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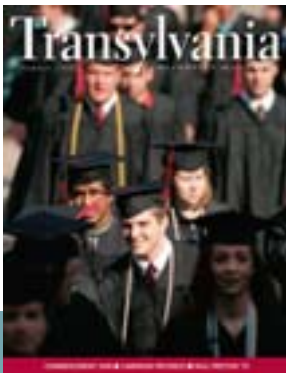
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Nick Spurlock, an accounting major from Olive Branch, Miss., was among 247 graduates (second largest in Transylvania history) at commencement 2006.

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Faculty receive Bingham Awards, promotions for teaching excellence



■ Physical education professor Don Lane talks with a student using equipment in the Beck Fitness Center.



■ French professor Brian Arganbright lectures in France during the May term 2003 course Transy's Tour de France.

The outstanding classroom teaching of two Transylvania professors has been recognized with Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The college also granted tenure and promotions to five other faculty members.

Physical education professor Don Lane and French professor Brian Arganbright received Bingham Awards, which are accompanied by annual salary supplements for five years. A committee of outside educators selects Bingham Award winners based on classroom visits, essays submitted by candidates, and student evaluations.

"These two professors teach very different subjects, but they share a commitment to excellence in all aspects of their work with students," said Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard. "Don Lane has been guiding Transy students for over 30 years, in the classroom and on the basketball court. Brian Arganbright is a more recent addition to the faculty, but his expertise in French literature has greatly enriched our foreign languages program."

Don Lane came to Transylvania in 1972 after earning a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. Throughout his years as head men's basketball coach and athletics director, Lane maintained a strong presence in the classroom, teaching at various times practically every course in the physical education curriculum.

Retiring from coaching in 2001 gave Lane more time to research topics and read about new developments in his field, which has increased his agility in the classroom.

"I really believe in the teachable moment," Lane said. "One question at the beginning of the class might change what I want to focus on for that day.

I've been able to do that a lot more in the last five years because I've had the energy and I've had more time to prepare for each course."

As a full-time professor, Lane has also been able to serve as an adviser to more students than he had in the past. Watching students grow over their four years at Transy has been one of the most rewarding parts of teaching for Lane.

"It's great to see students at the beginning in an intro course and then later on in an upper-level course like Health Promotions or Athletic Administration," he said. "You can tell a real difference in the way they write, speak, and carry themselves."

Transylvania had previously recognized Lane's achievements with the Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and induction into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2002. Lane guided the men's basketball team to 25 winning seasons and appearances in six NAIA and three NCAA post-season tournaments, and his commitment to academics resulted in 92 of 97 four-year players earning a degree.

Brian Arganbright joined the Transylvania faculty in 2001, having earned a Ph.D. in French literature from New York University.

Coauthor of a workbook for the film-based French textbook *Débuts*, Arganbright is now working on a textbook for students taking advanced French grammar and composition. He wants to create a learning system that will engage students in intellectual conversations about issues affecting French-speaking cultures, a departure from traditional textbooks which focus on more generalized topics related to Parisian French.

"What I'm trying to do with this book is to encourage students to think about the French

language not simply as the language of France, but as a language that is spoken all over the world, from Martinique to Asia and Africa."

Arganbright has involved Transylvania students in research for the book. One student assisted him in creating and distributing a survey to 70 university professors teaching advanced French courses. In the summer of 2005, Arganbright and two students traveled to Quebec with assistance from a Kenan Grant. The students conducted interviews concerning language, culture, and history, and recorded conversations to provide natural speech patterns that could be modeled in the textbook.

Arganbright teaches all levels of French at Transylvania, and team-taught the special topics course Transy's Tour de France, which took students on cycling journeys through the south of France in May term 2003 and 2006. No matter what the course, Arganbright strives to help students derive something personally meaningful from their studies.

"I don't want students thinking of the French I and II classes as just an obligation," he said. "I try to help them realize that this is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn the basics of a language and that by learning another language, they can discover new things about themselves and their own culture."

