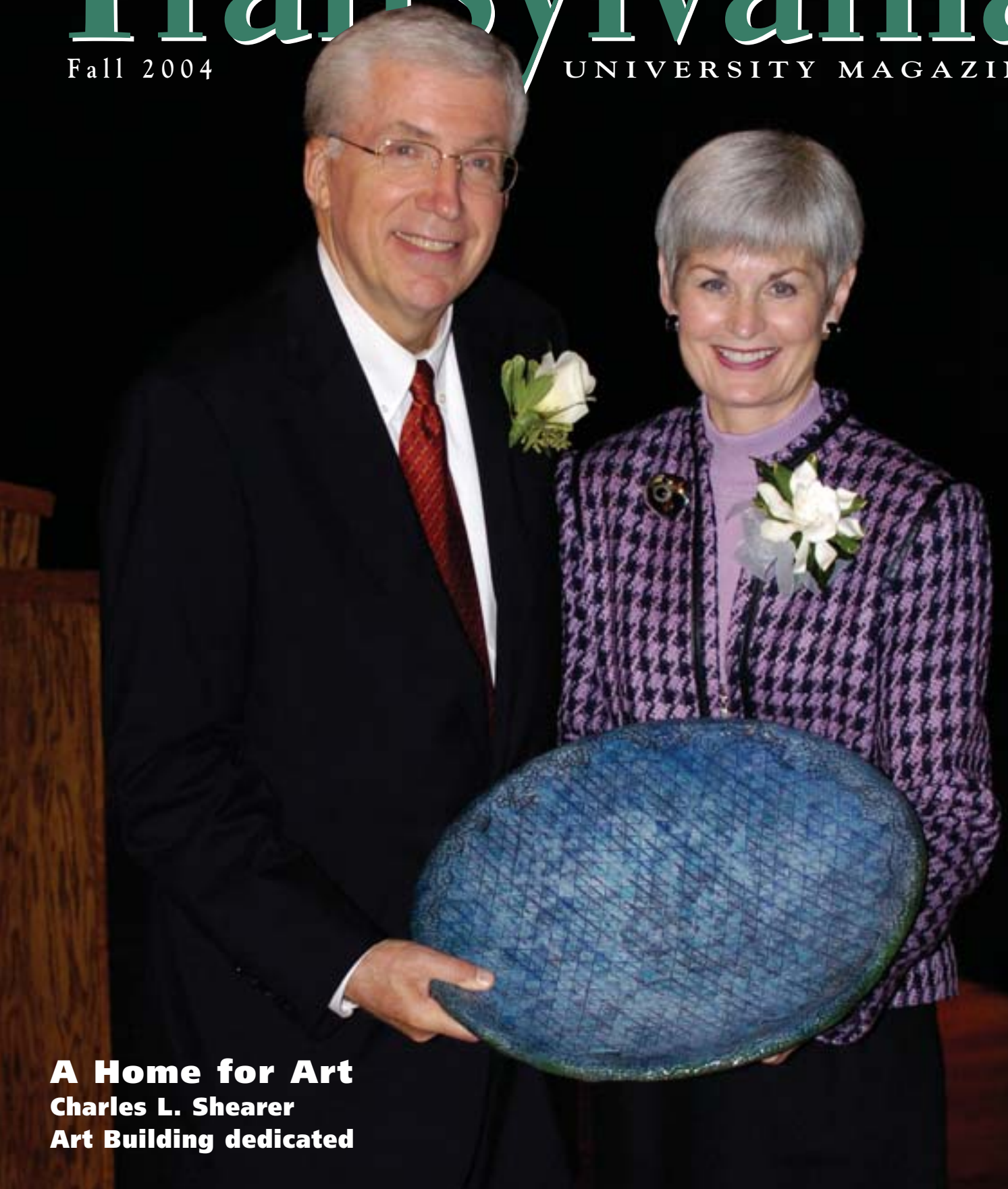


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*More information on the program and upcoming events, many of which are open to the public, may be found at [www.transy.edu/pages/ljsj/home.htm](http://www.transy.edu/pages/ljsj/home.htm).*

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President Charles L. Shearer and his wife, Susan, show off the handcrafted stoneware platter created by art professor Dan Selter and presented to them during the dedication of the Charles L. Shearer Art Building and the Susan P. Shearer Student Gallery. See story on page 12. Photo by Helena Hau



## Transylvania welcomes eight new faculty members

Eight professors joined the Transylvania faculty for the 2004-05 academic year. Members of the group have research interests that range from Latin American history and adolescent development to molecular biology and Schadenfreude.

**Kirk Abraham** (exercise science)



(exercise science) most recently taught at the University of Missouri. He earned his B.S. in physical education from the University of

Puget Sound, his M.S. in exercise and sport science from the University of Arizona, and his Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Missouri. His research interests include skeletal muscle metabolism and interactions of exercise and diet on health and disease.

**Gregg Philip Bocketti** (history)



(history) most recently taught at Tulane University. He earned his B.A. in history and English from Hartwick College, and

his M.A. in Latin American studies and Ph.D. in history from Tulane University. His research interests include Latin American and Caribbean history, especially modern Brazil; sports and popular culture; literature and intellectuals; and revolution and revolutionaries.

**Melissa Fortner** (psychology)



(psychology) is a 1996 graduate of Transylvania, where she earned her B.A. in psychology and philosophy. She earned her

M.S. and Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Penn State University. Her research centers on adolescent development, particularly how adolescent development shapes relationships with parents and how relationships with parents shape adolescent development.

**Lisa Haefele** (English)



(English) was most recently a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University. She earned her A.B. in comparative literature and political science from Duke University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Irvine. Her research interests include transatlantic modernism, postmodern and contemporary British literature, nineteenth-century British literature, women's literature and culture, and contemporary literary criticism and theory.

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**Mark Jackson** (psychology)



(psychology) was a visiting assistant professor at Transylvania during the 2003-04 academic year. He earned his B.A. in psy-

chology from the University of Memphis, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Kentucky. His research interests include social comparison; negative social emotions such as humiliation, shame, envy, and Schadenfreude; interpersonal perception; and the self.

**Danae T. Orlins** (Spanish)



(Spanish) was most recently an associate professor of Spanish at Kentucky Wesleyan College. She earned her B.A. in Span-

ish from the University of Southern California and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Romance studies from Cornell University. Her research interests include Spanish, German, Ukrainian, and Francisco Delicado's 1528 prose dialogue *La Lozana andaluza*.

**Belinda J. Sly** (biology)



(biology) most recently taught courses at Indiana University Southeast. She earned her B.S. in zoology from Oregon State

University and her Ph.D. in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology from Indiana University. Her research interests include developmental biology, molecular biology, and evolution.

**John M. Zink** (business administration)



(business administration) was most recently a senior partner in his own CPA firm in Lexington. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in microbiology and his MBA from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. His research interests include organizational behaviors and personnel development in the business setting.

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## GSA enjoys fifth year on Transylvania's campus

The 2004 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts took place on Transylvania's campus June 20-July 10, with 224 high school students from 55 Kentucky counties and 11 international students from Northern Ireland in attendance.

GSA offers instruction by some of Kentucky's finest teaching artists in eight disciplines: creative writing, dance, drama,

instrumental music, musical theater, visual art, architecture and historic preservation, and vocal music. The program has been conducted on Transy's campus for the last five years, and GSA has selected Transy to serve as host through 2008.

■ **A music student practices on the lawn during the 2004 Governor's School for the Arts.**



Alyx Dixon '05

## Author, filmmaker discuss global politics

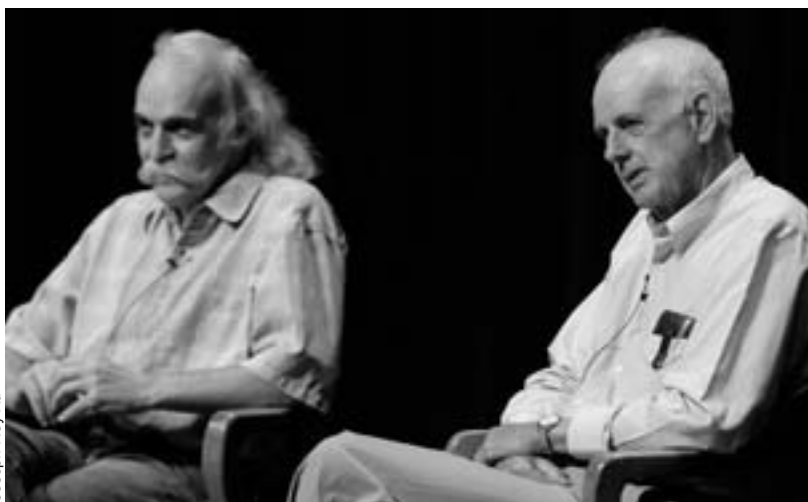
### Documentary filmmaker

Herb E. Smith and Kentucky author Wendell Berry answered questions from students as part of Transylvania's fall convocation held September 12 in Haggin Auditorium. Smith is co-founder of Appalshop, an internationally known multi-disciplinary arts and education center in Whitesburg, Kentucky. The author of more than 30 books, Berry has been a fellow of both the Guggenheim and Rockefeller foundations and received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Institute and Academy of Arts and Letters.

The evening began with a

screening of a film Smith based on Berry's essay, "Thoughts in the Presence of Fear," which responds to the horrors of September 11, 2001, by challenging cultural assumptions about globalization and progress. Students then had the opportunity to ask Berry and Smith about the film and its philosophies.

This year's convocation was the introductory event of philosophy professor Peter Fosl's two-year Bingham-Young Professorship on Liberty, Security, and Justice. Events, discussions, and related activities will continue through the spring of 2006.



Joseph Rey Au

■ Appalshop filmmaker Herb E. Smith, left, and Kentucky author Wendell Berry listen to questions from Transylvania students during the fall convocation.

## Summer program gives students biomedical research experience

### Eight students took part in

the Kentucky Biomedical Research Undergraduate Training program at Transylvania this summer. Funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, the eight-week program gives students who have just completed their first year at Transy a more realistic research experience than what's possible in the laboratory portion of an academic course.

Students spent full days in Brown Science Center working

on their research and learning lab techniques for procedures such as removing and purifying DNA from inside cells, transferring pieces of DNA from one bacteria into another, and cutting long pieces of DNA into shorter pieces so they can be pasted together in other ways or in other organisms. Students also visited institutions that are potential graduate school destinations, including the University of Cincinnati and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. As their projects

came to a close, students displayed posters and gave oral presentations about their findings.

Biology professor Peggy Palombi, who organized the NIH grant proposal and coordinated the program with assistance from biology professor Kathleen Jagger, said KBRUT helps students determine whether they'd enjoy a career in research.

Jin Shi, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., said the program opened her eyes to a

variety of possibilities.

"I had my mind set on going to medical school and specializing in anesthesiology or surgery, but during KBRUT, I learned that there are many fields in medicine of which I was completely unaware," she said. "I am still very interested in medical school, but I enjoy working in the lab, so if I ever change my mind, I know I will have the option of going to graduate school and doing research."



Katherine Yeakel

■ Tony Smith explains his research on "Comparisons of Results and Methods Used in Extracting Genome DNA from Four Different Kingdoms" at the Kentucky Biomedical Research Undergraduate Training program poster presentation held this summer in Brown Science Center.



Katherine Yeakel

■ Kim Clark discusses the before and after results of an experiment during the poster presentation held July 23. Clark's research project determined the growth curve of staphylococcus epidermis at 30 and 37 degrees Celsius.

## Transy student finds Hollywood in Kentucky

Sophomore Elizabeth Buford had heard rumors that a movie was going to be filmed near her home in Elizabethtown, Ky., but it took a trip to New York for her to find out the details and discover a way she could become part of the production.

Buford went to New York as part of her May term Introduction to Fine Arts course, taught by music professor Greg Partain and drama professor Tim Soulis. The class went to several Broadway shows and talked with performers. Buford asked one actress how she found work, and the woman told her about the Ross Reports, guides that provide the names and contact information of casting directors for television and film. Buford picked up a copy at a newsstand and found the listing for *Elizabethtown*.

A Cameron Crowe film set to open in 2005, *Elizabethtown* stars Orlando Bloom as a young man returning to his home in Elizabethtown, Ky., for his father's funeral. Kirsten Dunst of *Spider-Man* fame plays the romantic lead. Portions of the movie were filmed in Elizabethtown, Louisville, and Versailles, Ky., in the spring.

Buford sent a resume to the address



Joseph Rey Au

### ■ Elizabeth Buford

listed in the Ross Reports, and was asked to work as a casting office assistant during casting calls held in Louisville and Lexington. She also served as a production assistant during the filming in Kentucky, and was hand-picked by Crowe to be an extra in a bridal party scene with Dunst.

During production, Buford got to talk

with Dunst, Bloom, Crowe, and Oscar-winning cinematographer John Toll, as well as other cast and crew members.

"It was an extremely educational experience," she said. "I learned so much just by watching how they did everything. For example, I never realized how important lighting can be in a film. It just changed the way everything looked."

Although she was rubbing elbows with the Hollywood elite, Buford resisted the temptation to ask for an autograph.

"If I had done that, I'd have been putting myself at a level below them, when I feel that eventually I could be at that same level," she said.

Buford, who had originally intended to follow the pre-med program at Transy, is now a drama and business double major with a music minor. She said she'd love to have a career on Broadway someday, but if that doesn't work out, she can fall back on her business and language skills. Buford speaks Korean, is learning Chinese, and plans to learn Japanese.

"If I don't make it in acting, I'll be happy doing something else," she said.

## Entering class brings enrollment to 1,114

**The 330 members of Transylvania's** class of 2008 bring total enrollment to 1,114 students—right where the University wants to be, according to Admissions Director Sarah Coen.

The first-year students are academically talented, with test scores well above the national average. They include six National Merit Finalists, 36 Governor's Scholars, and seven Governor's School for the Arts participants.

Geographically, class members hail from nearly every county of Kentucky, and the number from Louisville doubled over last year. "High-achieving students from throughout Kentucky are attracted to Transy for its academic excellence, state-of-the-art facilities, and award-winning faculty," said Coen.

In addition to the Midwestern states, class members came from California, Nevada, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and the Virgin Islands. Nearly all of the out-of-state students learned about Transylvania through alumni, and 21 percent of the incoming class members were alumni referrals.

"Alums were extremely helpful in recruiting this class," said Coen. "They made

phone calls, wrote notes, attended off-campus events, and did much more."

