseur also led a creative writing workshop and shared an excerpt from his book at an evening reading.

"He was incredibly generous with his time," said Fields. "In his sessions with students, Jeff



gave us valuable and hard-to-find information about the craft and the career of writing."

"It was really a treat to be able to work with someone who is a published writer and a great teacher, especially since those are both goals I'd like to achieve in my life," said senior Hannah Cook, who attended all three events led by Vasseur. "Jeff said that he is a true believer in the benefits of a liberal arts education, and I agree with him. I think that to be a writer, you need to know as much about the world as you can, and a liberal arts education gives you the opportunity to start learning."

## Visiting Speakers Roundup

### James Loewen

James Loewen, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University and is the author of the critically acclaimed book *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong*, lectured to a standing-room-only crowd in Carrick Theater on October 9. In his presentation, he refuted many commonly held beliefs about American history, including myths about Native Americans.

### Chris Offutt

As part of the Delcamp Visiting Writer series, award-winning Kentucky author Chris Offutt read from his work in the William T. Young Campus Center on October 11. Offutt's work has appeared in *Best American Short Stories 1994* and *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Short Stories*.

"I thought Offutt's visit was a real success, not just because he gave an entertaining reading, but also because he gave a great deal of time to all those students who stayed after his reading to meet him," said English professor Louise Penner. "He chatted with many of them about their own interests in writing as well as his."

## Downtown Lexington Corporation honors Transy for hosting GSA

Transylvania received the 2001 Leadership Achievement Award from the Downtown Lexington Corporation for hosting the Governor's School for the Arts, a three-week summer residential program that brought 200 creatively gifted Kentucky high school arts students to the Transy campus.

The citation read, in part, "The impact of having talented students and educators in our community for several weeks each summer is tremendous. Whether these people are in classes on campus or working within the community, their contributions reflect the commitment Transylvania brings to its outreach programs."

Transylvania first hosted the GSA in 2000, and will host the event again this summer from June 23-July 13.

The University was previously honored by the DLC in 1999 with an Urban Innovation Award for the addition of the Lucille C. Little Theater to the campus's fine arts facilities.



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## Orbinski addresses humanitarianism

The definition of humanitarianism, the need for universal access to lifesaving medicines, and the tactics of the United States' military campaign in Afghanistan were topics addressed by Kenan Lecture speaker James Orbinski on October 24 in Haggin Auditorium.

A medical doctor, Orbinski is the former international president of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), the world's largest independent medical humanitarian organization. Through his work with MSF, Orbinski has brought humanitarian aid to some of the world's poorest and most dangerous locations, including Afghanistan, Rwanda, Somalia, and Zaire. In 1999, under Orbinski's leadership, MSF was

awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In an address titled "Humanitarianism: Which Way Forward?" Orbinski defined humanitarianism using four main principles—universality, impartiality, independence, and neutrality.

Because the fourth principle, neutrality, can often pose a conflict of interest for humanitarians, MSF adheres to only the first three principles, Orbinski said. That allows the organization to voice its objection to governmental policies if a greater humanitarian goal is at stake.

"We are not certain that speaking out can always save lives," he said. "But we are certain that silence kills."

Also in his address, Orbinski, a passionate advocate for uni-



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### ■ James Orbinski, left, and President Charles L. Shearer

versal access to essential medicines, blamed excessive patent protection for the plight of many developing nations.

Describing MSF's goals, Orbinski said, "Humanitarianism is the most apolitical of all acts. But if its actions and morality are taken seriously, it has the most profound political implications."

## Admissions picture good for class of 2006

"The admissions picture for the class of 2006 is looking very good," said Admissions Director Sarah Coen, "and part of the credit goes to Transy alumni for their strong support."

Applications for admission are up eight percent over last year and the majority of applicants bring strong academic credentials. In addition, the number of high school seniors who have expressed an interest in Transylvania is up 14 percent over last year.

Adding to the positive outlook are the record-breaking attendance of nearly 200 families at Transy's fall open house and a substantial increase in the number of prospective students who attended off-campus admissions receptions.

Coen noted that alumni are vital to Transylvania's admissions plan. "There's been a significant increase in the activities of the Pioneer Alumni Recruitment Team (PART) over the past year, and this group has been very helpful," she said. "Our PARTners attend college fairs and off-campus receptions and serve as Transy contacts in their area by calling prospective students."

Coen is quick to point out that alums don't have to be PARTners to help. "We encourage you to simply give us a call or send us newspaper clippings about students who receive awards or honors, then the admissions counselor for that area will follow up," she said. "Alumni referrals are always welcome."

Alumni have been sent a fee-waived application for admission, and additional forms are available from the admissions office.

For details on becoming a PARTner, contact admissions counselor Becky Groh at (859) 233-8242 or by e-mail at rgroh@transy.edu.

## Summer camps

### attract students to campus

Transylvania's campus will be abuzz with youngsters this summer thanks to a number of popular overnight and day camps. If you are interested in sending a child to a Transy summer camp, contact the person listed below for details.

### Academic Camps

Choose from camps with computer emphasis or one especially for Appalachian students. For information, contact professor James Miller, (859) 233-8155 or jmillier@transy.edu.

### All-Sports Camp

For information, contact coach Jack Ebel, (859) 233-8165 or jebel@transy.edu.

### Basketball Camps

Both overnight and day sessions are available for girls and boys, as well as a coaches-in-training camp. For information, contact coach Mark Turner, (859) 233-8267 or mturner@transy.edu, or coach Brian Lane, (859) 233-8256 or blane@transy.edu.

### Counselor-in-Training Camp

This camp is offered to students who want to become camp counselors. For information, contact coach Jack Ebel, (859) 233-8165 or jebel@transy.edu.

### Swim Camps, Clinics, and Lessons

Overnight, day, and mini camps are available for a variety of ages. For information, contact coach Jack Ebel, (859) 233-8165 or jebel@transy.edu.

## Parents Phonathon raises \$52,534

Participants in the Parents Phonathon raised \$52,534 for the University's library as of January 8. Dolores Roberson, director of parent programs, thanked the contributors for their generosity and volunteer callers for their time.

"Thanks to our dedicated parents, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of \$84,000 by June 30," said Roberson.

Since calls began in the fall, 636 parents, alumni, and grandparents have made gifts that benefit the holdings of the J. Douglas Gay Jr. Library and the Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

Those who were not contacted during the fall phonathon will have an opportunity to contribute during the spring phonathon on March 2.

Prizes were awarded to the following top volunteer callers: Sharri Greer '75 (first place), Stephen Morton (second place), and Sharon Rankin (third place).

## Ray Brown retires as physical plant director

After 20 years of being on call 24 hours a day, Ray Brown decided it was time to let someone else take care of the Transylvania campus.

Brown, who stepped down in December as director of the physical plant, held that position through the years of Transylvania's most extensive series of major construction projects. At the same time, he supervised all aspects of maintenance and grounds work, including emergencies like broken water pipes that could call him out at any hour of the day or night.

"The job is really a dual role—supervising building projects while also managing the day-to-day operations of the physical plant," said Brown. "Trying to mesh those two responsibilities and give both of them justice was my biggest challenge."

It was a challenge well met, in the view of President Charles L. Shearer, who presented Brown the President's Award at a retirement ceremony. The award recognizes extraordinary contributions of service and financial support to Transylvania.

"Ray's knowledge and experience have been extremely valuable to Transylvania in so many ways," said Shearer. "His expertise in structural and



■ Ray Brown is shown in front of the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, the last major project he oversaw.

mechanical systems, coupled with his sense of what is appropriate for a small liberal arts college, led him to make the right decisions for the University."

Shearer also praised Brown's ability to relate to different kinds of people and his positive attitude toward his work. "Ray got along with trustees, faculty, staff, students, engineers, and architects equally well," he said. "Whenever he was needed—even at odd hours of the night—he was always there with a willing spirit."

When Brown joined the Transy staff in 1981, the William T. Young Campus Center was on the drawing board. "The design wasn't finalized, so I helped with that," he said. This was the first major project Brown supervised.

A succession of major projects over the years included the Warren W. Rosenthal Residence Complex, the Poole Residence Center, the J. Douglas Gay Jr. Library, the Lucille C. Little Theater, and the Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education. Athletics projects included John R. Hall Athletic Field and Row House, William A. Marquard Field, and the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center.

The Beck Center, which opened January 2, was Brown's final, and in some ways crowning, project. "The Beck Center turned out to be a very nice building. I don't think it will have to take a back seat to any facility of its kind for a small college campus."

Brown and his wife, Ruby, moved to Florida in January,

where Brown plans to fish and play golf as much as possible. "If I get bored, I may work part-time," he said. "If I don't work, I'm sure I will donate a lot of time to Habitat for Humanity."

After seeing the 97,000-square-foot Beck Center through to completion, a new home for a needy family should certainly be a pushover for this talented Transylvanian.



## Banks joins Transy as physical plant director

Darrell Banks has joined the Transylvania staff as director of the physical plant. He was most recently physical plant and public safety director at Midway College.

Banks replaces Ray Brown, who retired in December after 20 years as physical plant director.

At Midway, Banks served on the President's Cabinet and the Executive Council. He had management responsibility for the physical plant and public safety, including budgeting, personnel, maintenance, new construction, renovations, space planning, and vehicles.

Before that, he was employed by Clark Material Handling Company in several positions, including manager of facilities.

Banks holds a B.A. degree in organizational management from Midway and has completed other course work, including the University of Kentucky's Department of Engineering Preventive Maintenance Program.

"Darrell is an ideal fit for Transylvania because of his college background at Midway and his many years of experience in facilities management with Clark," said President Charles L. Shearer.

## Transy ranked as 'Best Value'

Transylvania tied for No. 31 in the "Best Value" rankings of *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2002*. Best value institutions are those with high academic standings that cost considerably less than many other schools. Over 80 percent of Transylvania students receive some type of financial assistance, making a Transy education even more affordable.

In addition, *U.S. News* placed Transylvania among the nation's 100 best liberal arts colleges. The rankings are based on 16 measures of quality, including graduation rate, class size, faculty resources, student selectivity, and alumni giving.

"These independent ratings help confirm Transy's national reputation for academic excellence and good value," said President Charles L. Shearer. "Our continuing commitment to the highest standards makes a Transy education all the more valuable."





## A Word to Fellow Alumni from Michael Sloane '89

Alumni Executive Board Member  
Alumni Fund Committee Chair

As a Lexington resident and member of Transylvania's Alumni Executive Board, I visit campus often and interact with faculty and students. Their talent, intellect, and leadership constantly impress me. It is with this in mind that I'm joining with Transy to ask for your help.

How can we be sure our alma mater remains one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges? It's simple—by supporting the campus through the Transylvania Fund. Every dollar given goes to the students and to enhancing their learning environment. Student financial aid is the primary area affected by our gifts.

If you are hesitant because you feel you cannot make a "large" gift, don't be. National publications rate colleges and universities on many criteria, including the sheer number of alumni who make gifts. The higher the number, the higher our alma mater ranks and the better it reflects on us all.

Please join me in helping Transy reach a record 54 percent alumni donor participation rate by June 30, 2002. To accomplish this, we still need to hear from 1,900 fellow alumni. If you haven't yet committed, consider doing so in the easiest possible way—an on-line contribution. Or, contact the Development Office by mail or phone.

Thank you,

To make a gift to Transy, log on to [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html) and follow the on-line giving links. You may also call the Development Office at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8285 or e-mail [giving@transy.edu](mailto:giving@transy.edu).

## 2001 Tax Act has impact on estate planning

**Q:** I read about the 2001 Tax Act, which repeals all estate taxation. How does this legislation affect my estate plans?

**A:** In June 2001, Congress passed the Economic Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act. This legislation does repeal estate taxation—but for the year 2010 only.

Because we are eight years from repeal enactment, many experts believe "the repeal will be repealed" before 2010 and estate taxation will remain. In the meantime, the amount of your estate excluded from all taxation will increase from \$1 million this year to \$3.5 million in 2009. While this amount sounds high, it is important to remember that the government includes retirement assets when valuing your total estate.

Despite any estate tax changes, planned giving vehicles like charitable annuities and trusts continue to provide guaranteed donor income at higher payout rates than certificates of deposit or money market accounts. Bequests allow you—rather than the government—to disperse your assets by choice.

**Q:** Should I seek further advice on estate planning at this point?

**A:** To maximize your estate plans during this uncertain fiscal environment, we suggest talking with your attorney and/or accountant. These experts will assist you in formulating a plan to fit your situation. Whether your wishes are to benefit Transylvania, to protect beneficiaries, or to avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets, having an estate strategy is crucial.

For additional, no-obligation information on Transylvania's life income and bequest program, please contact the Development Office at 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508; by phone at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8285; or by e-mail at [giving@transy.edu](mailto:giving@transy.edu). Wording for bequest arrangements, as well as sample annuity and trust proposals, are available.

Additional information may also be found on Transylvania's development Web page at [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html).

## Majmundars honored for \$193,000 gift

Transylvania honored Gopal and Mina Majmundar at a November 3, 2001, recognition event for their \$193,000 gift to the University.

Transylvania used \$100,000 of the gift as matching funds for a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. That allowed the University to purchase a new nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer for the natural sciences and mathematics division that is enhancing the research and academic experience of students and faculty in chemistry, biology, and physics.

"Clearly, the Majmundars are a special family," said President Charles L. Shearer. "We are delighted to take this opportunity

on Family Weekend 2001 to honor Dr. Gopal and Dr. Mina for their role in strengthening teaching and learning in the natural sciences at Transylvania."

The Majmundars have a medical practice in Martin, Ky. For 23 years, Gopal has been a pediatrician and family practitioner in Martin and Prestonsburg, while Mina has been an anesthesiologist in Prestonsburg for 23 years.

They have two daughters, Mamata and Monica. Mamata, a 1995 Transy graduate, is in her second year of residency at the University of Kentucky, while Monica, a Transy senior, will attend medical school next fall.



Kim Soper

■ Shown at the November 3 recognition event are President Charles L. Shearer, Gopal and Mina Majmundar, and their daughter Monica.



## Field hockey team shows improvement

Transylvania's field hockey team improved its win total by one game over last season and had two players named to the KIT All-Tournament team on the way to a 4-16 record under second-year head coach Alyssa Gates.

Transy lost four games by a single goal early in the season as the Pioneers showed a good defensive effort, but lacked the offensive punch to pull out the victory. Transy got its first win of the season at Earlham College 1-0 in double overtime on a goal by sophomore forward Allison Duncan. The Pioneers also defeated Bellarmine University twice (2-1, 4-2) and Hanover College by 1-0.

Senior midfielder Susan Sims and junior back Cathy Rafferty were named to the All-KIT Tournament team. Sims ended the season as Transy's leading scorer with nine points on three goals and three assists, while Rafferty had eight points on three goals and two assists. Duncan also had eight points, on four goals.

## Volleyball goes varsity in 2002

Transylvania competed in volleyball for the first time as a club team this season, with varsity status coming in the fall of 2002 when the Pioneers will play a full schedule against Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference teams and others.

Under head coach Cindy Jacobelli, Transy competed in a tournament at Franklin College and played HCAC foes Anderson University and Hanover College, along with local rival Asbury College.

Volleyball is a women's sport at Transy and in the HCAC. Transy will play its home matches in the new \$15 million Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center.



### cross country

## Hoffman competes in NAIA nationals

Senior Megan Hoffman ran in the NAIA cross country national championship for the fourth consecutive year, finishing in 21 minutes, 11 seconds over the 5,000-meter course in Kenosha, Wisc., good for 179th in a field of 238 runners.

Hoffman turned in her best time of the season—19:52.5—in the Region XI meet, finishing third overall. Earlier, she paced the women's team to an eighth place finish in the Centre Invitational with a 20:25.9 run.

Among the top runners for the men's team was junior Drew Butcher, who finished 21st in the regional meet with a 28:43.2 run over the 8,000-meter course.

Toby Carrigan is in his first year as head coach for both the women's and men's teams.

## Men's soccer wins two HCAC titles on way to 14-4-3 season

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles were among the rewards of a successful Transylvania men's soccer campaign.

Under head coach Parviz Zartoshty, the Pioneers capped a 14-4-3 season with wins over Hanover College and Anderson University in the HCAC tournament, hosted by Transy on Thomas Field. Earlier, Transy's 6-0 HCAC record clinched the regular season crown in the Pioneers' first year in the conference.