Six percent of the class members are minorities, with fewer African-Americans but more Hispanics, reflecting general population trends. Transy is conducting research to help develop new strategies for increasing student diversity.

More than 25 percent of the entering class will play a varsity sport at Transylvania. The percentage of students who have performed community service, worked at

part-time jobs, and traveled abroad increased over last year. Reflecting their varied interests, the class includes a student who completed an internship in a federal prosecutor's office, one who wrote music reviews for a local newspaper, the author of a book on volunteerism, and an Elvis impersonator.

### ■ Members of the class of 2008 get to know each other during the traditional Greet Line, a part of first-year orientation.



John Snell '70

# Transylvania achieves full NCAA Division III membership

Transylvania's official acceptance into full, active membership in NCAA Division III brings a new level of excitement and anticipation to the campus as student-athletes, coaches, and administrators look forward to opportunities for post-season play and other NCAA-related advantages.

In August, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Presidents Council gave formal approval to Transy's Division III application, ending a four-year provisional period that prepared the University for active member status, effective September 1. Division III is the NCAA's non-scholarship division.

"It's been a long process and a very educational and rewarding experience," said President Charles L. Shearer. "On behalf of our student-athletes and coaches, I am excited about the many positive aspects and opportunities that result from membership in the NCAA."

Among those advantages are funding for seminars for student-athletes and coaches, the chance for students to participate in the governing structure of the NCAA through representatives to the national convention, and financial support for post-season play.

The more intangible benefits may be the most important to Transy in the long run. Inclusion within the NCAA's largest division (422 member institutions and more than 140,000 student-athletes) positions the University with like-minded schools throughout the nation that stress the importance of academics and the complementary role athletics play in the total college experience.

"We have allied ourselves with schools that have the same kind of goals and objectives that we have, most notably high academic standards," said Transy athletics director Ted Kinder. "With Divi-

sion III, the focus is on the student-athlete, on participation, on the educational component of athletics, and how all that ties into the academic mission of the institution."

Division III athletes have a distinctive outlook on their college experience, said Kinder.

"If you ask them to reflect on their college years, many will say they learned important lessons on the basketball court, on the golf course, or on the tennis court about relationships, how to deal with people, how to be a leader, and how to use social skills that have helped them in their careers."

In the shorter run, student-athletes and coaches are eager to savor the fun of NCAA post-season play. Transy's conference—the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference—receives automatic NCAA bids for its league champions.

"I'm very excited about possibly competing on a national level in the post-season," said junior Amelia Martin, an outfielder on the softball team who is also co-chair of Transy's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. "We were No. 1 in the conference during the regular season my first year, but our season just kind of ended. Hopefully, that will change this year."

Her coach, Kelley Anderson, takes a similar view.

"All the coaches and players are excited about the opportunity to play for a conference championship and go to post-season," she said. "The regular season determines the seedings for the conference tournament, so all of our HCAC games will be important."

Head men's basketball and men's golf coach Brian Lane '90 said the move to NCAA Division III has created intriguing new scheduling opportunities and the promise of exciting contests for fans. He pointed to national Division III powers

Maryville College (Tenn.), The College of Wooster, and Wittenberg College (Division III's winningest program) as examples of new regional rivalries that NCAA affiliation makes possible.

"These schools, along with others we play like DePauw University, represent solid programs at great institutions that are a perfect fit for Transylvania."

Recruiting as an NCAA-affiliated college also puts Transy in a strong position, said Lane.

"We're recruiting some of the top players in Kentucky. We have two regional players-of-the-year on this year's team, along with a school's all-time leading scorer. There are many players who value a Transylvania education, the experience of going to college in Lexington, and competing on the national stage at a very high level."

Overall, as a former Pioneer basketball player and now alumnus and coach, Lane looks forward to seeing Transylvania rise in the HCAC and NCAA ranks.

"When we were in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics), we showed we could compete against anybody in the nation. That should be no different with our move to NCAA Division III. Our goal is not just to compete in the conference, but

to get back to among the nation's elite in all our sports."

Transy teams that qualify for post-season play have a lot to look forward to, according to Kinder. "For a student-athlete, being part of that experience is tremendous," he said. "The atmosphere at NCAA national championships is great—everything is first class."

No matter how it's viewed, the transition from an NAIA scholarship program to the non-scholarship NCAA Division III represents a milestone.

"To achieve active membership as an NCAA Division III institution is a historic event in the athletics life of Transylvania and a credit to all those who had the vision to make it happen," said Kinder.

As to the notion that Division III status represents a de-emphasis on athletics at Transy, Kinder points to the major expansion of facilities (John R. Hall Field, William A. Marquard Field, Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center) and an increase in full-time coaching positions that have taken place in recent years as abundant evidence to the contrary.

"We are not de-emphasizing athletics—we are reemphasizing the entire educational experience."



Joseph Rey Au

■ **First-year student Erin Milliken helped the women's tennis team to a 4-5 overall record this fall.**

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### Tassie named outstanding librarian

Carolyn Tassie received the 2004 Outstanding Academic Librarian of the Year Award and the President's Award from the Kentucky Library Association at the KLA Conference in September. The awards recognized her contributions to the advancement of academic librarianship and information science at both Transylvania and across the state.

### Students participate in young scientist program

Transylvania senior Tonya Jernigan and junior Kevin White took part in the 2004 Kentucky Young Scientist Summer Research Program at the University of Kentucky. About 10 students from across the state were selected for the eight-week program, which allows participants to conduct research, attend seminars, discussion groups, and lectures, and interact with graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, visiting scientists, and faculty members in a working environment.

### Cardona recognized for history paper

History and Spanish double major and 2004 graduate Kristin Cardona won the Thomas Clark Writing Prize from the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History. Named for Kentucky's historian laureate, the annual award recognizes the best history research paper written by an undergraduate at a Kentucky college or university. Cardona's prize-winning paper was based on her senior thesis in history titled "A Tennessee Gentleman in Office: Cordell Hull and Foreign Policy in 1933."

### Greek organizations honored

All eight of Transylvania's Greek organizations received awards and recognition at their national conventions over the summer, with exceptional honors being presented to Kappa Alpha Order and Delta Sigma Phi. Kappa Alpha Order won the Marshall Award, an honor presented annually to the top three of the 134 chapters in the nation. This is the first year Transy's chapter has won the award, although it received equivalent honors in 1978. Delta Sigma Phi received the Pyramid of Excellence award, the fraternity's top national honor, for the 20th consecutive year. In recognition of the chapter's achievement, Scott Wiley, the national fraternity's executive director, came to Transylvania and presented the award during a ceremony in Old Morrison Chapel.



■ Delta Sigma Phi president Bryan Conover, left, receives Pyramid of Excellence award from executive director Scott Wiley as Delta Sigma Phi alumnus Kirk Tolle '82 looks on.

## New residence halls being planned

In the competition for the best students, campus living arrangements can sometimes be a deciding factor. With that in mind, Transylvania recently announced plans to construct two new residence halls with suite-style rooms and enhanced social spaces that will accommodate both male and female students.

The \$7.2 million project will include twin four-story buildings that will be developed in stages near the William T. Young Campus Center on a site now occupied by three tennis courts. The courts will be moved to a new site on the north side of Fourth Street near Rosenthal and Poole residence facilities.

"Today's students often come from homes where they have had their own room, and sometimes their own bathroom, and these new residence halls will provide them with a living experience that meets contemporary expectations," said President Charles L. Shearer.

The floor plan for the buildings shows two-student suites that include separate living and sleeping areas, a kitchenette, and private bath. There will also be space for social events and student support services. Each of the new residence halls will accommodate 80-90 students.

Transylvania currently has two residence facilities—Rosenthal Residence Complex

and Poole Residence Center—that offer either apartment- or suite-style accommodations.

"Rosenthal and Poole were very innovative facilities when they were constructed in the 1980s," said Shearer, "and this new project also represents a forward-looking approach. Many students desire these types of accommodations, and Transylvania's ability to offer this choice will play an important role in future recruitment and retention efforts."

The new residence halls will also allow the University to enhance the living situation in Forrer, Clay, and Davis halls, which provide traditional student housing with two-student rooms arranged along a hallway with community bathrooms. The number of students living in those facilities will be reduced so that some rooms can be reconfigured into study or social gathering areas.

The residence halls project is part of an overall initiative by the University that also includes the much-needed renovation of laboratory space in Brown Science Center, a \$7 million project.

For more information on the residence hall project or other University initiatives, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 281-3692.

■ Architect's rendering of planned new residence halls.





## Transy in Jeopardy!

Transylvania's fame has spread to an electronic game version of the popular, long-running television quiz show "Jeopardy!"

If you happen to have "Jeopardy!", the game from Artech and Atari that's playable on PlayStation 2 or a personal computer, you can find the following in the category "American Colleges and Universities":

**Answer:** Founded in 1780, this college was thought of as "The Harvard of the West" and was the first college west of the Allegheny Mountains.

**Question:** What is Transylvania University?

Michael Cronk, assistant director of career development at Transy, passed along this bit of Transy trivia.

## George Shannon: Transy's Lewis & Clark connection

The national observance of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition gives Transylvania an occasion to remember its own connection to the epic 1804-06 journey that mapped a route through the American Northwest to the Pacific Ocean.

George Shannon, at 18 the youngest member of the expedition's permanent Corps of Discovery, came to Lexington following his grand adventure and was a student at Transylvania from 1808-10. The historical record is unclear concerning his course of study—perhaps classical instruction in the academic department or classes in the law school.

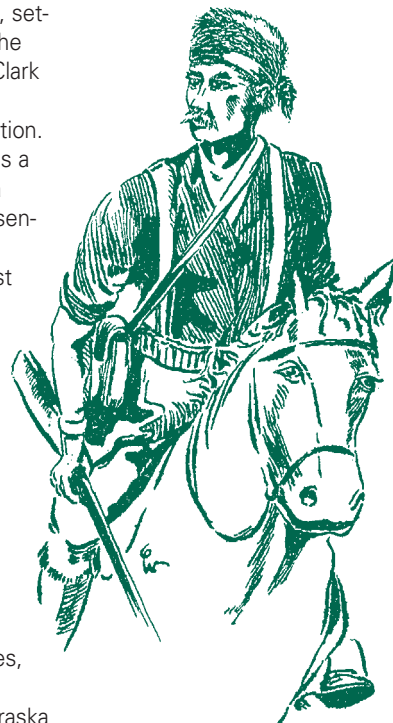
After living in Philadelphia for two years, where he helped to edit the journals of the expedition and may have studied law, Shannon returned to Lexington and married Ruth Snowden Price in 1813, with whom he had seven children. He practiced law in the city before being elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives for

three consecutive one-year terms (1820-23), then was named a circuit judge in 1824.

Shannon and his family moved to Missouri in 1828, settling in St. Charles, where he had been with Lewis and Clark in 1804 as they made final preparations for the expedition. He practiced law there, was a U.S. attorney general and a judge, served in the state senate and house, and ran for U.S. senator in 1832 against Thomas Hart Benton. He died suddenly in court in 1836 at age 49.

Shannon was well thought of by William Clark, who described him as "one of the most active and useful men we had." Because of a two-week adventure in wilderness survival he experienced while hunting for some of the expedition's stray horses, a portion of the Lewis and Clark Trail in northeast Nebraska is named the George Shannon Trail and includes 15 statues depicting Private Shannon in

various scenes. Missouri named a county for him just a year after his death.



(Hannibal Courier-Post drawing by B. B. Watson)

■ George Shannon

## Lane inducted into hall of fame

Former Transylvania head men's basketball coach Don Lane was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame September 9 in a ceremony at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville.

Lane retired from his coaching position at Transy in 2001 as the University's all-time winningest men's basketball coach with a 509-241 record over 26 seasons. His final year was one for the books—a 27-2 record, No. 1 national NAIA ranking, top seed in the NAIA championship, and national coach and player of the year awards for Lane and Pioneer Collier Mills '01. His players excelled in the classroom, with 92 of 97

receiving their degrees.

Lane is also a member of the Union College (his alma mater) and NAIA halls of fame. He was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2002.

A former Transy athletics director, Lane is currently a tenured professor in the physical education and exercise science program.

■ **Former Transylvania head men's basketball coach Don Lane, right, is joined at the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies by Lee Rose '58, also a former Transy head men's basketball coach as well as player for the Pioneers.**



Kim Soper '01

**Parents Council fund-raising goal is \$91,000**

The Transylvania Parents Council kicked off the academic year with a phonathon to help meet its goal of raising \$91,000 for the J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

"We concentrate on the library because it benefits every student," said Phyllis Bryden, co-president of the group with her husband, John. "Tuition alone doesn't cover the cost of the books, periodicals, and on-line resources that are needed every year to keep the library's holdings up-to-date."

Last year, the library added more than 2,000 titles. An average of 2,800 individuals passed through the library gate every week, and librarians answered 1,400 reference questions and taught 42 class sessions.

The library is very responsive to students' needs, staying open 93 hours a week and until 2 a.m. during finals. In fact, many of the library's resources are available 24

hours a day through technology that allows students to browse the library's catalogs—and catalogs from libraries around the world—from their residence hall computers.

"During the year, members of the Parents Council and other volunteers will be calling to ask for your support of the Parents Fund," said John Bryden. "When you receive a call, please be kind to the volunteer, be generous in your pledge of support, and fulfill your pledge promptly."

In addition to fund-raising, the 34-member Parents Council plans programs for students' families and helps with student recruitment and career development. Dolores Roberson, director of parents programs, serves as coordinator.



■ **2004-05 members of the Parents Council are, from left, first row: Greg and Carla Repass, Tim and Sarah Atkinson, John and Phyllis Bryden (co-presidents), John and Beverly Karaffa. Second row: Greg and Shirley Beavin, Harley and Minga Trogdlen, Shannon Shields, Mike and Cathy Francisco. Third row: Art and Denise Moser, Greg and Marilyn Peterson, Jerry and Martha Baker. Fourth row: Sharri Greer, Rusty Ashcraft, Davis and Rita Smith, Aaron and Jo Evelyn Milliken. Not present for the photo: Jennifer Ashcraft, Lee Greer, Bob and Sarah Johnson, Harry and Jimmie Rankin, Greg Shields.**

**Rafinesque subject of new book**

A new book by an eminent Ivy League professor emeritus represents another step in the rehabilitation of the scholarly reputation of Constantine Samuel Rafinesque, the 19th-century Transylvania natural history professor whose important contributions to botany are sometimes overshadowed by his eccentric ways and lapses in scientific method.