Transy also won the Centre College Invitational by defeating North Park University 5-2 and Aurora College 7-0. Senior forward E. B. Lowman, who had five goals and two assists, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. That performance was good enough to make him the first Pioneer to be named an HCAC Player of the Week.

The HCAC picked five Pioneers for individual honors. Midfielder Jonathan Kincheloe was named the conference's Freshman Player of the Year and was also a Player of the Week. He was joined on the All-HCAC team by Lowman, senior defenseman Mike Bernardi, senior midfielder Ty Smith, and junior midfielder Jared Matthews, also a Player of the Week. Smith led the team in scoring with 33 points on 12 goals and nine assists.

## Women's soccer wins HCAC title, has 14-3-1 season

Competing in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference for the first time, the Transylvania women's soccer team won the regular season championship after posting a perfect 7-0 conference record and also claimed the conference's top player. Head coach Scott Scanlon led the team to a 14-3-1 overall record.

Sophomore forward Sarah Lowman was selected the 2001 HCAC Most Valuable Player after leading the Pioneers in scoring with 29 points on 13 goals and three assists and finishing as the leading scorer in the conference. She was an HCAC Player of the Week twice and was named to the All-Conference team.

Senior midfielder Lyndi Campbell scored 17 points on six goals and five assists, was named to the NAIA All-Region XI first team, and was an NAIA honorable mention All-American. She made the NAIA All-America second team as a junior.

Joining Lowman on the All-HCAC team were Campbell, senior forward Jean Anne Jensen, and senior defender Michelle Topmiller. Jensen and junior forward Danielle Engelkamp also won HCAC Player of the Week honors.

Transy extended its remarkable string of successful seasons to six straight, during which time the overall record is 110-17-4.



Senior E. B. Lowman, first Transy HCAC Player of the Week

# Alumni

## News & Notes

Transylvania would like to publish your photos of alumni events and personal milestones. For consideration, please send non-returnable photos to *Transylvania Magazine*, Transylvania University, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797.



1943 *Crimson*

■ The carefree exuberance of these Transylvania students belies the fact that it is the 1942-43 school year, when the United States was becoming increasingly active in World War II. Do any *Transylvania* readers know the identity of these students?

### '30s

**Helen L. Williams '34** lives at Robin Run NBA, a Disciples of Christ retirement home in Indianapolis, where several other Transylvania alumni also live.

**John C. Chenault III '35**, Frankfort, Ky., retired as minister of First Christian Church in 1980 but returned in 1994 as pastoral minister. His wife, **Mary Elizabeth Crouch Chenault '43**, continues to work in volunteer community organizations such as the Frankfort Arts Foundation.

**Dale E. Gerster '36** still lives in the house he and his late wife, Marjory, built in 1979 on two acres of rural land in Glenwood, Ark. In 2000, he drove to Maryland to attend the

50th reunion of a high school class at a school where he taught from 1945-68. Last year, he was again invited to be the guest of the class of '51 at the same school for their 50-year reunion, but could not go because of a previous commitment. However, both reunions allowed him to get in touch with former students via e-mail. Transy classmates from the '30s can e-mail him at [gerster@alltel.net](mailto:gerster@alltel.net).

**Hazel Grimes Mahany '37** moved to an Oxford, Ohio, retirement community called The Knolls of Oxford. She has three daughters—Suzanne lives in Marina del Rey, Calif.; Deannie lives in Atlanta; and Julie lives in Tulsa, Okla. Her husband, John, died in April 2000.

### '40s

**Joan Ardery Chase '40**, Langley, Wash., attended her granddaughter's wedding in Bonassola, Italy, in September and spent the rest of September touring France. In November 2000, she and her children traveled to Peru, where she lived from 1952-58.

### '50s

**Dianne Fischer Seymour '52**, Fresno, Calif., lost her husband, Wil Seymour, a retired dentist, on October 30, 2001. They had been married since her graduation in 1952.

**Robert L. Piper '54**, New Bedford, Mass., retired in January after 28 years at the Uni-



## Landrums honored for philanthropy

John and Vivian (VanBever '49) Landrum have been recognized by the Bluegrass Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for the significant contribution of time and resources they have made to Transylvania and other non-profit organizations. They were honored during a National Philanthropy Day luncheon on November 15 at the Hyatt Regency Lexington.

Vivian is a past member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors and served as gift chair for her 50th college class reunion. She received a Certificate of Appreciation from Transy in 1999 for her outstanding service. A retired teacher, she helped found a school for disabled children in Mercer County and has served as a board member for the Harrodsburg library and the Youth Center. She is a past president of the Harrodsburg Historical Society.

John serves on the board at Shakerstown, Lindsey Wilson College, and Centre College. He is a Tom Landry Associate of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He retired as director of transportation for Humana.

Together, the Landrums have been involved in the restoration of Shakerstown and the development of The Legend of Daniel Boone outdoor drama in Harrodsburg. They also serve on the Harrodsburg YMCA board.

versity of Massachusetts–Dartmouth as professor of political science and former dean of continuing education. Prior to joining UMD, he was a faculty member for five years at Albion College and Antioch College.

**H. Thomas Money '55**, Alpharetta, Ga., was one of three former members of the Lexington Theological Seminary Board of Trustees named trustees *emeriti*.

**Martha Heard George '57**, Zephyrhills, Fla., has a son, Harry George, who married Juliana Caicedo, from Cali, Colombia, on September 16, 2001, in Ft. Lauderdale, where they will be living. His father, Lewis H. George, conducted the ceremony.

**Carol Weller Heurman '57**, Huntington Beach, Calif., has four grandchildren: McKenzie Loring, 1, Shae Loring, 7, Nicholas Camarella Rawe, 12, and Shawn Camarella Rawe, 18.

**Edwin C. Linberg '57**, Laverne, Calif., and his wife, Mariette, traveled to Italy during the summer of 2001. Ed participated in a presentation of Verdi's *Requiem* at St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome with a full orchestra and a chorus of 750 voices. After the concert, his choral group, Mountainside Master Chorale of Upland, Calif., some 45 strong, presented concerts in places such as Assisi and Padua.

**Charles Trent Owings '59**, Baltimore, retired from the Towson University admissions office in June and is serving Lansdowne Christian Church in Baltimore as part-time minister. He is also engaged in the study of theology and science.

**Clyde Roper '59** was named curator *emeritus* of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in December. He was honored by the Smithsonian for more than 35 years of dedicated service to the cause of marine science research.

**A. Guy Waldrop '59**, Lexington, who retired at the end of December as general minister of the Christian Church in Kentucky, was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term as a member of the Lexington Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

## '60s

**Paul A. Lantis '61**, Dublin, Ohio, pastor of Northwest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Columbus, is a member of the Lexington Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

**Bettie Lou Evans Rullman '62**, Lexington, head women's golf coach at the University of Kentucky, was named to the newly created position of director of golf operations.

**Robert I. Schick '65**, Elkton, Md., was named "Most Beautiful Person in Cecil County, Maryland" for his help in the effort to collect two million pounds of recyclable material

and for volunteerism with 11 different school youth groups sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Elkton.

**William E. Davis '64**, Half Moon Bay, Calif., was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law's Hall of Fame in June for his work in managing judicial reform in Kentucky in the 1970s. He was also recognized for his international efforts to improve justice in Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, and Kosovo.

**F. Lynn Luallen '64**, chief executive officer of Kentucky Housing Corporation, was recently presented the highly regarded Chris Kelly Leadership Award by the National Council of State Housing Agencies in Boston at the organization's annual conference.

**E. Katharyn Shay '64**, Columbia, Md., retired after 38 years of major professional work.

**James W. Purdom '65**, Ft. Collins, Colo., who recently retired from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, received the 2001 Presidential Rank Award for extraordinary contributions to NOAA's management and programs. He was among the federal senior executives honored by President George W. Bush at a ceremony in October. Purdom is now a senior research scientist at Colorado State University's Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere.

**Pamela Newman Williams '65**, Unionville, N.Y., has two daughters, Sylvia, 16, and Leyla, 19. Her husband, Pat, died in 1997.

**Jessie Lackey Fennell '66**, Lexington, has a son, Buz, who is a senior at St. George's School, Newport, R.I. Her husband, Bud, is taking early retirement (but hopefully will go back to work to help pay for Buz's education). She enjoyed her reunion and hopes all will mark their calendars for the 40th (2006).