*Constantine Samuel Rafinesque: A Voice in the American Wilderness* was written by Leonard Warren, the Institute Professor at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology in Philadelphia and American Cancer Society Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania. It was published in July by The University Press of Kentucky.

Billed as the first full-length biography of Rafinesque, Warren's book recounts Charles Darwin's praise of Rafinesque's pioneering theories of the evolution of plant species, which preceded the publication of Darwin's *The Origin of Species* by three decades, and his classification of over 6,700 plants during his travels across the countryside.

Warren portrays Rafinesque, whose six-year career at Transy ended with his dismissal in 1825, as the first natural history professor in the Midwest and a world-class scientist. As the subject of myth and legend among Transy students to this day, he remains among the most intriguing and controversial figures in the college's history.



# Giving and receiving

## Service learning course helps students gain new perspectives on the world

by Katherine Yeakel

As Erik Weber perused the course offerings for May term 2004, one course in particular caught his attention: Service Learning in the Philippines.

“Traveling to the Philippines is not something you see typically,” said Weber, a sophomore from Lexington. “Most courses go to Western Europe or South America. I’d traveled extensively in Europe already, so I thought it would be a really interesting experience to go somewhere completely different.”

The unusual destination was only one aspect of what made this course such a unique and valuable addition to Transylvania’s curriculum. Team taught by biology professor Kathleen Jagger and art professor Dan Selter, Service Learning in the Philippines combined traditional classroom elements with a study abroad opportunity and the chance to make a difference in the lives of others.

Fourteen students spent three weeks in the Philippines conducting environmental health surveys, constructing a restroom for an elementary school, and repairing another elementary school and a preschool.

“One of the goals was helping the students develop leadership skills in a context that is meaningful for them,” Jagger said. “They were in some ways examining their role in the global community and their role in service to others. These are deep questions that students this age are really searching for answers to. We provided a

■ **Becky Ford, a senior biology major from Louisville, moves cinder blocks during the construction of a restroom, or comfort room as it’s called in the Philippines, for an elementary school on Mactan Island.**

framework for those questions to be developed and asked.”

### **Planning ahead**

Community service has long been an integral part of student life at Transy. From organized group projects such as the First-Year Urban Program, Alternative Spring Break, and Crimson Christmas to individual volunteer opportunities with community organizations like 3M Tutors and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, students have countless ways to discover the value of helping others. Some academic courses in the past have also incorporated a service element, but Service Learning in the Philippines was the first Transylvania course to be developed around the service component.

Jagger had conducted service learning courses at the colleges where she taught before joining the Transylvania faculty in 2002. She mentioned the endeavors during her interview seminar, and when she began teaching that fall, several students approached her about developing something similar at Transylvania. Lori Beth

Craig '04, Paul Thomson '04, and Harvey Jones '03 took a special interest and helped with much of the preliminary legwork. Jones graduated before the course was implemented, but Thomson served as the student project coordinator and Craig was the health team leader.

In the summer of 2003, Jagger and Thomson visited the Philippines with assistance from the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment and the David and Betty Jones Fund for Faculty Development. They worked with a local organization, Island Ventures, to determine what projects would best benefit the local people. When they returned, Jagger looked for a fellow faculty member who had experience using tools and could help oversee the construction projects. Selter had the skills and was eager to help create this opportunity for students.

Because the class planned to spend three weeks of the four-week May term in the Philippines, preparation during winter term was essential.

“The students took responsibilities for a variety of aspects of this course,” Selter said. “A couple of people did cultural affairs, someone else handled the financial aspects, and another person served as photographer. We had a team leader for the construction crew, another team leader for the survey group.”

Prior to departure, students learned

about Filipino history, culture, and current events. While on site, they researched various aspects of Filipino life, and upon returning to campus, presented papers that drew on their reading, research, and project experiences. Research topics ranged from transportation, nutrition, and water quality to the political system and the bride trade.

### **A matter of perspective**

For the majority of the trip, members of the class resided on Mactan Island in an Island Ventures facility that had no running water. They slept on wooden floors and ate local cuisine prepared by some of their hosts.

“We were looking at the Philippines from the inside,” Jagger said. “Instead of just staying in a hotel, we were actually members of the community, living with them and working on projects that were of interest to them. I think we had a real advantage over a tourist-type experience.”

Amanda Wilburn, a senior biology major from Olive Hill, Ky., said adjusting to life on Mactan Island was easier than she anticipated.

“One of the big surprises for me was how easy it was to settle into their culture,” she said. “Before I left Lexington, I thought it would be hard to handle, just having a bucket of water to shower with, and I thought I’d be hungry all the time because I wouldn’t like the food. But bucket showers turned out to be more than adequate and I miss the food now. It was wonderful.”

Seeing how content the Filipino people were despite their impoverished living conditions prompted students to frequently reflect on their own lifestyles.

“Every day in every setting, people were talking about how this made them think more deeply about how the United States is viewed by foreign countries, how we view ourselves, and what really is important in life,” Jagger said. “There were very thoughtful dialogues going on in small groups and large groups. For me, that was the most valuable aspect.”

When they weren’t working on the service projects, students toured the island, becoming familiar with the local forms of transportation, including jeepneys, colorfully decorated mini-busses, and trikes, motorbikes with covered passenger carts attached. They enjoyed getting to know the local children, who often swarmed around the construction sites, and seeing

■ **Sophomore Erik Weber and Marni Rakes '04 prepare to reinforce a column for the construction of a comfort room for an elementary school on Mactan Island.**



a reenactment of Lapu-Lapu's defeat of Magellan. The trip took place during the height of the election season, which afforded students special insight into Filipino politics as well as the chance to hear president Gloria Macapagal Arroyo deliver a speech as she campaigned for reelection.

Time and time again, members of the class encountered the Filipino's amazing hospitality. When students went to a disco, officials offered them seats of honor to watch a ceremony that preceded the dance. When they visited Southwestern University in Cebu City, a huge sign welcomed them to campus. And when they traveled to the tiny island of Pangan-An to repair a preschool, residents welcomed them into their homes for the night.

The family that hosted Wilburn and another student included three children, a cousin, and two parents, who all shared a one-bedroom home attached to a small general store.

"When we stayed, they insisted that we take their bedroom, but they didn't just do that," Wilburn said. "They took all the cushions from all over the house, and whatever soft things they had, and put a sheet over it so it would be more like what we were used to."

### **Making a difference**

At the end of three weeks, the class had finished three construction projects that improved the lives of local school children. They built a restroom for one elementary school; added a ceiling to an outdoor stage and painted walls and doors for another elementary school; and repainted, repaired the roofing, built furniture, and made a chalkboard for a pre-school.

"One of my most memorable experiences was beating away coral rock to build a trench for a septic tank," Thompson said. "We had no power tools and used a 25-pound metal pole to break away the rock. It was exhausting work, but once the trench was in place, it was rewarding to see the result."

Members of the health team worked with local officials to complete 3,500 house-to-house surveys that addressed water quality, hygiene practices, sanitation, and other environmental health concerns. Once the data analysis is complete, the team will send a report to the local commissioner of health so he can use the information to make improvements.

Many students said the experience had a profound effect on their lives and their

outlook on the world. Wilburn used what she'd learned as part of the health survey team to conduct similar research over the summer with the support of a Kenan Grant.

Meeting the Filipino people and observing their optimistic attitudes greatly impressed Joe Meranda '04.

"No matter how little the people had, they always seemed so warm, inviting, and happy," he said. "This study abroad experience really expanded my understanding of the world. Visiting a third-world country radically changed my definition of poverty and forced me to realize how much we have in the U.S. This realization made me aware of how wasteful we are and has motivated me to make improvements."

Janelle Mingus, a senior biology major from Hawesville, Ky., credited the course for offering an exceptional educational opportunity, along with a chance to reevaluate her priorities.

"The entire trip was an amazing learning experience," she wrote in a reflection piece for a Philippine newsletter. "It not only allowed me to realize how blessed I am, but also showed me how to appreciate the more important things—friends, family, and community. Working with the (local) health clinic showed me a side of medicine and public health that I might not have received in the states. And finally, I began to realize that community can be as near as your hometown and as far away as Mactan Island." ■



■ Amanda Wilburn, a member of the public health team, takes a dance lesson from a Filipino friend.

■ Junior Jon Hall, a sociology/anthropology and religion double major from Huntsville, Ala., poses with some of the Filipino children who often swarmed around the construction sites eager to talk with members of the class and to help any way they could.



# A FITTING TRIBUTE

**Transylvania celebrates dedication of the  
Charles L. Shearer Art Building and the Susan P. Shearer Student Gallery**

by Katherine Yeakel

SHEARER ART BUILDING



Over the last five years, support from the Transylvania Board of Trustees, alumni, and friends have transformed an abandoned Fayette County school building into a functional and attractive facility for the college's art program.

On October 16, this versatile addition to Transylvania's campus officially became known as the Charles L. Shearer Art Building, named in honor of the president whose dedication and guidance for the past 21 years helped transform Transylvania from a struggling institution into a thriving, nationally respected liberal arts college.

"Charles has succeeded in one of the most difficult jobs I can think of," said chairman of the Board William T. Young Jr. during the dedication ceremony. "He's overseen the renovation of this campus with dramatic quality improvements in all areas, and he has done this under the watchful eyes of students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, and graduates, each a demanding group with different agendas."

Recognizing that Shearer's tenure could not have been so successful without the support of his wife, Susan P. Shearer, the board decided to name the student art gallery in her honor.

"Susan has been a constant support to Charles through thick and thin, even

before he came to Transylvania," Young said. "Over the years, Susan has hosted trustees, faculty, and students in her home, attended innumerable university functions, and provided important counsel and advice to Charles. I can't think of a more fitting tribute to a special man and his wife than this building and its student gallery."

Originally designed and constructed in 1950, the building was blessed with many large windows and high ceilings, key design elements that made it an ideal adaptation project as an art building. Transylvania purchased the building in 1999 and spent the past two years renovating it. The Board of Trustees voted to name the building in honor of Shearer in 2003 on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as president, and planned to dedicate the building when the renovations were complete.

Board of Trustees member Warren W. Rosenthal, who serves as chair of the Development Committee, said raising funds for this project was a pleasure because his fellow board members were so eager to see this building dedicated to the president.

"The other reason this was so rewarding is that we took one of the ugliest buildings that ever existed and turned it into the fine building that we have now, with



■ Clockwise, from bottom left:  
 Warren W. Rosenthal, Transylvania Board of Trustees member and chair of the Development Committee, addresses the audience during the dedication ceremony.

Art professor Dan Selter presents President Charles L. Shearer and Susan P. Shearer with a handcrafted stoneware platter.

The Shearers accept congratulations from Board of Trustees chairman William T. Young Jr.

Mark Shearer adjusts his father's boutonniere while Todd Shearer, and Mark's wife, Kristi, wait in the background.

Art and English double major Sarah Walker talks about the significance of the Shearer Art Building and the newly renovated Susan P. Shearer Student Gallery.

great lighting and architecture that blends well with the campus.”

The three-level, 15,000-square-foot building received new windows, a new central heating and air-conditioning system, an elevator to make the building handicapped accessible, fresh paint and ceiling work, a columned front entrance, landscaping, and an adjacent parking lot.

The building now has one traditional classroom; four studios; six studio/classroom combinations for drawing, painting, design, photography, sculpture, and ceramics; and numerous rooms and special spaces for such functions as stretching canvases and building frames, mixing plaster and clay for sculpture and ceramics, and arranging studio lighting and backdrops for photography. An outdoor kiln for firing ceramic creations is located immediately outside.

“This building offers further evidence of Transylvania’s understanding that the arts—music, drama, literature, and the visual arts—manifest the very essence of what it means to be a human being,” said art professor Dan Selter, who pointed out how Shearer has nurtured the fine arts at Transylvania with projects ranging from the construction of the Lucille C. Little Theater to the recruitment of the Governor’s School for the Arts program.

Sarah Walker ’06, a William T. Young

scholar from Utica, Ky., who’s majoring in art and English, said she was grateful to have this dedicated space to work on her classroom projects and personal creations. She was especially appreciative of the recent enhancements that have changed the space now designated as the Susan P. Shearer Student Gallery from a bland room with poor lighting to an inviting display area for student art.

“The room has been made to look and function like a gallery, with nice walls and carpet, blinds and track lighting, and a projection room,” she said. “All in all, we have new potential for displaying our works well.”

As the ceremony came to a close, President Shearer thanked the Board of Trustees for the honor they had bestowed.

“Susan and I are deeply grateful and honored to have our names associated with this fine education building,” he said. “Our greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the progress made by Transylvania and the positive experience our students have over their four years here. When you believe in an institution and the people who make it successful, and you believe in its mission, it’s easy to be an advocate and do all you can to make it better.” ■

*Photos by Helena Hau*



# Crossing Academic Borders

Transylvania professors and students embrace an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning

by William A. Bowden

What do art and poetry have to do with a study of geopolitical liberty, security, and justice issues? Why would drama be considered an integral part of foreign language, philosophy, or history instruction? And where do modern business methods fit during an examination of ancient Rome under Caesar Augustus?

The general answer to all three questions is that they represent an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning that is a highly valued aspect of academics at Transylvania. In fact, these combinations of seemingly disparate subject matter and intellectual methodology are quite common throughout the curriculum and academic life overall.

It's an attribute of the liberal arts approach to education that flourishes at Transylvania, bringing a level of innovation, stimulation, even excitement to the learning process. It is proof positive that the traditional academic divisions and programs, such as humanities and social sciences, biology and drama, that Transy uses to organize its curriculum are viewed by students and faculty alike only as convenient handles, not impregnable barriers.

"What you genuinely want to do is teach your students to make connections between and among the courses they're taking," said vice president and dean of the college William F. Pollard. "It spurs creativity and gives students critical tools to use in considering divergent views and discriminating between good and bad ideas."

Examples of the interdisciplinary approach at Transy are found throughout the curriculum, in cross-listing of courses between programs, in programs that are specifically cataloged as interdisciplinary (women's studies, for example), in special major patterns created by students with advice from professors, and in team-

■ Philosophy professor Peter Fosl, left, and history professor Frank Russell use drama to get at philosophical, political, and historical issues in a re-creation of the Trial of Socrates (399 B.C.).





teaching. It also shows up in convocations, faculty seminars, film series, faculty and student research projects, internships, and guest artists and speakers, among other places.

In short, toss a pebble into the pool of Transylvania academics and you're likely to hit something that benefits from an interdisciplinary approach.

### **A classical beginning**

An excellent starting point in surveying Transy's interdisciplinary landscape is the recent creation of a new major in classics, a subject with a long history of crossing curricular borders and integrating knowledge. It's the offspring of classics professor John Svarlien and history professor Frank Russell, who is also trained in classics.

In addition to proficiency in Latin or Greek and the expected requirements in classics courses per se, students earning a major in the field have history requirements and a list of electives to choose from that includes courses in history, art, philosophy, political science, and religion.

"I've always thought of classics as an ideal subject for a liberal arts college

because it brings all of these things together so you can see, for instance, how ancient philosophy affected politics," said Svarlien.

Among the professors contributing to the classics curriculum are philosophy professor Peter Fosl with Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, art professor Nancy Wolsk with Art History: Ancient to Gothic, and political science professor Don Dugi with Political Theory I: Classical and Medieval.

Svarlien is teaching a new course titled Augustan Rome that uses *Augustan Culture* by Karl Galinsky as its text. An interdisciplinary and millennium-hopping aspect of the book is a parallel the author draws between contemporary business models and the leadership style of Caesar Augustus. "Galinsky looks at Augustus as a CEO, a brilliant manager," says Svarlien. "It's inspired an accounting major in the class to study the era in terms of its accounting procedures."

Krysta Forry, a senior from Russellville, Ky., helped to pioneer the classics major by creating her own special major pattern in classics. She has added that to her biology major and plans to enter dental school

after graduation.

"I took Latin because I thought it would go with my medical career," she says. "Then I had mythology and took the May term travel course to Greece (The Ancient Polis). That's what made me want to learn more about it. Classics has so many areas you can look at—history, philosophy, art, architecture—about anything you can imagine."

Chris Cansler, a senior computer science major from Bristol, Tenn., is completing a minor in classics and sees relationships between the grammatical structures he learned in Latin and English and the languages he's learned in computer programming. "We'll have a group of terms in computer programming, and it's just like doing sentence diagramming," he said.

Classical studies was given a theatrical flair when professors Fosl and Russell teamed up to present a dramatic inter-

■ **Classics professor John Svarlien keeps an office appointment with senior Chris Cansler, a computer science major and classics minor from Bristol, Tenn.**



Forrest Payne

pretation—complete with period clothing—of the Trial of Socrates (399 B.C.). The event highlighted some of the texts students were exploring in Foundations of the Liberal Arts, an interdisciplinary course for first-year students that requires essays based on readings of classical texts and novels, viewing of films and documentaries, and attendance at lectures and exhibits.

The use of drama as a teaching device is common in the foreign languages program. French and Spanish professor Simonetta Cochis, for example, puts her students in structured performance situations—a scene from a play or a skit written by the students—so that they can fully experience the meaning of the language in real life.

Fosl and Russell also represent another interdisciplinary experience offered at Transylvania, the team-taught course, which is usually offered during May term, a four-week session during which students take one course. They recently took a class to Greece for the course The Ancient Polis, which studied the Greek concept of the “good life” as seen in the city-state, incorporating philosophy and history into a classical studies experience.

### **A different lens**

Women’s studies comes by its interdisciplinary nature by looking at a variety of established subjects, such as history, literature, political science, art, and others, through the lens of gender, says art and women’s studies professor Kim Miller.

“A good example is a course I teach in African art, where scholars look at the most popular image from that tradition—the mother and child—from different perspectives, such as religion, art history, and anthropology,” she says. “A women’s studies lens would bring up different issues,

such as the implications of the image for valuing women primarily for their ability to reproduce and whether that limits their opportunities in other realms.”

African art in general, says Miller, is also studied from the perspective of anthropology, which considers the artwork as an object that is important in certain social situations, in addition to its inherent artistic qualities.

Catherine Greene, a senior political science major and women’s studies minor from Louisville, teamed up with Spence Witten, a senior from Hyattsville, Md., who created a special major pattern in international affairs, to make a successful grant proposal for an interdisciplinary summer research experience in Ecuador. They studied micro-lending, a program of small, low interest loans to impoverished women in Quito. Their research, which encompassed economics, politics, and women’s studies, revealed a slightly different picture of the program compared with what they had learned in class.

“We were very surprised to find that the lender—Corporacion Femenina Ecu-

atoriana—after fees and everything, had what would be equivalent to a 20 percent interest rate over six months,” says Greene. “Because they have this micro-lending program, they can appeal to the United States or the World Bank for charity, because they’re doing these programs to help the poor. I came back very skeptical of how they are handling micro loans in relation to how they are intended to work.”

Witten said he encourages more students to explore the possibilities for research supported by Transy’s Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment, which funded the Ecuador trip. “This grant program gives students the opportunity to get their feet wet in terms of research, and to learn from their experiences. When we got to Ecuador, we realized there were complexities involved that we were not aware of. Because of that experience, we’re better prepared for the next time.”

Witten’s special major pattern, which he designed with help from his professors, is giving him the academic experience he was looking for. “If you look at international affairs majors at other schools, it can



Katherine Yeakel

■ Art and women’s studies professor Kim Miller, left, helped seniors Catherine Greene and Spence Witten win a Kenan Fund grant to support a summer research trip to Ecuador.

**Philosophy professor Peter Fosl's Bingham Professorship titled "Liberty, Security, and Justice" is a two-year cornucopia of speakers, panel discussions, seminars, workshops, visiting artists, film screenings, art exhibits, and theatrical events, all aimed at illuminating these issues.**



be very narrowly defined. With my special major, I have a variety of patterns—economics, history, political science, women's studies—all of which look at the world in different ways. You learn to take the best from each one. That's what I think is unique about this program—by taking interdisciplinary classes, I've gotten an intellectual diversity of courses that I wouldn't have had otherwise."

***Liberty, security, and justice***

Moving away from the curriculum itself and looking at other interdisciplinary initiatives, philosophy professor Peter Fosl's Bingham Professorship titled "Liberty, Security, and Justice" is a two-year cornucopia of speakers, panel discussions, seminars, workshops, visiting artists, film screenings, art exhibits, and theatrical events, all aimed at illuminating these issues, which have taken on new urgency since the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001.

"History and political science are the typical disciplines that bear on liberty, security, and justice, but we are also drawing people from biology, chemistry, art, theater, philosophy, mathematics—from all fields," says Fosl. "We believe that at a liberal arts college, all professors and students should participate in discussions of common issues. Our goal is to help the University better understand the new world we're living in so that we can meet the challenges it presents to us."

Writers and artists play an interpretive role in this discussion, says Fosl. "One of our first speakers was Wendell Berry, a fiction writer and poet, and another speaker, Christopher Hitchens, is trained in philosophy, political science, and economics. We also hope to have an art show on these issues and commission an original artwork. After 9-11, poetry really spiked because people found in poetry a means of coming to terms with the situation and expressing feeling."

A long-range goal of the professorship is to create an interdisciplinary minor in this area. "This pattern would address all

of the issues related to making a more secure, peaceful, and just world," says Fosl.

Those issues are closely related to the self-designed special major pattern in international security that Austin McCubbin, a senior from Hopkinsville, Ky., is completing. His studies cross the disciplinary boundaries of political science, history, and economics to focus on military history and politics.

McCubbin is also increasing the interdisciplinary nature of his studies by introducing a strong classical element in his senior seminar paper. "I'm going to project modern concepts of interoperable communications, communications failures, and solutions back to the Roman context of tactical military communications, as seen in Roman Britain where they had non-Latin speaking people integrated into their fighting forces. Besides military history, I'll be studying the social and economic context of the times."

Interoperable communications—the ability of units from police, firefighting, and emergency medical units, plus other agencies, to communicate directly with one another in an emergency—was a hot topic following the 9-11 terrorist attacks when it was revealed that federal agencies had communication failures. It was also a topic during McCubbin's summer internship with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

"Kentucky is going to emphasize getting interoperable communications statewide," says McCubbin, "so that all first-responders in an emergency can switch radios to the interoperable channel and talk to each other." McCubbin's internship resulted in his becoming a technical expert on grant proposals submitted primarily by cities and counties seeking funds from the \$35 million grant Kentucky received from the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program.

McCubbin is sold on the value of his interdisciplinary special major pattern. "I'm glad we have that option at Transy and that my adviser (history professor

Frank Russell) encouraged me to do it. You can channel interdisciplinary studies into your major and integrate the strengths of different angles of study."

***The finish line***

Transylvania values excellence in teaching as the prime attribute of its educational mission. The use of an interdisciplinary approach to many areas of study illustrates the University's commitment to finding the best tools for professors and students to use in their intellectual pursuits.

For Krysta Forry, the tool has proven to be effective. "There's a certain way that science students think, but the way that literature or philosophy students think is completely different. What it has done for me is allow me to think differently. It allows me to attack issues from a completely different perspective."

Chris Cansler sees a similar value to his classics studies. "I notice so many more things now. I definitely think that coming out of Transy, I'm going to be a lot more versatile in my mindset and how I think than I was coming in."

For Austin McCubbin, the self-designed major pattern brought a sought-after depth to his studies. "If I had been a history major, I would have been reading history, but not thinking about it the way I do in my special major pattern. With the interdisciplinary study, I'm gaining a higher level of thinking and am able to understand issues from a greater perspective."

Classics professor Svarlien believes the interdisciplinary ideal has a meaningful home at Transylvania.

"One of the purposes of education is not just to convey information, but to create a type of mentality, a sensibility. You can't just say, 'Here's step one, two, and three,' and that happens. But you can create an atmosphere for this to take place in. And that's where the interdisciplinary approach is a perfect fit for Transylvania. It gives students the chance to find that broader perspective, which I think is what undergraduate education is all about." ■

# A Caring Life

*Kim Tharp-Barrie '83 has combined a nurturing spirit with strong leadership skills to become highly successful in healthcare*

by William A. Bowden



Kim Tharp-Barrie's corner office in the executive suite at Norton Healthcare overlooks Louisville's bustling medical district, a complex of hospitals and health sciences research and teaching institutions on the eastern edge of the city's downtown area. The 1983 Transylvania graduate is vice president, surgical services at Norton, Kentucky's largest health services provider with six hospitals in Louisville, more than 40 locations throughout the region, and a medical staff of over 2,000 doctors and 3,000 nurses.

Her work overseeing the directors who ensure the best possible surgical experience system wide for Norton's thousands of patients is demanding and enormously fulfilling. "I really love this organization," she says. "I've found a home at Norton."

Yet, spend any time with Tharp-Barrie and you will soon realize that her corporate life has done little to disguise her deep-seated passion to care for people in a very immediate, personal way. In fact, it is this essential nature of her character that Tharp-Barrie says led her to make healthcare her career in the first place.

"I think that people are called to do certain things," she says. "I'm a very nurturing person, and I knew from a young age that I needed to be in a field where I could reach out and touch and make a difference in people's lives. There are people whose role in life is to care, and to me, caring is an art."

## ***A foundation of care***

The thought that caring can be the foundation for a career stemmed partly from a childhood confrontation with a serious disease, and from the care she received. "I was diagnosed with lupus at age 14, and spent a lot of time in and out of hospitals as a child. I had nurses who realized I was a kid from the south end of Louisville with a working mother and that I didn't have a lot of people to hang out at my bedside. They would bring me a magazine or just sit at my side, and I realized even then that it's those little simple acts of kindness that mean so much to people who are contending with an illness. And I decided I wanted to give something back."

Her mother, whom Tharp-Barrie says was her primary role model, passed away in 2002, but not before she had encouraged her daughter to relate to others in a personal way, and to go to college. "My

mother was a self-made businesswoman, and I saw how well she interacted with her customers. I was the first on either side of my family to get a college education. My mother inspired me to do that—in fact, she didn't give me an option."

With a mandate from her mother, and a realization of how important caring was to her sense of being, Tharp-Barrie began a pre-med course of study at Transy, with biology and education as her majors. She was also taking nursing courses at Bel-larmine University in the summer, thanks in part to the late Monroe Moosnick, former Transy chemistry professor, who helped coordinate her studies. She was also an outstanding collegiate athlete and was elected Miss Transylvania in 1982. "They recruited me by telling me I could have it all at Transy, and I did," she says.

Former biology professor Lila Boyarsky had a major influence on Tharp-Barrie from the beginning of her Transy years. "She was the one who probably inspired me the most to look toward my field today," she says. "She was my freshman biology teacher, and she took me under her wing. She put me in a starched lab coat and let me work in her genetics lab with the mice and hamsters."

Former coach and physical education professor Pat Deacon was also a mentor for Tharp-Barrie, who was the female Athlete of the Year at Louisville's Valley High School her senior year. She lettered in basketball at Transy and competed on field hockey and cross country teams that won state championships. "Pat Deacon is one of the most positive people I've ever met," she says. "She was very inspirational to me." Tharp-Barrie was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2002.

To this day, Tharp-Barrie credits her extensive athletic experience at Transy with giving her skills and attributes she has used to succeed as a healthcare executive. "When you're an athlete, you learn early on how to take criticism, and that has helped me to be very coachable. Being in that tough arena brought out my natural competitiveness, and it helped me understand the value of teamwork."

Tharp-Barrie's Transy biology major has served her well in clinical areas, and she draws upon her education studies in her role as a consultant and visiting lecturer. But it was Transylvania's value-based environment that meant the most to her.

"Looking back on Transy, what I appreciate is the people who either modeled the right thing or weren't afraid to call you

out, to teach you, to encourage you to do the right thing. I remember my history professor, Dr. Paul Fuller, calling me aside when I had used a word incorrectly and telling me, 'You're at Transylvania, and this is the way you use that word.' At the time, you don't realize what a gift that is to have someone who cares enough about you to stop you and correct you. That was what my Transy experience was all about. The liberal arts education I received there is just priceless."

### **Managing the matrix**

After completing her B.A. at Transy, Tharp-Barrie added an RN diploma from Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and BSN and MSN degrees from Bel-larmine. Following a series of clinical nursing positions, she became vice president, surgical services at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. She was executive director, surgical services; vice president, hospital operations; and chief nursing officer at Caritas Health Services before joining Norton in 2002.

Her position at Norton includes corporate oversight of an operating room matrix team consisting of operating room directors at six hospitals. "We call this the perioperative arena, or 'all around the operating room'," she says. "It includes working with physicians' offices to schedule surgeries, pre-admission patient testing, clinical support of the surgical procedure itself, and education of the patient about post-surgery care."

Tharp-Barrie also has responsibility for anesthesia for all of the hospitals, the growing use of bariatric (obesity) surgery, and the general surgery line that includes gall bladder removal, endoscopy (sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy), and other related procedures.