**Mary Jo Morgan (Bohanan) Murphie '66**, Raleigh, N.C., married a Bermudian, Dick Murphie, in September 2001 and is sailing with him in the Caribbean for a year. If any Transy alums should spot the yacht *Maja* while traveling, they will be welcome aboard for a drink.

**J. Larry Patterson '66**, Cary, N.C., retired from North Carolina state government in March 2001. He and his wife formed a company (J-TRAC Trainers) to teach a one-semester course at several local community colleges to prepare people for employment as processing technicians in the biotechnology industry. The company is named for their five sons: Joe, Thomas, Ross, Austin, and Christopher.

**Jane Nicholson Scott '66**, Yellow Springs, Ohio, chair and associate professor of anatomy at Wright State University's School of Medicine, received the Teaching Excellence Award from the university in October.



## Robert Walker '72

### Solving problems is second nature



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**From his days as a residence hall** counselor at Transylvania to his position as the financial chief of Cincinnati's largest insurer, Robert Walker '72 has always enjoyed problem-solving.

"If you're a chief financial officer, problems tend to find their way to your office," he said. "I like to solve diverse kinds of problems in a way that makes a difference and adds value."

Walker is senior vice president and CFO of Western-Southern Life Insurance Co., a mutual holding company that deals in life and health insurance, annuities, investments, and real estate. With Walker at the financial helm, the company reorganized in 2000 from a mutual life insurance company into a mutual holding company, establishing flexibility for raising capital and going public. The change will also save the company millions of dollars in taxes annually.

Walker has a J.D. from the University of Kentucky Law School, where he is a member of the Visiting Committee. He began his career in 1975 as a tax lawyer for Mead Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, where he spent 13 years doing merger and acquisition work, tax research, and planning. In 1988 he moved to Louisville to head the tax function at Capital Holding, which became Providian Corporation. He became general counsel there in 1991 and CFO in 1993. Walker held the title of senior vice presi-

dent and CFO of Providian when it merged its insurance operations with Aegon Insurance Group in 1997. In 1998, Western-Southern hired Walker, whose background with a public company in the same industry was attractive.

"There is no exact timetable, but Western-Southern is on its way to becoming a public company down the road," he said.

In the spring of 2000, Walker tackled a problem in a way that accomplished his aforementioned goals—making a difference and adding value. A Louisville financial group that had run into problems sought help from Western-Southern and Walker, whom they had known from Providian. Under Walker's leadership, Western-Southern acquired the troubled financial group's Integrity Life and National Integrity Life Insurance companies, a move that saved hundreds of jobs in Louisville, boosted Western-Southern's assets under management by about \$5 billion to over \$25 billion, and advanced Western-Southern's business plan through new customers and distribution in the state of New York and the Northeast.

"Other companies were interested in buying them too, but they came to us for a combination of reasons," Walker said. "They respected Western-Southern as an organization, knew me, and developed a lot of trust in us. It was a complex endeavor to structure because of some of the problems

they'd gotten into, but now the company is back and is doing very well as a subsidiary of Western-Southern."

Throughout his career, Walker has kept close ties with Transy. Today, he is a member of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Admissions Committee, and reunion gift chair for the class of '72. He has served as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and received a Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Why has Transy always held a prominent place in the heart of such a busy person? There are many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that he married a classmate, Susan Katterjohn Walker '72. In addition, the Maysville, Ky., native was a residence hall counselor, the assistant head resident of Clay/Davis Residence Hall, and a member of Lampas honorary and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

"At a smaller school like Transylvania, you have an atmosphere that helps you develop your leadership and social skills as well as your academic side," he said. "I wanted to be in an environment where people cared about me, and I think that's something that Transy offers uniquely. Small schools in general do better at that, but Transy has always been especially high in the quotient of caring about people."

DAVID WHEELER

## '70s

**Joseph D. Cantrell '67**, Louisville, won the 2000 and 2001 Kentucky Senior Golfer of the Year award. He also won the Kentucky Senior Match Play Tournament and the Kentucky Senior Medal Play Tournament, and was runner-up in the Kentucky Senior Open. In 2001, he qualified for the U.S. Golf Association Senior Championship in St. Louis.

**Richard S. MacAlpine '67** retired after 34 years of teaching—one year in Indiana teaching English and 33 years in Oneida, N.Y., teaching U.S. history, including advanced placement. He capped off his career by being chosen to give the commencement address to the Oneida High School graduating class of 2001. He and his wife have moved to Penn Yan, N.Y.

**Richard D. "Kim" Bruce '68** and his wife, Mary, live in Greenwich, Conn. Kim is a vice president in the commercial division of First County Bank in Stamford and specializes in real estate finance.

**Dale Ann Fielman Cole '69**, Edgewater, Md., has a second grandchild, Ethan Nicholas, who was born to her daughter, Amanda, on November 16. His big brother, Henry, is thrilled with his new little "brodder." Nana's home in Edgewater is about four hours away from the grandchildren in Norfolk, Va.

**Lorna Petty Harrell '69**, Taylor Mill, Ky., is chair of the Kenton County Conservation District. Last summer she was the coordinator of "Reading the River," a watershed workshop during which teachers journeyed from the headwaters to the mouth of the Licking River.

**Cynthia Campbell Nairn '69** lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, with her husband, Bruce, and son, Grant. Cindy has taught kindergarten and first and second grades in the Warrensville Heights City School for 31 years and worked diligently to implement the first all-day free mandatory kindergarten program in an Ohio public school district. The kindergarten campus where Cindy now teaches gained national media attention when it opened in 1999; the campus of five all-day classes is housed in a refurbished strip mall in the Warrensville city district. It is one of only two known "strip mall schools" in the United States.

**Carolyn Hensley Reynolds '69** and **Michael J. Reynolds '68**, Pinellas Park, Fla., have been married 32 years and have two children: Chris, 23, and Bethany, 21. Carolyn has an interior design business and is active in women's ministries. Michael is president and CEO of a 10-doctor dental practice.

## Caldwell named U.S. district judge

Karen K. Caldwell '77 became United States District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky, on November 30, 2001.

Caldwell had been in private practice with Dinsmore & Shohl and with Breeding, Cunningham, Dance & Cress, both Lexington firms. In 1991 she became the first woman in Kentucky—and one of the youngest women in the nation—to serve as U.S. attorney.

Caldwell, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, was named Kentucky's Outstanding Lawyer in 1995 by the Kentucky Bar Association.



■ Karen K. Caldwell is sworn in as a U.S. district judge at the federal courthouse in Lexington.

**Stuart B. Bonnington '71**, Clarksville, Tenn., wrote and recorded an original banjo tune, "Breckenridge's Escape." He performed the song on the Nashville public television program *Tennessee Wildside* during the fall season.

**Sherrill Anderson Nance '72**, Lewisport, Ky., will retire in June after 30 years of teaching. She plans to substitute teach, to become involved with civic activities and volunteer work, and, most importantly, to spend more time with her family.

**Robin P. Pullen '72**, Rising Sun, Md., opened a referral-only veterinary specialty hospital for small animals in Wilmington, Del., in June 2000. Her area of specialty is internal medicine. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School.

**William S. Davis '74**, Winchester, Ky., retired from private practice and is pastor of Hutchinson United Methodist Church in Bourbon County. He and his wife, **Garnett Hylton Davis '74**, have four children. William Davis Jr. graduated from the University of Kentucky in December; Elizabeth Davis will graduate from the College of Charleston (S.C.) in May; Rebecca Davis is a junior at Asbury College; and Andrew is a sophomore at George Rogers Clark High School.

**Claudia Steele Martin '74** and her husband, Skip, have moved to Dadeville, Ala., and live on Lake Martin. Their daughter, Angel Martin Barker, was married in May 2000 at Callaway Gardens and resides in Denver, where she works for a computer firm. Their son, Trapper Martin, also lives in Denver and works for Domino's Pizza Corp.

**Shearle L. Furnish '75** was appointed head of the Department of English and Modern Languages at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, Tex. He and his wife, Carolyn Beck, of Beck Cowboy Boots, live in Amarillo.

**Edward C. Binzel '76**, Dublin, Ohio, retired after more than 25 years in the restaurant business, most recently as senior vice president at Donatos, and started his own consulting company, Binzel Consulting, Inc.