All of this keeps things going on a day-to-day basis throughout the Norton system. The other big part of Tharp-Barrie's job is looking to the future and helping the organization stay informed about new technology and procedures.

"There is a movement, especially in cardiovascular surgery, away from major invasiveness. I have to be able to forecast what that means to our organization and to patient care. I may have to research and

procure technology more aggressively, or do a better job of taking care of patients during shorter hospital stays."

Tharp-Barrie is an investigator in a study of bone morphogenic protein, a laboratory produced material that may eliminate the need for bone graft transplanation in spinal surgery. She is also helping Norton introduce virtual colonoscopy, and is involved in a direct marketing initiative to encourage the public to take better advantage of gastrointestinal screening procedures.

### **A valued consultant**

Her expertise has also been on loan to other healthcare organizations, both in the United States and abroad. She traveled to Russia with a National Institutes of Health-sponsored team of medical professionals after the fall of the Soviet Union to help that nation modernize its health services delivery. She has been a consultant to Duke University Hospital in developing an anesthesia/surgical services model, and a guest lecturer at Johns Hopkins on behalf of the Society for Ambulatory Care Professions, speaking on pre-admission processes and a reengineering of the anesthesia services.

Along the way, Tharp-Barrie has found time to serve on the boards of many organizations, among them the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes. She co-chaired an American Heart Walk and is a volunteer at the Center for Women and Families.

She and her husband, Jon, live in Sellersburg, Ind., just north of Louisville, with their four children, Kaycee, 17, Brian, 15, Katie, 13, and Wil, 12.

In the end, Tharp-Barrie's take on herself refers back to her core value, the ability to be a caring person. That's why, though she is proud of her role as a highly motivated executive who values her career, she refuses to let it completely dominate her life.

"It's a big job, but it's not my biggest one. To me, my most important job is being a mother to my kids and a good wife to my husband. To have a great partner at home to share my life with, and these four wonderful kids—that's what moves me." ■

*"Looking back on Transy, what I appreciate is the people who either modeled the right thing or weren't afraid to call you out, to teach you, to encourage you to do the right thing."*

# A TRANSY FAMILY TREE

FIVE CONSECUTIVE GENERATIONS OF  
THE GAMBOE/MCGUIRE FAMILY HAVE  
EARNED TRANSYLVANIA DEGREES

by William A. Bowden



■ Two McGuire couples—Rachael '45 and Franklin '45, and Karen '73 and Kevin '71—and current Transy student Caitlin McGuire '07 represent three consecutive generations of Transylvanians in the same family. Two additional consecutive generations of this family are symbolized by the Row House behind them, where William Smallwood Gamboe, class of 1896 (*inset photo*) was living when his son, Homer Pharis Gamboe '18, who is Rachael's father (*inset photo, with his mother, Tacie A. Pharis Gamboe*), was born there.

Rachael Gamboe McGuire '45 already had her sights firmly set on Transylvania at the tender age of six when her missionary parents, both Transy graduates, brought her to Lexington in the summer of 1929 while on furlough from India.

"I had heard about Transylvania from the time I was knee-high to a duck," she recalls. "We always had a picture of Old Morrison on the dining room wall in our house in India. When we got to Lexington, mother took me to a kindergarten run by the YWCA over near Transy, on the corner of Fourth and Upper streets. I was terribly disappointed because I thought I was going to Transylvania! And I told everyone that."

Her Transylvania wish came true 12 years later, in July 1941, when she returned to Lexington to enroll for classes in the fall semester. Today, she stands at the midpoint of an extraordinary run of five consecutive generations of her family, now touching three different centuries, that have included a Transylvania graduate.

The string began with her grandfather, continued with her parents, and now includes her son, plus a grandson and granddaughter, the later three all McGuires because of Rachael's marriage in 1947 to Franklin McGuire '45.

## *In the beginning*

Rachael's grandfather, William Smallwood Gamboe, started it all in 1896 when



he graduated from Kentucky University (the name Transylvania used from 1865-1908 before reclaiming its historic name) with an A.B. degree. He had also earned a degree in 1895 from the College of the Bible, then located on the Transy campus and now Lexington Theological Seminary. He became an ordained Christian Church minister and served churches in Illinois

and Ashland, Ky.

William and his wife, Tacie Pharis Gamboe, had a son, Homer Pharis Gamboe, born in 1894, while the family was living in a boarding house on Upper Street just across from the Transy campus. This structure is now the Row House, restored in 1996 as part of John R. Hall Athletic Field.

Homer Pharis Gamboe graduated from Transy in 1918 and from the College of Bible in 1920. He also chose the ministry, becoming a missionary to India. It was while he and his wife were living there that Rachael Gamboe McGuire was born, in 1922, and her sister, Alice, also to become a Transy graduate, in 1923.

Rachael and her sister grew up in India and attended Woodstock, an American boarding school located at 7,000 feet in the Himalayas, where they had many adventures. "We learned to run up and down the hills like goats," she recalls. "Once, a wealthy man brought his elephant with eye trouble to our hospital, and the doctor climbed a ladder every day to treat it. The elephant took all of us children for rides."

### Coming to America

When she graduated from Woodstock in 1941, Rachael left India with seven of her classmates, all bound for college in the states. War was raging in Europe as they left Calcutta on a blacked-out ship.

From San Francisco, Rachael took the cross-country train "Challenger" to Chicago, where her grandmother and aunt awaited. Then, it was on to Lexington to enroll at Transylvania.

There Rachael met Franklin McGuire, also a freshman, from Mt. Sterling, Ky. The two became college sweethearts and married in 1947. Today, the retired couple live in Lexington.

Their memories of being at Transylvania during World War II paint a different picture from today's college. No sooner had they completed most of the fall semester when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, bringing the United States into the world conflict.

"Pearl Harbor threw everyone on campus into shock," remembers Franklin. "The war was a very persistent, terrible fact on campus. We were losing friends we had known who went into service."

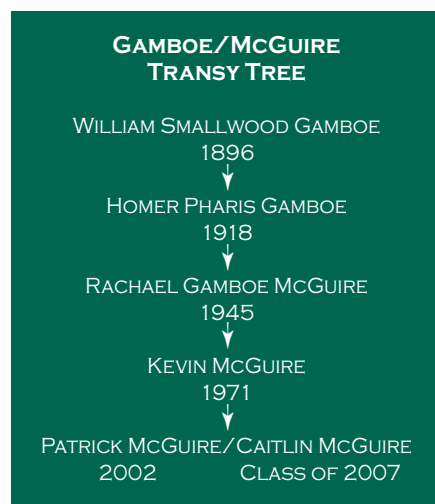
In spite of wartime hardships, social and athletic life at Transy persisted, though students had few cars and little money for luxuries, and enrollment dwindled to around 100. "It's remarkable that Tran-

sy was able to hold on during that period, when even the president, Dr. Raymond McClain, left for military service," says Franklin.

### The next generations

After graduating from Transy, Franklin completed a degree at the College of the Bible and began a Christian Church ministry. Rachael earned a master of nursing degree from Case Western Reserve and has done clinical nursing and teaching. They were living in Georgetown, Ky., in 1967 when their son, Kevin McGuire '71, was pondering his college choice and about to become the fourth consecutive generation of his family to choose Transy.

"I had heard about Transylvania all my



life," says Kevin. "My folks talked about it around the dinner table, so I was very aware of it."

Kevin was considering engineering at first, and Transy wasn't high on his list. "But then I won a National Merit Scholarship and Transy began talking to me," he says. He eventually completed a psychology degree from Transy while getting involved as a head resident, and even served as the college's dean of students briefly.

After a fling as a horse-mounted ranger at Yosemite National Park, Kevin returned to Lexington to marry Karen Kelly McGuire '73 and enroll in Lexington Theological Seminary's clinical pastoral education program. But a religious career was not to be for Kevin.

"I went into building for a short time to explore that possibility," he says. "I carpentered through two of the worst winters Kentucky ever had, then decided that design would be an indoor job."

Kevin earned an architectural degree from the University of Kentucky and is

now a principal with JRA Architects in Lexington. After almost 20 years with the firm, his work now involves business development and client relations more than actual drawing board time.

"I still use my Transylvania psychology degree," he says. "It doesn't hurt to have insights into life other than architectural. It's helped me understand how people think and work."

Karen is curriculum resource administrator for Nicholasville Elementary School in Jessamine County, Ky.

When it came time for Kevin and Karen's first child, Patrick McGuire '02, to select a college, the couple chose to be helpful, but open to Patrick's wishes. "We encouraged him to look around, and he came in on his own and said, 'I'm going to Transy.' We were just tickled to death."

Patrick graduated with a drama degree and is now with the staff of *Filter* magazine, living in Los Angeles and helping to promote concerts. His younger sister, Caitlin, is a sophomore at Transy and plays on the soccer team. For her, Transy was an easy choice.

"I got to see my brother go through here and all the friendships he had. I thought I had a good feeling about another school I had visited until I came here, and it felt like a home environment and everybody was so welcoming."

### Home to Transy

If ever imagery of the "home" were appropriate for a family's relationship with a college, it would have to be with the Gamboe/McGuire family. From William Smallwood Gamboe to Patrick and Caitlin McGuire, this family has truly brought Transy into their homes.

"It's not the same school today as when Rachael and I were there," says Franklin, "and yet that thread is there—you always have a sense of belonging."

Caitlin, the youngest in the Gamboe/McGuire lineage, already has those feelings.

"I remember my grandparents sending out a Christmas letter that told about Patrick being another family member going to Transylvania, and that they were proud. And I thought, hmmm, that'd be neat if that was me. It's nice to know that so many people from my family have been through this same place and we are following in their footsteps. It's something you can share."

For more on Transy family generations, see page 29. ■

# NEWS & NOTES Alumni

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



■ Jim Stephens '60 and Carolyn Barr Ashman '60 were first-year students in October 1956 when they were crowned king and queen of the fall carnival. Jim retired in 2001 from an administrative career in manufacturing and long-term healthcare and lives in Mt. Sterling, Ky., with his wife, Susan Miller Stephens '61. Do any *Transylvania* readers know of Carolyn's whereabouts?



'49 **Katie Chandler Bolin**, Lexington, has retired from Merrill Lynch after being with the company for 32 years.

'55 **Jane Cocanougher Harmon**, Holly Hill, Fla., and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

'56 **James K. Dunavent**, Sebastian, Fla., is a family therapist for Suncoast Mental Health Clinic in Vero Beach, Fla.

'57 **Edwin C. Linberg**, Laverne, Calif., had a mini-reunion with **Clyde F. Roper '59** and **Ingrid Braunohler Roper '59** at the Roper's home in Vienna, Va., in April.

**Eddie K. Stubblefield** and his wife, Norma, are living in Kalispell, Mont. Eddie is retired after serving in the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 45 years. He can be reached at stubby66@aboutmontana.net.

**Clark M. Williamson**, Indianapolis, gave the baccalaureate address at Kalamazoo College in Michigan in the spring.

'58 **Lee H. Rose**, Charlotte, N.C., has written *The Basketball Handbook*, which was published by Human Kinetics Press in August. Since his retirement from active coaching in 2001, Lee has done consulting with the NBA for their developmental league coaches.

'59 **Peggy Gordon Elliott Miller**, Brookings, S.D., was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award by Indiana University in June. The award is IU's highest honor for an alumna or alumnus.

'61 **Roger D. Bishop**, Nashville, has worked in libraries and bookstores his entire adult life. He's spent the last 11 years with Davis-Kidd Booksellers and was the focus of a feature on the business published by *The Tennessean* in March. Roger also founded *Bookpage*, a review of books that's distributed nationwide, and he continues to serve as a contributing writer for the publication.

'64 **F. Lynn Luallen**, Frankfort, Ky., has retired as chief executive officer for the Kentucky Housing Corporation and has been inducted into the Kentucky Affordable Housing Hall of Fame by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

'65 **Joanne Achberger Rankin**, Rock Hill, S.C., is teaching English as a Second Language in the Rock Hill school system.

'67 **Paula Parsons Degen**, Arnold, Md., lost her husband, Carl, in February and her father died in June.

**Carl B. Fairchild**, Orlando, has been coaxed out of semi-retirement to become vice pres-

ident and general manager of Neelco Industries, a specialty truck manufacturer in Cocoa, Fla.

'72 **Julie E. Dodd**, Gainesville, Fla., represented Transylvania at the September 10 inauguration of the University of Florida's eleventh president.

'73 **Elizabeth "Lizi" Ruch Plotnick**, Marina Del Rey, Calif., exhibited her hand-painted ceramic portraits of Triple Crown Winners in May at the Cerlan Gallery in Lexington.

'76 **Margaret Foley Case**, Danville, Ky., a Kentucky public defender for 15 years, received the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's Gideon Award at the state defender conference in June. The award is presented annually to the person who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to equal justice and who has courageously advanced the right to counsel for the poor in Kentucky.

**John C. Mayoue**, Atlanta, has written a book titled *Southern Divorce*, which examines the divorce process in several southern states. This is his fourth book, but the first aimed at a general audience. It includes a forward written by Johnnie Cochran and is now available in most bookstores.

'78 **Dana H. Havron**, Huntsville, Ala., has been promoted to ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is an intelligence officer at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Atlanta and serves as the N2 Division Officer. In his civilian job, Dana is an engineer with the Boeing Company in Huntsville, working on the Ground Mid-Course Defense Program.

**Roger L. Kirk**, Lexington, has been named director of operations for God's Pantry in Lexington.

**Patrick A. Leggett**, West Union, W.Va., has been named president of the West Virginia School Counselor Association.

**Melissa A. Penry**, Nashville, received the 2003 School Bell Award from the Tennessee Education Association for "Outstanding Coverage by an Individual Reporter."

'80 **David L. Scher**, Gainesville, Ga., received a master's degree in theological studies from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in May.

'81 **W. Preston Martin** lives in Orlando with his wife, Beth, and their three children. Preston is a real estate broker in the Lake Nona Country Club area of Orlando.

'82 **Jack E. Hillard**, Lexington, has been named development director for the Central Kentucky Blood Center.



## Gray wins OAK Award

**Lois Howard Gray '40**, senior chairman of the James N. Gray Company, Inc., of Lexington, was honored by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education with its Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky (OAK) Award during a banquet in Bowling Green, Ky., in September.

The annual award is presented to alumni of Kentucky colleges and universities who have gained national recognition in their profession or in civic endeavors and have shown a lasting commitment to their alma maters.