**Julie Muth-Goodman '76**, Lexington, joined the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl as a partner.

**Sandra Baes Monfort '77**, Lima, Ohio, has a daughter, Erin Baes Monfort, who will graduate from Transy in May—25 years after Sandra did.

**George M. VanMeter Jr. '77** is alive and well in Lexington. His children are almost grown. George is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University, where he is a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. Rick is a junior at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. Anne is in the eighth grade at The Lexington School.

## Carrie Shufflebarger '96

### Keeping the names straight

#### When Carrie Reed Shufflebarger '96

walked into her very first class at Duke University Law School, her professor drew the state of Kentucky on the chalkboard.

"It's a legend at Duke that he does this," she said. "He goes in every day and draws a state on the board, and if you're from that state, you have a chance of being called on."

The student sitting beside her said, "I think it's Virginia."

"No, it's Kentucky," Shufflebarger told her. "Trust me—you're safe."

The professor had drawn Kentucky because he wanted to talk to Shufflebarger about Transylvania.

"My civil procedure professor was a legal historian," she said. "He had written articles and books about Transylvania and the history of its law school in the early 1800s. Luckily, having worked in the admissions office, I had enough knowledge of the history of the University that I could banter with him on that."

The name Transylvania turned out to be a conversation piece not only in her civil procedure class, but everywhere else as well. "In my class of 200 people, everyone came to know me as 'the girl from Transylvania.' "

Although she couldn't have predicted it at the time, most of Shufflebarger's cases as a lawyer would revolve around the uniqueness of names and the rights her clients have to those names.

Shufflebarger is an associate in the intellectual property department of the law firm McDermott, Will & Emery in Washington, D.C. With more than 200 attorneys on staff, the firm has allowed Shufflebarger to cultivate a niche for herself in an area called "cybersquatting." To "cybersquat" is to take a trademark and register it as a domain name on the Internet with the intent to either sell the domain name back to its trademark holder or otherwise profit from the name. An early case involved Panavision, a company that makes film

equipment for the motion picture industry.

"Someone registered 'panavision.com' with the intent of selling it back to the company and making money from it," she said. "In the early days of the Internet, before trademark holders realized they needed to secure their rights, a lot of people did this; that's why Congress passed a law against it. Of course, you can still make a lot of money if you registered really generic words like 'business.com,' but people were



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registering other people's trademarks, and you can't do that."

One of her firm's clients, the company that owns lingerie franchise Victoria's Secret, has sought legal help in Internet disputes over its trademark. "There are so many different ways to misspell Victoria's Secret, like making it plural—Victoria's Secrets—or putting only one 's' in the middle," she said. "There was a company and

an individual using 'victoriassecrets.net' as a domain name to host their own lingerie site."

Most of the cybersquatting cases Shufflebarger has worked on have resulted in the accused cybersquatter agreeing to settle before the case had to be taken to court. But she has been involved in dozens of successful cases arbitrated through a forum that resolves trademark disputes as an alternative to federal court litigation.

Although Shufflebarger has a knack for work that combines legal issues with the Internet, she says she has never considered herself a "tech person." She began her career two years ago in the firm's trial department, switching to the intellectual property department after helping an attorney with the firm's first Victoria's Secret cybersquatting case. Her first assignment in the case coincided with Congress' passage of the Anti-cybersquatting Consumer Protection Act, and, almost by happenstance, she became the firm expert on cybersquatting.

"There really wasn't any expertise on those kinds of matters yet, so they asked me to find out what I could about the new law, and I started tracking it," she said.

As it turns out, names not only play an important role in her everyday work, but they also played a role in helping her land the job at McDermott in the first place. After an initial screening interview with McDermott on Duke's campus, she saw her interviewer on a flight from Durham, N.C., to Washington, D.C. Ironically, she was flying to Washington to interview with a different firm.

"I recognized the interviewer from McDermott sitting in first class. I'm terrible with names but it came to me: I said, 'Hi, Mr. Pantano. Nice to see you again.' And he walked back from first class to coach, handed me a business card, and said, 'If you have time tomorrow after your interview, give us a call.' "

DAVID WHEELER



## Alumni Bulletin Board

### Addresses for all seasons

Alumni who change residences with the seasons are encouraged to contact the alumni office to ensure that they receive University mail in a timely manner. Transy's alumni database system can track seasonal addresses for such individuals. Please make sure you include the date ranges, e.g., November 1 - March 31 in Clearwater, Fla., and April 1 - October 31 in Chicago.

### Memorial scholarship honors alumnus

The Charles Bennett Lake '82 Memorial Scholarship, established in 2001, provides annual grants of income to Transylvania students with preference given, but not limited, to full-time students from Ashland, Ky., who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Students who declare either a major or minor in computer science will receive preferential consideration, as will children of a deceased alumnus or alumna.

This permanent fund gives tribute to Ben Lake '82, a native of Ashland and a graduate of Russell High School. After transferring from Vanderbilt University, Ben became an active member of the campus community and graduated with a B.A. in computer science.

For more information on Transylvania's endowed scholarships, please contact Bart Meyer, vice president for development, at (800) 487-2679 or at [bmeyer@transy.edu](mailto:bmeyer@transy.edu).

#### To contact the Alumni Office:

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**Web:** [transy.edu/alumni.html](http://transy.edu/alumni.html)

### Recognizing some alumni volunteers

Thank you to the following alumni serving on the University's Board of Visitors this year. The Board of Visitors is comprised of outstanding alumni, parents, and friends who have distinguished themselves in careers and/or in service to communities, and who have been loyal supporters of the University.

Marc Barnhill '82, Sue Almond Bryan '60, Kim Siebers Cornetet '81, Rose Mary Stamler Dow '88, Cleve Gambill '68, Carlisle Van Meter Mayer '85, Scott McCauley '71, Danny McMahan '73, Andy Moore '71, Rodes "Shack" Parrish '70, Fred Peters '77, Pat Hocker Riddle '72, Carol Goff Tanner '64, Fran Taylor '75, Joe Thomson '66, Stephen Underwood '69, Alice Shepherd Wells '69, John Williams Jr. '74, Catesby Woodford '69.

### It's all about convenience

In this electronic age, you may already be accustomed to paying bills via an automatic draft withdrawal process or on-line. To make supporting Transylvania more convenient for you, the University is offering the EDGE automated electronic funds transfer program.

By paying a pledge in this manner, you authorize your bank to automatically transfer your gift to Transylvania each month. This means you will never need to remember to write and mail a check again, you will never receive a pledge reminder, and you will immediately count in Transy's crucial alumni donor participation figure. Providing increased and reliable support becomes easy with the monthly payment cycle. You may also continue to make on-line gifts to your alma mater.

More information on both gift-giving mechanisms can be found at [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html).

**Patrick A. Leggett '78**, West Union, W.Va., has been working under the guidance of **Caroll Kelly Morrison '78** at Notre Dame High School, Clarksburg, W.Va., this winter as a practicum requirement for his second master's degree from West Virginia University. Patrick currently works as the science and math curriculum specialist and teacher mentor of the Center for Educational Technologies Wheeling Jesuit University.

**Cecilia G. Woloch '78**, Los Angeles, was selected by Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest in Clermont, Ky., to receive the 2002 Writing Fellowship, a part of the artist-in-residence program. Cecilia's projects will consist of personal essays chronicling her family's life in Kentucky and essays exploring the relationship between the environment and its human inhabitants. A book of her poems, *Sacrifice*, was published in 1997.

**Janna Dunavent Fitzwater '79**, Union, Ky.,

was promoted to senior accountant for the CPA firm of J.D. Cloud & Co., LLP.

**Jeffrey F. Lagrew '79**, Versailles, Ky., received the 2001 Kentucky Governors Award for outstanding service in crime prevention. Jeff is an assistant deputy attorney general for the state of Kentucky.

### '80s

**Nancy Holt Weber '80**, Hardeeville, S.C., was appointed dean of continuing education and workforce development at the Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort, S.C., and is charged with providing quality training opportunities for the workforce of a four-county area. Nancy and her husband, Chris, also own and operate Alexandra's Antique Gallery, a 21,000-square-foot antique mecca in the heart of historic downtown Savannah, Ga. Nancy's daughter, Margaret

Elizabeth, just entered middle school at Savannah Christian Preparatory School.