Gray became chairman of James N. Gray Company in 1972. She has since built the family business into one of the nation's top design and construction firms specializing in heavy industrial and commercial projects, along with military contracts. The company is ranked No. 11 among the top U.S. design-build firms by *Building, Design & Construction* magazine.

A member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees since 1990, Gray is a passionate advocate for the arts and education. She has supported Transy art student travel to exhibitions in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

Gray is a past president of the Alumni Executive Board and the recipient of the Morrison Medallion, the University's highest honor, in recognition of extraordinary leadership and service to her alma mater.

## Stephen King presides at 'Tribute to Courage' for Ed Eckenhoff '66

Edward A. Eckenhoff '66 was the honoree at the Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation's "Tribute to Courage," an annual dinner program that was hosted by best-selling author Stephen King in July in Pasadena, Calif.

Eckenhoff, co-founder, CEO, and president of the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C., was recognized for his role in shaping our nation's views on medical rehabilitation services. He has overseen the growth of the NRH from a single hospital in 1986 to today's NRH Medical Rehabilitation Network. The NRH enjoys an international reputation as an innovative treatment, research, teaching, and technological center for rehabilitative medicine and science.

Located in Pomona, Calif., Casa Colina has earned national and international acclaim for its commitment to clinical excellence, education, and research in medical and rehabilitative care. The organization, founded in 1936 to provide care for children with polio, provides inpatient and outpatient programs and community services.

Casa Colina asked King, the world-renowned author of such horror classics as *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *Christine*, to present the courageous story of Eckenhoff's life because of his own rehabilitative experiences following a catastrophic accident in 1999. King was hit in the back by a minivan while walking along a highway in Maine near his home, suffering lung, rib, leg, and hip injuries.

During the evening, King read excerpts from his novel *On Writing* that includes references to his accident, which has parallels to Eckenhoff's experiences. In the spring of his first year at Transylvania, Eckenhoff was involved in an automobile accident that injured his spine and left his legs paralyzed. His determination to succeed carried him through rehabilitation and on to his present stature as a leading administrator in his field.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, in a letter published in the dinner program, praised Eckenhoff for influencing national policies on medical rehabilitation, saying, "Your contributions have earned you the respect and appreciation of your community and colleagues, and I commend you for this well deserved tribute."



■ Ed Eckenhoff '66, left, receives congratulations from author Stephen King, who served as host at a "Tribute to Courage" event given in Eckenhoff's honor.

'86 **Nicholas R. Nelson** has returned to Louisville and is developing brands business manager for the Midwest division of Brown-Forman Spirits Americas.

'89 **Lili Solinger Lutgens**, New Albany, Ind., has been named the first-ever staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky.

**Amy E. Wells** has moved to Oxford, Miss., where she is an associate professor of higher education at the University of Mississippi. She is also affiliated with the Institute for the Study of Southern Culture.

'90 **Stephanie Miller Broering**, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., returned home last fall after living in Brussels, Belgium, for a year. While living abroad, she volunteered at the Alseberg Refugee Center working with children from Bosnia, Iraq, Syria, and Russia, and at Home Leopold, a center for elderly and disabled adults. When not volunteering or traveling, she worked on her MBA and completed a post-graduate certificate in leadership and change management from United Business Institutes of Brussels.

**Kara Little Covert**, Georgetown, Ky., has been named assistant vice president for advancement for Eastern Kentucky University.

**Laura Harrison Klumb**, Fort Thomas, Ky., is donor relations officer for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

**Kimberly Hackney Lowry**, Wilmore, Ky., has completed the qualifying exams for the Ph.D. in Spanish. She continues to teach at Asbury College as an assistant professor of Spanish.

**Jessica Fitzgerald Navarro** lives in Coral Gables, Fla., with her husband, Ore, and their two boys, Tyler McNeal, 11, and Forest Wayne, 8. She stays busy with her landscape design business, Creative Ideas, and volunteers at her sons' school. She would love to hear from old friends at [jfitez@att.net](mailto:jfitez@att.net).

**Tiffany R. Wheeler**, Lexington, Knight Foundation Minority Teaching Fellow in Transylvania's education department, delivered the commencement address at Ivy Tech State College in Wabash, Ind., in May.

'91 **Todd Bruner**, Albuquerque, N.M., has been promoted to senior member of technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories. He was also nominated for a technical excellence award for his work helping to create Sandia's Integrated Network Security and Reliability Center.

**Claria Horn Shadwick**, Wilmore, Ky., has been named executive director of The Kentucky Equine Education Project, an organization whose mission is to educate the public and legislators on the economic impact of the horse industry in Kentucky.

## Joe Thomson '66

### No shortage of horse sense



■ Joe Thomson '66 owns Winbak Farm, pictured in the background, one of the most successful standardbred breeding operations in North America.

**Business, horse racing, and life all** have a built-in element of unpredictability. Just when you think you've got the deal, or the race, or your future all sewn up, the unexpected can come along and change the outcome.

Take Joe Thomson for example. After graduating from Transylvania in 1966, he thought he'd be starting a career at Scott Paper Company, but after about two weeks on the job, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Thomson served in the officer recruiting program in the Northeast, traveling through Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. He became so fond of the area that after his tour ended, he got a job with the First Investment Annuity Company (FIAC) in Pennsylvania.

At FIAC, Thompson got his first taste of working in the retirement planning business and met his wife, JoAnn, although the two didn't start dating until after JoAnn had left the company.

They married in 1975, and during that same year, Thomson's career took a second unanticipated turn when an IRS tax ruling forced FIAC out of business. Inspired by a suggestion from his wife, Thomson and a colleague launched PLANCO. The business started in the den, but quickly spread to other parts of the Thomson home.

"When we took over the kitchen, JoAnn evicted us," Thomson said. "I was still so sure the company wasn't going to work that I didn't want to get any more than a year's lease."

Thomson's fears proved to be unfounded. The business flourished, becoming one of the biggest independent financial service wholesalers in the country. By the time Thomson and his partners sold the company to Hartford Life in 1999, it was doing about \$15 billion in sales annually.

In the midst of growing PLANCO, Thomson began to stake a claim in the horse breeding industry.

"I didn't particularly care for golf, but I wanted to do something, and I always enjoyed horses and livestock," he said.

Thomson got his first experience with livestock growing up on a farm in Cynthiana, Ky. His family didn't own any horses, but he and his father went to races at The Red Mile, a harness racing track in Lexington, and while he was a student at Transy, he and several other members of the Kappa Alpha fraternity worked at Lexington's Keeneland Race Course.

Thomson started out in the thoroughbred business, but saw more opportunity in the standardbred industry. He worked with partners from 1979 until 1991 when he and his wife purchased Winfield Farm in Maryland. The farm had been home to famed thoroughbred racehorse and sire Northern Dancer, the winner of the 1964 Kentucky Derby. As a condition of the sale, the farm couldn't retain the Winfield name, so the Thomsons came up with

a new, personalized moniker.

"We stuck with the 'win' name because that's good for horses, and 'bak' are the first initials of our children's names: Bradley, Ashley, and Kimmy," he said. "That's why it's Winbak and not Winback."

Since the initial purchase of the Maryland farm, Winbak has grown to include farms in Delaware and New York, but its expansion in size can hardly match the expansion of its reputation as horse after horse fulfills the farm's motto, "Born to Compete, Raised to Win."

For the years 1998-2004, the farm bred and sold winners of 7,395 races, which earned a combined total of \$63 million, ranking Winbak as the second leading money winning standardbred breeder in North America. The farm bred and sold No Pan Intended, the pacer Triple Crown Winner and 2003 Horse of the Year, and Bettors Delight, the 2001 Pacer of the Year and Canadian

Horse of the Year. In recognition of these and other achievements, *TIMES: in harness magazine* named Thomson "Owner of the Year" in 2002.

Thomson extended his involvement in the standardbred industry closer to his Kentucky hometown in 2000 when he and three partners purchased The Red Mile and began a series of renovations aimed at rejuvenating the racetrack.

"It's a necessary piece of the standardbred business with a tradition that goes back more than 125 years," Thomson said. "To see it turned into housing, or turned into something other than a racetrack, would have been sad."

Juggling so many different interests is challenging, but Thomson said he's found many dependable people to help share the workload, including Transy classmate Bill Gerweck '66, who manages the Maryland farm, a nearby restaurant, and other businesses the Thomsons own in the area.

As he's progressed from one successful venture to the next, Thomson has drawn on the confidence and people skills he developed at Transylvania. He's helped ensure other students have the same opportunity by supporting the Harrison County Scholarship at Transylvania and serving on the Board of Visitors. He was recently elected to the University's Board of Trustees.

Thomson said becoming the well-rounded person a liberal arts education encourages is an extremely valuable asset.

"Somebody may be smarter than you are, somebody may be bigger than you are, somebody may have more money than you do, somebody may have any number of things, but what you are, the sum total of your experiences, may be all you need to go forward and be very successful."

—KATHERINE YEAKELE

## Alumni Bulletin Board

### Executive Board officers, members elected

In April, the Alumni Association elected Angela Logan Edwards '91 as president and Christopher W. Arnett '91 as president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board. The following were elected to three-year board terms: Steven T. Adams '79, E. Douglas Baldrige Jr. '77, Raymond K. Cooper II '77, Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon '56, Susan Marine '92, Lynn Sowders McGaughey '77, Eileen M. O'Brien '77, Bobby S. Pace '59, and S. Brandl Skirvin '87.

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 16, 2005

Join Transy's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2005 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 16, at Marriott's Griffin Gate Golf Resort in Lexington. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Cindy Jacobelli, associate director of athletics, at (859) 233-8663, [cjacobelli@transy.edu](mailto:cjacobelli@transy.edu), or Mark Blankenship '81, alumni programs director, at (859) 233-8402, [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).

### Board, award recommendations sought

Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations for several awards that will be presented during Alumni Weekend 2005 and for new members of the Alumni Executive Board.

Recommendations are sought for the Pioneer Hall of Fame, Morrison Medallion, and distinguished achievement and service awards. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, and others who have made outstanding contributions to Transylvania athletics, while the Morrison Medallion is given to an alumnus or alumna for outstanding service to the University. Achievement and service awards honor professional excellence and service to Transylvania.

Those recommended for the Alumni Executive Board should have a record of support and service to the University and be willing to serve a three-year term. New members are nominated by the board and elected at the annual meeting during Alumni Weekend.

To request recommendation forms, contact the Alumni Office or submit recommendations to Mark Blankenship '81, director of alumni programs, at [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).

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'92 **M. Jane Brannon**, Lexington, has joined the law firm of Stites & Harbison as a member of the firm's liability defense service group.



■ Seated, from left, **Carol Carter Morgan '68**, **Mike Morgan '68**, and **Jane Wiesel De Martini '67**; standing, **Stephanie McGann Gardner '66**, and **Ann Dickey Haynes '69** got together at Carol and Mike's home in Findlay, Ohio, in July.

'94 **Kenneth O. Cayce IV**, Columbus, Ohio, has graduated from The Ohio State University residency program and is in a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Kentucky.

'95 **Brandy Fulkerson Baird**, Lexington, graduated *cum laude* from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May. She is serving a one-year term as law clerk to Marcia Phillips Parsons, U. S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

**Robert "Rob" J. Hill II**, Nashville, has published his first book, *Savannah Squares* ([www.SavannahSquares.com](http://www.SavannahSquares.com)), and his second book, *What No One Ever Tells You About Investing in Real Estate* ([www.RealEstateStories.com](http://www.RealEstateStories.com)), will be published in November. He is licensed to practice law in Georgia and Kentucky, but is currently building a media business ([www.MusicCityPhotos.com](http://www.MusicCityPhotos.com)) in Nashville.

**Shannon Moreman Holt** has completed her

residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and has returned to Lexington with her husband, John, and their new baby, Jackson. She is in private practice at Kentucky Clinic South and would love to hear from anyone still in Lexington.

'96 **Kira Munson Campbell**, Ypsilanti, Mich., and **Robert C. Campbell '98** were among the nine artists from Canada, England, India, and the U.S. who exhibited their work in a show titled *Nomad's Land* at the University of Michigan's Warren Robins Gallery in August and September.

**Melissa Head Fortner**, Lexington, is teaching psychology at Transylvania.

**Barton T. Hanna**, Lexington, is an admissions counselor with Transylvania.

**Carrie Reed Shufflebarger** and her husband, **Eric J. Shufflebarger '97**, have moved to Union, Ky. Carrie is an attorney for Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald in Covington.

## Shelby Spanyer Sheffield '95

### Flexing her 'iron' will

**Shelby Spanyer Sheffield '95** thought that the beginning of her law career in 2001 would mean the end of the intense training schedule she'd maintained during law school and the triathlons she'd enjoyed during breaks. As a kind of last hurrah, she signed up to compete in her first Ironman triathlon, a distance race that consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run.

"I thought I'd probably never have a chance to do one again because I'd be working so much," she said. "I thought it was now or never. I'd knock that off my list and then go on into the real world."

The Ironman she selected was in Lake Placid, N.Y., and took place two days after she finished her bar exam.

"I wouldn't recommend that to anybody," she said, laughing. "I had no idea how drained I would be after taking that exam."

Despite her exhaustion, Sheffield completed the grueling race, and over the last three years, she's used that same uncompromising determination to continue her training while juggling the hectic schedule of a fledgling attorney. Her hard work paid off when she distinguished herself at the 2003 and 2004 Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Hawaii.

The Hawaii event is the oldest and most respected of all the Ironman challenges. Triathletes from around the globe battle just to qualify for the event.

"It was the dream of a lifetime to compete there," Sheffield said. "It was something I never thought I'd have the opportunity to do—never thought I'd be good enough to do."

Sheffield developed a passion for one of the triathlon's components, swimming, while growing up in Louisville. At Transylvania, she became a member of the swim team, serving as captain her senior year, and played field hockey. Both sports gave her the opportunity to sharpen her athletic skills while simultaneously building meaningful friendships.

"Those were some of the best times in my life," she said. "I can think of so many great memories. Practices and the traveling were probably the most fun."

Sheffield majored in sociology and minored in communication. She thought her future lay in social work, but she also had an interest in law. Shortly after graduation, at the invitation of her friend and former Transy swim teammate Jan Alvey Ward '93, Sheffield went to Nashville. There, she met her future husband, Bob, and became a paralegal, a job that set her on course to becoming an attorney.

Sheffield began classes at the University of Memphis Law School in 1998. She lived in Memphis during the week and returned to Nashville on weekends and breaks. Swimming, run-



■ **Shelby Spanyer Sheffield '95, shown in the midst of the 112-mile bike ride of the McMinnville City, Tenn., Triathlon, distinguished herself at the 2003 and 2004 Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Hawaii.**

ning, and competing in triathlons helped her balance the stress of school. The summer after her second year, she took a break from racing to focus on a clerkship at Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, where she now works as an attorney practicing regulatory law.