**Gwen Sloas Browning '81**, Dayton, Ohio, received her doctorate in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in June and is director of financial aid for the School of Medicine at Wright State University. Her daughter, Paula, 10, made it to the state soccer tournament and her son, Tim, 6, is a very active first grader.

**Jeffrey S. Reeves '81** moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., and is the CFO and director of finance for the Hilton Head Arts Center.

**Bonita Justice Dailey '83** lives with her son, John Morgan, in Pikeville, Ky. She works as a psychologist in the Floyd County school district. John Morgan is in kindergarten this year.

**Laura L. Justice-Slone '83**, Lexington, was awarded Accredited Member status by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.



■ Collier Mills '01 carries the Olympic torch down Lexington's Main Street on December 17.

## Boyd, Mills carry Olympic torch

Mel Boyd '58 and Collier Mills '01 were among the Lexingtonians who carried the Olympic torch over a 12-mile route through Fayette County on a rainy December 17, helping the torch toward its ultimate destination of Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Boyd and Mills each carried the torch for two-tenths of a mile. The route in and around Lexington included a portion along Third Street and North Limestone that borders the Transy campus.

She is the only dentist in Kentucky and one of only 200 in the world with this title.

**Mark L. Day '85**, Arlington, Va., is group vice president of media relations for the Washington, D.C., public relations firm Powell Tate. His wife, Lori Ann, is director of inter-governmental affairs and adviser to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

**Raymond F. Moulton Jr. '86** lives in Belgium with his wife, Geertje, and two sons, Vincent, 4, and Brian, 3. He has taken the position of director of finance and operations, Europe, for Sorrento Networks, an optical networking technology company headquartered in San Diego. Ray will be based in Brussels.

**John Patrick Donohew '88**, San Francisco, received the Crystal Heart award in October for his film *Seven Sisters: A Kentucky Portrait*. The award was presented by the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis.

**Ann E. Roberston '88**, Gaithersburg, Md., was named associate editor of the *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Russian History* and

appointed adjunct professor of international affairs at George Washington University.

**Lenore Sparks '89**, Georgetown, Ky., is teaching special education and is the head girls' basketball coach at Franklin County High School in Frankfort.

**Amy Eileen Wells '89**, New Orleans, is an assistant professor in the graduate program in educational administration at the University of New Orleans. Her scholarly work is in the area of higher education history, philanthropy, and public policy. Classmates may contact her through e-mail at awells@uno.edu or phone (504) 280-6027.

**Renee Price Witkowski '89** and **Allan Witkowski '89**, West Lafayette, Ind., adopted a daughter, Kathleen Qiuyan Witkowski, in China, on December 13, 2000.

## '90s

**Robin J. Bowen '90**, Falls Church, Va., joined the health group practice of McDermott, Will & Emery's Washington, D.C., office and can be contacted at rbowen@mwe.com or (703) 824-3518. Prior to joining the firm, she enjoyed a federal clerkship with Judge Eugene Siler, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

**Lisa A. Casebier '91**, Lexington, is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She went through special training and became a member of the extra corporeal membrane oxygenation team in the neonatal intensive care unit/pediatric intensive care unit.

**Sarah Ball Johnson '91**, Springfield, Ky., assistant director for the Kentucky Board of Elections in Frankfort, was one of 200 Americans selected to take part in an international election monitoring trip to Kosovo.

**Pamela A. Marsh '91**, Lexington, has been working at Lexmark for four years and is doing application support in the IT department. She can be contacted through e-mail at MarshRatt@msn.com.

**Damon L. Preston '91** lives in Paducah, Ky., with his wife, Amy, and new daughter, Abigail, where he is the directing attorney of the public defender's office covering the five westernmost counties of Kentucky.

**Joretta Carney Crowe '92**, Frankfort, Ky., is a high school guidance counselor at Frankfort High School. She obtained her master's and Rank I degrees at Eastern Kentucky University several years ago. Classmates may contact her at jcrowe@frankfort.k12.ky.us.

**Brent A. Donovan '92**, Westfield, N.J., who graduated from the University of Michigan in 1998 with a Ph.D. in physical chemistry, is employed at Schering-Plough Research Institute in Union, N.J.

**Melissa D. Fritsche '92**, Decatur, Ga., after

completing a post-baccalaureate pre-medical program for women at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, was accepted to the 2006 class of the Medical College of Georgia. She can be reached at mfritsche@agnesscott.edu. She is currently working as the teaching assistant in the chemistry department at Agnes Scott.

**Jennifer Scruggs Johnson '92**, Knoxville, started a new part-time business this past summer as a Creative Memories scrapbook consultant.

**Trevor Martin '92**, Chicago, debuted his newest performance art work *Ecstasy* with Connecticut collaborator Kym Olsen. Trevor continues to work at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Amy L. Underhill '92**, Alexandria, Va., is an assistant director for Bright Horizons Family Solutions, which specializes in corporate child care and counseling and is based at Booz Allen & Hamilton's corporate headquarters in McLean, Va. This past summer, she participated in the Washington, D.C., Aidsride, biking from Raleigh, N.C., to Washington in three days.

**Jenny Lynn Varner '93**, Cynthiana, Ky., was named assistant principal at Harrison County High School.

**William Dale Amburgey '94**, Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., completed the Pallotta Teamworks Alaska AIDS Vaccine Ride from August 20-25 by riding his bicycle from Fairbanks to Anchorage—500 miles in six days. It was an amazing adventure that included everything from camping out at a glacier to an evening at the Alaska State Fair. He raised over \$3,400 for AIDS vaccine research by participating in this ride, and the Transylvania community was very generous in its support.

**Jean T. Harrod '94**, Louisville, was named vice president-legal counsel for the Farmers Capital Bank Corp.

**Rebecca Allison Jones '94**, Guilford, Conn., is pursuing a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology at the University of New Haven.

**Heather Marie Wibbels '94**, Nashville, obtained her master's degree in history and critical theories in religion from Vanderbilt University in 1996 and is senior manager of software quality assurance for Aspect Communications.

**Sam W. Arnold IV '95**, Cynthiana, Ky., completed a hike of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail on September 27. He completed the 2,658.7-mile hike in just under five months. He began at the U.S.-Mexican border at Campo, Calif., on May 7, walked north through California, Oregon, and Washington, and finished at Manning Provincial Park, British Columbia. This was Sam's second long-distance hike. In 1997, he hiked the Appalachian Trail, which is 2,160 miles long



■ **Julie Ann Danhauer '94** and **Steven Nowak** were married July 10, 2001. Shown here at a July 21 reception are (from left) **Charlie Kamuf '94**, **Alan Bartley '93**, **Steven and Julie**, **Stephanie Collinworth '94**, and **Suzanne Miles '92**.



■ **Duncan Cavanah '99** and **Sarah Puckett '99** were married July 28, 2001. Shown here at the reception are (first row, from left) **Amol Mujumdar '99** and **Sarah and Duncan**; (second row) **Chris Kays '01**, **Laura Roberts '00**, **Kelly Botkin Sayre '99**, **Leigh Ann Jordan '94**, **Claudia Lee '00**, **Ann Joczny '01**, **Amy Cates '99**, **Cara Sloan Ritter '99**, **Nancy Riley '99**, **Shana Spitzer Page '01**; (third row) **Chris Jones '99**, **Corey Sayre '99**, **Jason Moore '01**, **Dave Rice '00**, **Zack Rother '00**.

and goes through 14 states.

**Diana L. Brown '95**, Louisville, is director of development for the School of Dentistry and the School of Nursing at the University of Louisville.

**Emilee Sims Morgan '95**, Middletown, Ky., is a primary teacher at Goshen Elementary School in Goshen, Ky., and was awarded National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Studies.

**C. Lynne Pierce '95**, Lexington, received her J.D. from the University of Kentucky and joined the Louisville law firm of Tachau Mad-dox Hovious & Dickens.

**William H. "Wick" Sewell '95** lives in Louisville with his wife, Stephanie Disney, their new son, Joseph, and their daughter, Rudy. Wick is completing a second bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the University of Louisville while working as a computer analyst with the city of Louisville.

**Charles Patrick McDowell '96**, Chicago, is an analyst for the Leo Burnett Co., a brand-building company responsible for the Phillip Morris account.

**Michael W. Nicholson '96**, Silver Spring, Md., received his doctorate in economics from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

**Stacy N. Taylor '96** was named senior associate director of development for The Carter Center's International Health Programs in Atlanta. Prior to joining The Carter Center, she served as development associate at the International Human Rights Law Group in Washington, D.C.

**Elizabeth C. Woodford '96**, Mt. Sterling, Ky., has become associated with the Lexington law firm of Miller, Griffin & Marks.

**Allison R. Emerson '97**, Louisville, joined the firm of Stites & Harbison, where her practice will focus on general commercial litigation and intellectual property disputes.

**Jarrett A. Gregory '97**, Lexington, graduated from East Tennessee State University with a master's degree in molecular biology and is working toward another master's degree in the physician assistant program at the University of Kentucky. His research in spinal cord injuries at UK will be published next year.

**Rebecca Bianchi Gulock '97**, Somerset, Ky., teaches fourth grade math and writing at Hopkins Elementary School. She completed her master's degree in school and community counseling and is pursuing National Board Certification for Teachers. Classmates can e-mail her at [bgulock@somerset.k12.ky.us](mailto:bgulock@somerset.k12.ky.us).

**Melissa R. Barlow '98**, Memphis, teaches seventh grade math and social studies at Germantown Middle School in Memphis.

**Tracy Todd Blevins '98**, Lexington, was named a partner in the Lexington law office Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs.

**Jaime M. Kendall '98**, Elkview, W.Va., teaches Title I Reading at Clendenin Elementary in Clendenin, W.Va.

**Julie M. McDonnell '98**, Louisville, was named an associate of the law firm of Stites & Harbison as a member of the Torts & Insurance Litigation Service Group.

**Angela L. Rigsby '98**, Lexington, is a paralegal for Golden & Walters, a Lexington law firm.

**Kimberly D. Wales '98**, Chapel Hill, N.C., spent the summer after graduation from Transy as a counselor at Life Adventure Camp, a wilderness camp for emotionally and behaviorally challenged children. She then spent a year volunteering with Christian Appalachian Project in Magoffin County, Ky., where she started an after-school program for teens. She is in her third year of law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; upon graduation, she will practice labor and employment law with a firm in Tampa, Fla. She spent her summers during law school working for law firms and nonprofit organizations.

**Patricia Cheese Johnson '99**, Woodstock, Ga., is an account manager for Lexmark International, working in the retail and hospital-ity vertical from the regional office in Atlanta.



**John Rodney Parker '99**, Lakewood, Wash., is serving in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence agent stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. He was recently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and can be e-mailed at john.rodney.parker@us.army.mil.

**James Corey Sayre '99** and **Kelly Botkin Sayre '99** have moved back to Lexington. Corey is attending graduate school in secondary education at the University of Kentucky and Kelly is teaching eighth grade math and coaching cheerleading at East Jessamine Middle School in Nicholasville, Ky.

**R. Hampton Scurlock '99**, Lexington, is keeping busy as an independent financial planner and realtor. He also owns The Brick Alley, a bar in Frankfort, Ky., whose phone number is (502) 875-ALLY. Hampton can be reached by e-mail at financialwhiz1@hotmail.com.

## '00s

**Yessenia F. Aich '00**, Lexington, is working toward a double master's degree at Lexington Theological Seminary and the University of Kentucky.

**Donna M. Buchino '00**, Louisville, is a financial sales and service representative for National City Bank in Louisville.

**Eric S. Guerrant '00**, Louisville, is in his second year of medical school at the University of Louisville. His wife, **Farrah Pond Guerrant '00**, is a nursing student at Bellarmine University and will graduate in May.

## Marriages

**Judith Blossom Huddleson '69** and **Dennis Raymond Childs '71**, December 8, 2001

**Gwen Sloas '81** and Rex Browning, August 23, 2001

**Mark Leonard Day '85** and Lori Ann Sharpe Day, April 21, 2001

**Thomas Clayton Allison '92** and Denise Marie Schaper, November 15, 1997

**Laura Jo Simms '92** and Greg Nopper, September 28, 2001

**Mary Ashley Thacker '92** and James Martin Welch, September 22, 2001

**William Hunter Callahan '94** and **Sarah Elizabeth Hartsough '99**, October 6, 2001

**Melissa S. Stump '94** and Edward John Meier, May 19, 2001

**Rhonda Kay Yost '94** and William Burl Kincaid III, June 16, 2001

**Tammy Nanette Chapman '95** and **James Francisco Bisotti '96**, November 10, 2001

**Samuel Lewis Cowan II '95** and Jennifer Fayrene Coldiron, June 3, 2000

**Leslie Faye Hughes '95** and Wiley Baker, March 10, 2001

**Cynthia Gail Ice '96** and Gordon Bones, November 10, 2001

**Rebecca Jean Bianchi '97** and Scott Patrick

Gulock, July 28, 2001

**Shannon Noelle Tierney '97** and **Charles E. McElearney '97**, April 28, 2001

**Jennifer Marie Weller '97** and Ryan Steven McAllister, June 23, 2001

**Eric Coburn Powell '98** and Lisa Hsia, November 28, 1998

**Elizabeth Pryse Sewell '98** and Jonathan Michael Pittman, July 21, 2001

**Kelly Elizabeth Botkin '99** and **James Corey Sayre '00**, June 17, 2000

**Molly Raine Gluth '99** and Jarred M. Lang, October 12, 2001

**Amy Loraine Kidd '99** and **Roger Benjamin Crittenden '99**, July 28, 2001

**Caroline Elisabeth Slater '99** and William Scott Burnette, June 23, 2001

**Shana Alexander Stokes '99** and **Michael Gregory Langley '99**, September 15, 2001

**Jenny Rebekah Linville '00** and James Daniel Travis Earlywine, July 14, 2001

**Nicole Marie Strehl '00** and Michael K. Stoll, July 7, 2001

**Rebekah Lou Williams '00** and **Sean Christopher McNichol '01**, September 8, 2001

**Ashley Kristen Hunt '01** and Seth Martin, November 24, 2001

## Births

**Peggy Flynn Athanasakes '85** and George Athanasakes, a son, Evan Athanasakes, May 17, 2001

**Mary Jane Wilhoit Phelps '86** and Wesley Phelps, a son, Christopher Wesley Phelps, August 30, 2000

**Tavis L. White '86** and Lori Perry White, a son, Thomas Lee White, June 7, 2001

**Nancy Adams Clark '87** and Richard S. Clark, a son, Matthew Robert Clark, June 1, 2001

**Theresa Goheen-Srinivasan '87** and Raghu Srinivasan, a son, Michael Krishna Srinivasan, July 8, 2001

**Sheila R. Huff-Baker '87** and Merritt Baker, a daughter, Lucille Merritt Baker, September 19, 2001

**Todd S. Page '87** and **Sara Spragens '88**, a daughter, Claire Mershon Page, May 4, 2000

**Steven W. Swisher '87** and Deann Swisher, a son, Benjamin Russell Swisher, October 20, 2001

**Robert T. Watson '87** and Lynn M. Watson, a son, Cade McCaffery Watson, October 15, 2001

**Sharon R. Burnside '88** and Jeffrey R. Kochanowski, a daughter, Emma Nicole Kochanowski, June 8, 2001

**Keith W. Johnson '88** and Margaret Johnson, a daughter, Meredith Anne Johnson, November 27, 2001

**Melissa Jane Wines '88** and Joseph Vap, a daughter, Ella Suzanne Vap, May 22, 2001

**Mark B. Fields '89** and **Elizabeth Alspaugh Fields '90**, a daughter, Ruth Lindsey Fields,

June 9, 2001

**Caroline Hurley Young '89** and **John F. Young '90**, a son, James Walter Young, August 30, 2001

**Mary Hellen Insko Dean '90** and Ted Dean, a son, Alec Vincent Dean, November 26, 2001

**John J. O'Hara '90** and **Joy Lane O'Hara '94**, triplets, Allison Lane O'Hara, Jason Joseph O'Hara, Katelyn Riley O'Hara, September 9, 2001

**James R. "Ross" Stinetorf '90** and Kimberly Stinetorf, a son, Richard Griffith Stinetorf, October 26, 2001

**Selena F. Wingate '90** and **Michael C. Finley '90**, a son, Noah Michael Wingate Finley, September 30, 2001

**Darrin W. Adams '91** and **Kristi Caudill Adams '91**, a son, Luke Patrick Adams, October 4, 2001

**Julia Idstrom Erwin '91** and David Erwin, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Erwin, May 8, 2001

**Damon Loyd Preston '91** and Amy Hensel Preston, a daughter, Abigail Corinne Preston, October 19, 2001

**Claria Horn Shadwick '91** and Richard Shadwick, a daughter, Sara Carolynn Shadwick, November 5, 2001

**Mary Leigh Clay Wilson '92** and Bryan D. Wilson, a son, Cooper J. Wilson, April 17, 2001

**Margaret Wise Blackwell '93** and Mike Blackwell, a daughter, Sarah Grace Blackwell, October 28, 2001

**Jessica Hockensmith Blair '93** and Matt Blair, a son, Andrew Thomas "Drew" Blair, June 10, 2001

**Martha K. Bruner-Breeding '93** and Bradford L. Breeding, a son, Bradford "Ford" Lester Breeding II, August 3, 2001



**Greg Woods '83** and **Kelley Woods** announce the birth of their daughter **Alison Jane Woods**, born June 27, 2001. Alison is shown here with her parents and her sister Libby, age 3.