"I really liked this group of people and I liked this kind of work because there are so many things that fall under the regulatory umbrella," she said. "I can go from doing a telecom project to doing government relations to doing something on a landfill. It's never dull."

While studying for the bar, she ramped up her training to prepare for her first, and in her mind, last Ironman. But once she passed the bar and survived the Lake Placid challenge, an interesting thing happened.

"I continued to get up early and train, and follow the same kind of program I'd had before," she said. "I made time to run and swim in the morning and bike on the weekends. I don't train an exorbitant amount of hours compared to a lot of other triathletes. It's still a stress relief thing for me, and I didn't want to give it up even with working, so I found a way to fit it in."

Depending on her work schedule and the competition she's preparing for, Sheffield trains between 15 and 19 hours per week.

In 2002, Sheffield experienced a rapid improvement in her performance, which gave her the confidence to try to qualify for the Hawaii Ironman. She not only qualified, she finished sixth overall in the amateur division and third in the female 30-34 age group with a time of 10 hours, 26 minutes, 54 seconds.

"I was on cloud nine just to be there with all those other people," she said. "The best in the world are there, and you get to race right along side of them."

Although she was pushing her body to the limit, Sheffield said she managed to enjoy the island's beauty and the unique features of the race, such as the messages fans write alongside the road using pieces of white lava rock.

In the 2004 Hawaii Ironman in October, harsher weather conditions caused Sheffield to clock a time of 11:08:07, still good enough for fifth in the female age 30-34 group.

With these and other impressive performances under her belt, she now has the option of turning pro, a decision she's weighing carefully.

"The most important thing to me is to have fun while I'm doing this, and I think I could have fun either way," she said. "It would be really neat at some point to be able to say 'I did that as a professional' because not too many people have that opportunity. But I'm certainly happy with the way things are right now, too."

—KATHERINE YEAKEL



■ Transy alumni enjoyed a visit to the Newport (Ky.) Aquarium in June. From left, Tonda Shockley Anderson '97, Ty Anderson '98 and Ian Anderson, Natasa Pajic '96, Laura, Maya and Julia Creamer, Allyson, Meredith, Peg and Keith '88 Johnson, Jen Brown Richard '95, Ashton and Donna Brown, Christopher and David '87 Richard.

**Deborah J. Stigall**, Lexington, completed her master's degree in business administration at the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics in December 2003. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in organizational communication from the UK College of Communications and Information Studies. Deborah has served as graduate assistant to the associate dean of the communications graduate program and co-chair of the Graduate Student Association during 2003-04.

'97 **Kevin C. Brown**, Lexington, has been named assistant general counsel for the Kentucky Office of Legal and Legislative Services in Frankfort.

**Matthew A. Fresca**, Lexington, is an attorney and investment adviser for Fifth Third Bank.

**Kimberly Wosley Poitevin**, Decatur, Ill., is an assistant professor of English at Millikin

University.

**Stacie L. Walker** has moved to Louisville and works in the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Belarmine University. She continues to work on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in drama from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She hopes to finish her degree in December. Friends may contact her at [staciewalker@att.net](mailto:staciewalker@att.net).

'98 **Mackenzie Riney Leachman**, Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky Education and Counseling Psychology Department with her doctorate in school psychology in May. She also received the 2004 Rookie of the Year Award from the Lexington Bluegrass Junior Women's Club. Mackenzie is a school psychologist for the Fayette County public schools system.

**Stephen C. Monge** has been named assistant tennis coach at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

'99 **Brittany A. Dales**, Lexington, is an account executive for Sheehy and Associates Advertising Agency in Louisville.

**Laura Collins Leathers** is assistant director of enrollment services for The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in Columbus.

**John R. Parker**, Savannah, was named Non-commissioned Officer of the Year at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command competitions in Fort Bragg, N.C.

'00 **Kristie L. Bulleit**, Lexington, is enrolled in the doctoral program in Spanish at the University of Kentucky. She can be contacted at [kbulleit@yahoo.com](mailto:kbulleit@yahoo.com).

**Vitesh M. "Victor" Enaker**, Lexington, received a master's degree in kinesiology and health promotion from the University of Kentucky and has been accepted into UK's doctoral program. He also received the Dermontti F. and Regina M. Dawson graduate fellowship from the UK College of Education for the 2004-05 school year.

**Kelly Rogers Ponsler '00**, Fishers, Ind., is regional director of marketing for American Senior Communities, a senior housing continuum offering solutions such as garden homes, assisted living communities, and skilled nursing facilities. Kelly provides marketing consultation for 16 facilities throughout Indiana.

'02 **Matthew L. Bricken**, Washington, D.C., has received his master's degree in political management from George Washington University and is a business officer and research assistant for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.

'04 **Lori M. Anderson**, Louisville, is attending the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

## Transy and TEAM—a formative experience

A weekend at Transylvania during her junior year of high school was a turning point for Rachel Nance Woehler '98. That's when she participated in the Transy & TEAM (Totally Excited About Ministry) program and realized that she "could walk in the shoes" of the ordained ministers who made presentations.

"Several ministers stood behind picture frames that were suspended from the ceiling and talked to us about their ministries," she recalled. "Learning about all the different opportunities that are available beyond the traditional congregational pastorate rounded out my definition of ministry and helped solidify my calling."

After graduating from Transy, Woehler completed a master's degree in divinity at Vanderbilt University and currently serves as associate minister at St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Woehler's experience is typical of the more than 350 students who have participated in Transy & TEAM since its inception in 1992. The original two-day program expanded to three days in 2001, and last year a record 60 high school students from all over the country registered for the event.

"It's a forum where high school students who are contemplating ordained ministry as a vocation can interact with other such students and professionals," said David Carr '81, campus minister and coordinator of Transy & TEAM. "We bring in a prominent, nationally-known Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister as a keynoter, along with well-known specialists who talk about their areas of expertise."

Teaching participants about ministry opportunities beyond the local congregation is one of the major goals. "They may be wrestling with a call to ministry, but the only contact they've had with an ordained minister is their local pastor, and preaching every week may not be attractive," said Carr. "At Transy & TEAM, they get to meet ministers who work with music, missions, health care, higher education, and more."

Transylvania junior Kelsey Blankenship, who attended Transy & TEAM during her senior year of high school, said the most memorable part of the weekend was her personal conversations with other students about their call to ministry. "Some of the Transy and TEAM participants who are now Transy students are my best friends, and I still keep in touch with others I met during the weekend," she said.

Blankenship plans to enroll in seminary or divinity school after completing her degree in religion and math, and she is leaning toward youth ministry.



**Rachel Nance Woehler**

## Alums chronicle Transylvania family heritage

As an adjunct to our article on the five consecutive generations of Gamboe/McGuire family Transylvania graduates (see page 20), we sent a query on TransE-Mail, a monthly electronic newsletter for alumni, asking if other Transy families had at least four consecutive generations.

**Cheryl Fisher Houston '71** wrote to tell us of her five generations of Transylvanians that began with Harvey Baker Smith in the late 1800s and includes her and her husband's (John Thomas Huston Sr. '71) son John Thomas Houston Jr. '96.

**Susan Ware '84** told us of the four generations that began with her great-grandfather John Robert Farrow, class of 1872. "My father's side are all graduates and my mother's side are alumni starting with my great-grandmother," she wrote. Susan's parents are Sam H. Ware '61 and Carolyn Collier Ware '61.

**Margaret Sweeney Foley '43** had a grandfather—John Steele Sweeney Sr.—who was chairman of the Transylvania Board of Curators. Her daughters—Margaret Foley Case '76 and Mary Ellen Foley '79—represent her family's fourth generation.

**Buddy Edwards '68** had a grandmother—Alice Bacon—who went to Hamilton College, a former women's preparatory school attached to Transylvania, and a daughter, Sarah Edwards '95, for the fourth generation.

**Catherine "Mills" Nallinger '02** is the latest in a four-generation string that began with her great-grandfather Marmaduke Hargett in 1895. Her parents—Richard E. and Janice Hargett Nallinger—are 1974 graduates.

**George Vaughn '53** says his grandfather, Henry Clay Bell, attended Transylvania in the early 1910s, and that his father, E. R. Vaughn '27, and a nephew, David Clay Robertson '85, give his family four generations.

**David Windley '92** told us about his parents, David H. Windley '65 and Ann Orme Windley '65, and a Transy heritage that goes back two more generations to a great, great aunt, Sue Hopkins.

**Charlie C. Campbell**, Bonnyman, Ky., is a graphic designer for The Idea Farm, an international public relations, marketing, and advertising agency in Danville, Ky.

## Marriages

**Mary Combs Logsdon '65** and George E. Councill, October 17, 2003

**W. Kibbey Stovall '90** and Janet Marie Gagnon, March 28, 2004

**Martha ElizBeth Stice '93** and Jonathan Kidwell, May 16, 2004

**Kenneth O. Cayce IV '94** and Ariane Schieber, June 12, 2004

**Robert J. Hill II '95** and Amber Ferguson, August 1, 2004

**Tonya Marie Tincer '95** and Frederick Joseph Cox, March 27, 2004

**David C. Leachman '97** and Mackenzie Day Riney '98, June 7, 2003

**Leigh Ann Blackburn '98** and Michael Eric Napier, April 24, 2004

**Travis A. Crump '00** and Faith DeLynn Hawkins '02, August 7, 2004

**Claudia Jean Lee '00** and Warren French, August 7, 2004

**Whitney Allison Meriwether '01** and Joseph E. Harmon '01, August 16, 2003

**John M. Reynolds '01** and Miranda Leigh Clapp '02, April 10, 2004

**Krista Louise Smith '01** and Joshua A. Stockton, June 12, 2004

**Megan Elizabeth Hoffman '02** and Jeremy Alan Boone, June 12, 2004

**Susan Kara Sims '02** and William Chelsey Olson '01, June 19, 2004

## Births

**W. Preston Martin '81** and Beth Martin, a son, Joseph Anderson Martin, April 15, 2004

**Leslie Goff Sultana '82** and Keith Sultana, a son, Jonathan Luke Sultana, June 2, 2004

**Clifton L. Gooch '84** and Penne Gooch, a daughter, Alexandra Nicole Gooch, June 12, 2003

**Julianna Billips Wylie '85** and Patrick Wylie, a son, Patrick Maxwell Wylie, July 18, 2004

**Catherine Bullard Morgret '86** and Brian J. Morgret, a daughter, Jessica Lynn Morgret, October 12, 2002

**Beth A. Blankenship '87** and Peter Rapoport, a daughter, Tara Ann Rapoport, July 28, 2004

**Cheryl Edwards James '87** and Earl C. James, a son, Carter Edward James, July 14, 2004

**Kara Little Covert '90** and Michael D. Covert '91, a son, Evan David Covert, September 1, 2004

**Michaela Ball Miller '90** and Charles R. Miller, a son, Solomon Rhys Miller, December 27, 2003



■ **Mary Ellen Meurer '00** and Kevin Matthew Ford were married December 20, 2003. Transy friends in attendance included, from left: Shannon Rumble '99, Emory Presler '99, and Mary Ellen; back row: Suzanne Segabarth '01, Julie Rambo '00, Lisa Prevette Ward '01, and Rebecca Williams '00; front row: Paige Presler '01 and Brooke Burhans '01. Also in attendance, but not pictured, was Leigh Ann Blackburn '98.

**Elisa Pape Millett '90** and Phillip M. Millett, a son, William McMillan Millett, April 4, 2004

**Angela Moore Smith '90** and Kevin M. Smith, a daughter, Katherine Claire Smith, June 15, 2004

**Thomas C. Allison '92** and Denise S. Allison, a son, Benjamin Oliver, March 9, 2004

**Lori Rosen Bohan '92** and Matthew P. Bohan '93, a daughter, Brooke Elizabeth Bohan, November 25, 2003

**Frederick Burczyk Jr. '92** and Kelley Garrett Burczyk '93, a son, Evan Frederick Burczyk, August 12, 2004

**Mary Tom Tudor Hamrick '92** and Samuel Clayton Hamrick, a son, Mason Thomas Tudor Hamrick, July 23, 2004

**James S. Kreutzer '93** and Jeanne Thomas Kreutzer, a son, Joseph Thomas Kreutzer, October 16, 2003

**Meredith Kirklín Slechter '93** and Mat Slechter, a son, Kenton Matthew Slechter, April 18, 2004

**Shannon Moreman Holt '95** and John R. Holt, a son, Jackson Randolph Holt, May 22, 2004

**Alison Redford Smiley '95** and Reid A. Smiley, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth Smiley, June 23, 2004

**Melissa Korte Bongiolatti '96** and Nick Bongiolatti, a son, Thomas Andrew Bongiolatti, June 1, 2004

**Ashley Hatcher Drury '96** and Donald E. Drury Jr., a son, Tyler Chase Drury, July 6, 2004

**Marsha Mills Hubbs '97** and Gary A. Hubbs, a daughter, Lily Kathryn Hubbs, June 20, 2003

**Jennifer L. Price '97** and Peter Moosy, a son, Jacob Tyler Moosy, June 18, 2004

**Kimberly Ehret Jones '00** and Adam D. Jones '00, a daughter, Abigail Rose Jones, March



■ Laura Roberts '00 and Chris Jones '99 were married June 12, 2004. Transy alumni in attendance were, on floor, from left: Mark Heidinger '00, David Stephan '01, John Storts '98, Paul Dmytrewycz '97, Zack Rother '00, Hans Pfaffenberger '99, Duncan Cavanah '99, Mitch Meade '01; sitting in chairs: Catherine Deehan '01, Lindsay McWilliams Workman '02, Cerise Bouchard '01, Kristy Allen '99, Carey Sunderland Fansler '00, Bryan Fansler '97, Chris Jones '99, Laura Roberts Jones '00, David Rice '99, Nancy Riley '99, Sarah Puckett Cavanah '99; first row standing: Teri Cox '01, Jen Davis Keefe '98, Laura Rice '00, Andrea Perry '01, Natalie Gray Ballash '01, Jenny Osborne '01, Tom Kegelmann '99, Jason Blair '01, Sharlene Taylor Blair '00, Billy Hubbard '02, Liz Conley '00, Aoife Timoney Shah, Davida Daniels Hansel '99, Mindy Timberlake Sunderland '00, Susan Sims Olson '02, Annie Barret '01, Chelsey Olson '01; second row standing: Stephanie Humes '98, Erin Barnhill '00, Rachelle Williams '98, Mary Kay Pendley '98, Julie Gleim Lyons '00, Debbie Shuttleworth Neff '01, Kelly Elkins '00, Ryan Neff '01, Kevin Taulbee '04, Whitney Cassity-Caywood '97, John Caywood '97, Clark Batten '01, Colt Fleu '01, Jay Shah '00, Joe Hansel '98, Matt Shorr '98.



■ Shelly C. Ferrell '01 and Elizabeth Ann Stafford '03 were married May 30, 2003. Many Transy alumni and professors were in attendance.



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**Julie Gleim Lyons '00** and Robert T. Lyons, a daughter, Katherine Jean Lyons, August 13, 2004

**Kelly Rogers Ponsler '00** and Chris Ponsler, a son, Kyle Steven Ponsler, March 5, 2004

**Shelly C. Ferrell '01** and **Elizabeth Stafford Ferrell '03**, a son, David Shelly Ferrell, January 31, 2004

**Rebecca Sanders Wallace '02** and James Wallace, a daughter, Rylee Louise Wallace, May 12, 2004

### Correction

A birth announcement in the summer *Transylvania* magazine incorrectly identified the husband of Erica Fike West '00. Erica and Joseph B. West welcomed a son, Joseph Elliott Lawrence West, April 21, 2004. *Transylvania* regrets the error.

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Ruth Womack Layson '30**, Millersburg, Ky., died May 31, 2004. An avid music lover and gardener, she was a charter member and former president of the Millersburg Garden Club, former director of the South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs, past president of the Garden Club of Kentucky Inc., and served as chair of the state club's Wallis Home headquarters in Paris for more than 20 years. She was a former trustee of Cane Ridge Shrine in Bourbon County, a member and former chaplain of the Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, and had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the organist at Millersburg Christian Church for 66 years. She was primarily a homemaker, but she also worked as an enrolling clerk for the Kentucky House of Representatives and as secretary of the Millersburg Cemetery Company.

**Ruth Jones Hoskins '36**, Maysville, Ky., died August 6, 2004. She had been a teacher in North Middletown and Mt. Sterling public schools. She also was employed by the Kentucky Department of Human Resources in Mt. Sterling, and was a member of the Ascen-

■ **Catherine Genevieve Curtis '00** and **Adam Mayer '00** were married July 3, 2004. Front row, from left: Adam and Cathy Mayer, Tara Nicholas '00, Summer Wilkes '00, Lisa Merlo '00; back row: Casey Morton '03, Alison Shepherd '01, Heather Rowland '01, Kara Cross '04, Andrew Horne '01, Brad Bolen '03, Shane White '98, Thommy Chumney '00, Forest Ratchford '00, Noel Green '96, Todd Bryan '00, and Richard Foley '00.



# Talkin' 'bout my generation

## Alumni Weekend 2005

April 29-May 1

**Join your classmates and Transy friends and recall your own special generation during Alumni Weekend 2005, set for April 29-May 1.**

**A busy three days are planned**, beginning with a golf outing and racing at Keeneland on Friday and culminating with Sunday morning's Robert Barr Society breakfast and a chapel service in Old Morrison Chapel. Other highlights include the Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony Friday evening, followed by the TGIF Alumni Weekend Kick-Off Party; the Alumni Celebration Luncheon on Saturday; and class reunion receptions/dinners and the Coronation Ball Saturday evening.

**The event will fall during Transylvania's celebration of its 225th anniversary.** The University was founded by an act of the Virginia legislature in May 1780 as the first college west of the Allegheny Mountains and the 16th in the nation.

Reunion classes are 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2000. Reunion classes in the Barr Society (1940, 1945, and 1950) will also celebrate their special milestones. Even if this is not your reunion year, you are invited to join us for the weekend.

**Reunion class Web sites are located at [www.transyreunions.com](http://www.transyreunions.com)**—there's a link at Transy's Web site, [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu)—select For Alumni, News & Events, and Reunions/Alumni Weekend. Be sure to sign the guestbook for your reunion. There is also an on-line reunion questionnaire at the Transy site.

For your first choice in lodging, plan ahead, since this same weekend is a busy one in Lexington with the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, an international equestrian event to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park.

**Alumni will be mailed an invitation and detailed schedule in late winter. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, assistant director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).**



sion Episcopal Church and the Washington Homemaker's Club. Survivors include her sister, **Frances Jones Gaitskill '44**.

**Lelia Whittington Clark '37**, Somerset, Ky., died June 16, 2004. A homemaker, she enjoyed knitting and Civil War history. She was a member of the Ewalt Homemaker's Club and the First Christian Church of Paris, where she sang in the choir. Survivors include her son, **Danny M. Clark '58**.

**Allen S. Estill '37**, Nashville, Tenn., died July 15, 2004. He was a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Eureka College. He served Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministries in Kentucky,

Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri, and retired in 1980 as the regional minister of the Christian Church in Tennessee. Survivors include his wife, **Mildred Hopkins Estill '44**, and sister, **Ethel Estill Seitz '39**.

**Robert F. Maybaum '38**, Chandler, Ariz., died July 3, 2004.

**Harvey Bogen '39**, Dallas, died March 27, 2004. While at Transy, he was a member of Lampas, Alpha Lambda Tau, and Sigma Epsilon. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a copy editor, reporter, assignment editor, assistant city editor, and night city editor for the *Dallas Morning News*, a radio newscaster, and a television news editor.

**Charles R. Heckel '39**, La Mirada, Calif., died May 12, 2004. After serving in the U.S. Army, he taught in Corona, Calif., while earning his master's degree in music from the University of Southern California. In 1953, he became band director for California High School in Whittier, Calif., and remained there until his retirement in 1976.

**Gwen Mangus Kildahl '39**, Lexington, died June 15, 2004. She was a social worker for the Commonwealth of Kentucky before continuing her education at Purdue University, where she received her master's degree in English. She taught third grade, middle school English, high school French, and served as cheerleading sponsor at schools in Indiana.

**Fred K. Smith '40**, Lexington, died July 18, 2004. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and remained in the reserves until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel. He worked for the Veterans Administration, and then became a field representative for the Social Security Administration, where he remained until his retirement in 1979. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Joy Sunday School Class, Lexington Kiwanis Club, Transylvania Barr Society, Spindletop Hall, Boone Faculty Club, Lexington Cotillion, Reserve

Officers Association, and Ellerslie Bass Club. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy Steinbeck Smith '42**.

**Virginia Meacham Stephan '40**, Lewisburg, Pa., died February 11, 2004. After graduating from Transy, she studied at Rutgers University and the University of Delaware. She was a kindergarten teacher in the Brandywine school system in Wilmington, Del. Survivors include her sister, **Evelyn Meacham Cunningham '39**.

**Omer Cunningham '41**, Lexington, died May 22, 2004. In the 1930s, he was considered one of Kentucky's finest fast-pitch softball pitchers, receiving recognition from *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* for pitching 104 consecutive scoreless innings in state and city tournament play. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for saving a fellow crew member. He spent 21 years with the Lexington Fire Department, retiring as assistant chief in charge of training. He was an instructor for the annual state fire school for 16 years, served as deputy sheriff of Fayette County for seven years, and held a rural mail route for 18 years. He was a member of Porter Memorial Baptist Church and was a charter member and past president of the Fayette Lions Club.

**Peter Presnick '42**, Hanahan, S.C., died June 17, 2004.

**Margaret Cossaboom Silver '42**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died February 16, 2004. She worked for the Eastman Corporation, first in Tennessee and then in Cleveland, and served as coordinator of Volunteers for Head Start from 1970-1988. Survivors include her grandson, **Ethan D. Burgmann '05**.

**Janice Heltsley Farmer '47**, Lexington, died May 25, 2004. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and Central Christian Church. Survivors include her son, **Steven P. Farmer '70**.

**Lloyd C. Bell Jr. '49**, Montgomery, Tex., died June 23, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, a Kentucky Colonel, and a World War II veteran who received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Survivors include his wife, **Marjorie Young Bell '51**.

**Floyd R. Whiteford '50**, Cleves, Ohio, died June 11, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After returning to Cleves, he became a claims adjuster for an insurance agency. He earned his law degree from the Salmon P. Chase Law School in 1957, but continued working in insurance for several years. He took the bar exam in 1970 and opened an office in Sayler Park. He served as attorney and solicitor general for Cleves from 1975-1989.

**Guy N. Moore '51**, Frankfort, Ky., died May 27, 2004. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Church of the Ascension in Frank-

fort. He was a life member of the Keeneland Club, Frankfort Country Club, and Lions Club of Frankfort. An avid University of Kentucky football fan, he was active in the UK Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife, **Martha Townsend Moore '44**.

**John Kovac '53**, Leesburg, Fla., died May 29, 2004. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and later helped build a U.S. air base in Thule, Greenland. He spent most of his career working for food industry publications, including *Supermarket News* and *Progressive Grocer Magazine*. He was the editor and general manager of the *Thomas Grocery Register* in New York City for 18 years before his retirement.

**J. W. Cate Jr. '57**, St. Petersburg, Fla., died March 5, 2004. He was a retired minister of the Palm Lake Christian Church in St. Petersburg. He was active in his community, serving at various times as a city council member, vice-mayor, and president of the Greater St. Petersburg Association of Clergymen and the West St. Petersburg Exchange Club. Transylvania presented him with a Distinguished Achievement Award in 1986. Survivors include his wife, **Juliet Kalb Cate '55**, and daughter, **Andrea C. Cate '89**.

**Charlotte Ingram Pennington '59**, Maysville, Ky., died December 22, 2003. She worked for the Kentucky Employment Office and was a member of the First Christian Church of Maysville.

**Jerry D. Thomson '59**, Shepherdsville, Ky., died August 11, 2004. At Transylvania, he lettered in basketball and was a member of Key Club and Pep Club. He earned a master's degree in education from Western Kentucky University and worked for the Jefferson County Board of Education as a teacher, athletics director, and principal. Survivors include his wife, **Janet McGinnis Thomson '60**.

**Robert J. Wright '62**, Los Angeles, died May 28, 2004. He was a 28-year veteran of ABC Television public relations, having worked his way up from the company's Hollywood mailroom to vice president and west coast department head, the position he held from 1986 until his retirement in 1992. At ABC he handled publicity for series such as *Batman*, *The Fugitive*, *The Mod Squad*, and the *Academy Awards*, and television movies and mini-series, including *The Day After*, *North and South*, *Amerika*, and *War and Remembrance*. After retiring, he traveled extensively, sailing more than 245,000 nautical miles by cruise ship and visiting 107 countries.

**Webster L. Cowden '64**, Lexington, died August 20, 2004. He was the former president of Cowden Manufacturing, best known for producing jeans for Levi Straus, J.C. Penney, Sears, Liz Claiborne, and other retailers. He was also the former president of Tococo Company, an apparel manufacturer in Wilmore, Ky., and was the current owner

of QuaLex LCC, a specialty steel fabrication company in Georgetown. He was the past president and member of the board of the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center and was former chairman of the Bluegrass Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a conservation group. He was also a member of the Keeneland Club, Lexington Club, First Presbyterian Church, and Idle Hour Country Club.

**Carlene Urban Partelow '65**, The Villages, Fla., died December 16, 2003. She was a retired elementary school teacher for the Rock Hill, S.C., school district and was a member of the St. George Episcopal Church.

**Michael J. Walsh '65**, Louisville, died June 5, 2004. He taught in Jefferson County until his retirement in 2002, and received several awards and accreditations throughout his career, including a National Education Association Life Membership Certificate for Most Admired Teacher, Voice of Democracy Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Male High School Teacher of the Year. He inspired students in one political history class to launch a letter writing campaign concerning POWs and MIAs in Vietnam; the effort expanded nationwide, eventually collecting 10 million letters, which the U.S. Air Force flew to a conference in Paris. Survivors include his wife, **Patricia Duff Walsh '65**.

**Simeon W. Meigs '73**, Richmond, Va., died June 11, 2004. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and earned his law degree from the Marshall Wythe Law School in Williamsburg, Va. He was associated with the law firm of Parker, Pollard, and Brown in Richmond, and later with Erie Field Claims Insurance. He was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Richmond.

**Walter J. Oller Jr. '76**, Providence, R.I., died October 3, 2003. He earned a master's degree in English from Hollins College in Virginia, a master's degree in Arabic studies from New York University, a master's degree in library science from Queens College in New York, and a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern studies from NYU. He worked as a reference librarian for NYU's Bobst Library and as a bibliographer at Brown University's Joukowsky Family Middle Eastern Studies Library. He was a proficient musician, having mastered the flute, guitar, saxophone, and several other instruments.

■ 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.

***"If we're going to attract the most creative minds that are scientific in bent, we have to have the best workplace for them to learn."***

—A. Byron Young '61

As a physician and hospital administrator, Byron Young knows well the value of a modern laboratory environment for students in the sciences. That's why he is chairing the alumni campaign for renovation of the lab space in Brown Science Center. No major renovation has been done to the labs since the building's opening in 1970.

*"In large part, we are as successful as we are because of our Transylvania education," says Young. "Considering the benefit we received from that experience, we owe it to the University to support the younger generation's education by making Transy the best it can possibly be. One way of doing that is by investing in this very necessary and overdue renovation of laboratory space in the Brown Science Center."*

*A. Byron Young is chief of staff; chief, Division of Neurosurgery; and associate dean of clinical affairs at the University of Kentucky Hospital.*

**A pressing need**

Brown Science lab space must be redone in essential ways to create an environment that supports modern teaching and learning methods, which include the integration of lectures and lab work as well as collaborative research and experiments by students. The cost of a comprehensive upgrade of the Brown Science labs is estimated at \$7 million, according to engineering and architectural analysis.

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### First NCAA Division III tournament game at Transy



Head men's soccer coach Brandon Bowman, left, and soccer coordinator Parviz Zartoshty address the team during a first-round NCAA men's national soccer tournament game against Allegheny College, hosted by Transylvania at Thomas Field. *Inset*, senior defender Albert Gross makes a play on the ball. The game marked the first NCAA post-season appearance by a Pioneer team since Transy's Division III membership was formally approved in August. Allegheny won the game in a 4-3 shootout after the teams had battled to a double-overtime scoreless tie. Transy finished the season with a 15-1-4 record. Top Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference awards went to Pioneer senior sweeper Jon Kincheloe as Player of the Year and to Bowman as Coach of the Year. *Photos by Joseph Rey Au*