## Lucy Maddox Young dies at 82

Lucy Maddox Young, wife of Transylvania Board of Trustees Chair *Emeritus* and Trustee William T. Young and mother of Board of Trustees Chair William T. Young Jr., died January 13, 2002. She was 82.

She was born in Douglas, Ga., and raised in Blakely, Ga. She attended the University of Kentucky and completed her education at the Traphagen School of Design in New York in 1939.

She married her husband in April 1945 and lived in Philadelphia until his release from the Army later that year. She and her husband moved to Lexington, where she assisted him in establishing W. T. Young Foods. Their company created Big Top Peanut Butter (which became Jif Peanut Butter) and was sold to Proctor & Gamble in 1955.

Young participated in social organizations and civic activities including the Junior League and the Garden Club of Lexington.

In addition to her husband and son, Young is survived by a daughter, Lucy Young Boutin; a sister; two grandchildren; and a nephew.

**Frederick B. Copeland '93** and Melanie Copeland, a daughter, Ellie Grace Copeland, May 29, 2001

**Gena Downey Greer '93** and Michael Greer, twin daughters, Alexandra Elise Greer and Caroline Harris Greer, April 17, 2001

**Laura Hatchett Malyjasiak '93** and John A. Malyjasiak, a son, Andrew John Malyjasiak, May 18, 2001

**Elizabeth Wilkinson Marlette '93** and **Marc L. Marlette '93**, a daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth Marlette, August 29, 2001

**Denise Melton Thomas '93** and Ron Thomas, a daughter, Elizabeth Crittenden "Ellie" Thomas, November 21, 2000

**Erwin Roberts '94** and Pheli Roberts, a son, Elijah Roberts, September 20, 2001

**William H. "Wick" Sewell '95** and Stephanie Disney, a son, Joseph MacDonald Sewell, August 4, 2001

**Ashley Howard Froman '96** and Brett Froman, a son, Adam Quinn Froman, October 7, 2001

**Tonda Shockley Anderson '97** and **Titus J. Anderson '98**, a son, Ian Thomas Anderson, August 31, 2001

**Roger C. Elledge '99** and **Kendall Hunt Elledge '00**, a daughter, Madelyn Grace Elledge, October 20, 2001

## Obituaries

(Only alumni survivors are listed.)

**'34 Mary Alice Boggs**, 94, Nicholasville, Ky., died November 14, 2001. She was a retired teacher and clerk for the Selective Service Board. She attended Eastern State Teachers College and the University of Kentucky and was a lifetime member of Bethany Christian Church.

**'37 Francis Perkins Sallee**, Lexington, died September 19, 2001. A graduate of Midway College, she was an active member of Broadway Christian Church for over 40 years. She was the director of the Stenographic Bureau at the University of Kentucky for 29 years.

**'38 Helen Markwell Jones**, 83, Flemingsburg, Ky., died November 15, 2001. She was a former physical education instructor at Transylvania and the University of Kentucky. She was a former Fleming County school system teacher and guidance counselor and had operated Markwell & Jones Inc. clothing store.

**'38 Elisabeth Cason Martin**, 84, Louisville, died April 25, 2001. A graduate of Florida State University, she was a teacher at Waggener High School in Louisville, Ky., for 20 years, until her retirement in 1977. Among her survivors is a granddaughter, **Susan D. Martin '03**.

**'39 William C. Ellis**, 84, Lexington, died September 17, 2001. He was founder of Women's Care Center in Lexington. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and began his practice in Lexington. In 1971, he opened WCC, which became Kentucky's largest obstetrics and gynecology practice. He delivered about 10,000 babies during his career. He was chairman of the UK Developmental Council, a member of the American Medical Association, and a thoroughbred horse owner. He was a member of Broadway Christian Church. He endowed the William C. and Doris Ellis Scholarship at Transylvania, supporting students from Kentucky. Among his survivors is a brother, **Jack Ellis '41**, and a son, **William C. Ellis Jr. '76**.

**'43 Juanita Shely Givin**, Carlsbad, Calif., died August 28, 2001.

**'47 Lucretia Townsend Reeves**, 75, Lexington, died September 25, 2001. During World War II, she joined the Cadet Nurse Corps in New London, Conn. She was a Lexington real estate agent for over 35 years. She volunteered at the Lexington Literacy Program and Meals on Wheels. Among her survivors is a sister, **Martha Townsend Moore '44**.

**'49 Harvey Quenette**, 82, Columbia, Mo., died December 12, 2001. A graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary, he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. He served at several churches and was a former administrator of the Thomas Campbell Christian Center in Washington, Pa. Among his survivors is a daughter, **Suzanne M. Quenette '82**.

## Virginia Clark Hagan dies

The Transylvania community expresses its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Virginia Clark Hagan '28, who died January 28, 2002, just as *Transylvania* magazine was going to press. Hagan was a Transylvania graduate, a Board of Trustees member, and a faithful friend of the University throughout her life. A complete obituary will appear in the summer issue.

**'49 Bob L. White**, 77, Nicholasville, Ky., died November 11, 2001. He was a World War II veteran. After graduating from Transylvania and Lexington Theological Seminary, he served the Disciples of Christ churches in seven Kentucky cities. He retired from the ministry and served as executive director of the Nicholasville Housing Authority for eight years. Among his survivors are his wife, **Jane Alderson White '47**, a brother, **Richard C. White '50**, a son, **Jeffrey Lynn White '70**, and a granddaughter, **Laura J. Silvey '04**.

**'50 William A. Walters**, 70, Frankfort, Ky., died July 21, 1997.

**'51 Charles Ramon Dungan**, 76, Antioch, Tenn., died October 5, 2001. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at Transylvania. He attended Vanderbilt Law School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After retiring in 1988 as a claims manager for an insurance company, he moved to Paris, Tenn., where he became involved in numerous civic activities. He was a member of Eastwood Christian Church. Among his survivors is a brother, **Donald V. Dungan '49**.

**'62 Terrance M. Cameron**, 62, Sahuarita, Ariz., died April 29, 2001.

**'78 Daryl Lewis Hyatt**, 44, Frankfort, Ky., died August 31, 2001. He was a retired state revenue cabinet employee. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at Transylvania.

**'82 Charles Bennett Lake**, Lexington, died June 26, 2001. Among his survivors is his wife, **Sharon Wells Lake '84**.

**Correction** ■ In the obituary for **Dorothy Marks Smith '43** in the summer 2001 issue of *Transylvania*, we failed to include her son, **Ernest Edward Smith '69**, among alumni survivors. *Transylvania* regrets the error.

■ **Obituaries in *Transylvania* are based on information available in alumni office files and from newspaper obituaries. Please send information concerning alumni deaths to the attention of Elaine Valentine in the Transylvania Alumni Office, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797. Newspaper obituaries with complete listings of survivors are preferred.**

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## Disco Fever Hits Transy



It was the '70s all over again at halftime of the men's final home basketball game against Franklin College on February 16 in the Beck Center. Dance team members (center) were joined by faculty and staff members—with everyone in vintage '70s outfits—for a hilariously entertaining disco show that brought the house down. President Charles L. Shearer and Elizabeth Bass (left) show their moves while mathematics professor Mike LeVan boogies with sophomore Morgan Rutledge. The group first performed at the women's final home game on February 13 against Anderson University. *Photos by Joseph Rey Au*