Promotions and tenure

Tenure and promotion to associate professor have been granted to English professor Martha Billips and education professor Kathy Egner. Biology professor Kathleen Jagger has received tenure, and history professor Ken Slepian and art professor Nancy Wolsk have been promoted to full professor.



Hurricane expert Kerry Emanuel to deliver Kenan lecture October 10

"Statistical nonsense." That's what Kerry Emanuel calls the often-stated idea that global warming is to blame for a single devastating storm like Hurricane Katrina. Emanuel has, however, gathered evidence that rising sea surface temperatures have led to more frequent and intense Atlantic storms in recent decades.

The professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the world's leading authorities on hurricanes will explain his theories October 10 as part of Transylvania's Kenan Lecture series. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

Emanuel also will meet with students October 10-11.

Emanuel's paper, "Increasing destructiveness of tropical cyclones over the past 30 years," was published in the journal *Nature* in August 2005, three weeks before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

His book, *Divine Wind*, takes a liberal arts approach to the study of hurricanes, weaving together a scientific account of some of the most important hurricanes on record with stories of how those storms



altered history by thwarting military incursions and changing the course of explorations, as well as their influence on art and literature. A 17th-century hurricane, for example, likely inspired Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and led to the British colonization of Bermuda. *Divine Wind* was named one of the Top 20 Science Books of 2005 by *Discover* magazine.

The Kenan Lecture Series is funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.

Lilly Project receives sustainability grant

Lectures by scholars and authors Karen Armstrong, Marcus Borg, Paula Fredriksen, Jonathan Kozol, James Loewen, and Parker Palmer. A symposium for college and university administrators and faculty members on equipping students for leadership. Student shadowships with church leaders. Staff vocation workshops.

Those are just a handful of examples of programs the Transylvania Lilly Project has sponsored over the past five years.

Those types of programs will continue for the next three years thanks to a \$454,000 sustainability grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. Transylvania is one of 37 schools to receive a grant.

The project will retain its original goals of encouraging a campus ethos that invites conversations on vocation, identifying and nurturing the next generation of ordained and lay church leaders, and strengthening existing church-related partnerships.

"The college experience is the ideal time to explore issues of meaning, purpose, and wholeness, and our project uniquely frames these issues for students," said program director Charisse Gillett. "We'll work closely with faculty members, because they are the primary interpreters of campus culture, and they serve as mentors to students."

The project also will focus on student life, according to Gillett, because the residential community provides a unique opportunity for self-exploration and discovery.

"We'll be working to institutionalize, fund, and benefit from the life of the grant," said Paul Jones, religion professor and Lilly Project director. "The Lilly programs enrich and expand Transylvania's tradition of

liberal arts excellence. We want to encourage the ongoing conversation with our students and enable them to reflect intentionally and experience broadly their values and passions as related to their vocational choices."

Faculty members like Martha Gehringer, instructor in writing, rhetoric, and communication and director of the Writing Center, have embraced the Lilly Project's vision and welcome its continuation. She used Lilly funds for travel and outside speakers to enhance a Foundations of the Liberal Arts course titled Vocations in 2003 and 2006, and for another FLA course titled Trading Spaces that explored how we occupy space and resulted in renovation of the campus Writing Center.

"The Lilly Project's emphasis is not practical decisions about jobs, but more about what a person can contribute—the talents we can use and choices we can make," said Gehringer.

Steve Pratt, a senior biology major and education minor from Dallas, remembers the Vocations course as a defining moment in his life. "I had already decided to become a teacher, but this class made me less scared about it," he said.

After reading *Jayber Crow*, Wendell Berry's novel about a man who found his calling as a small town barber, Pratt decided to learn how to cut hair as an avenue to get to know people.

"I realized that my Transylvania experience wasn't going to be a time to just pour lots of knowledge into my head," he said. "I also started asking big questions and using my education to learn, adapt, and continually emerge from one level to the next."

Goan named admissions director



Bradley L. Goan

has been named director of admissions, effective August 15. He replaces Sarah Coen, who resigned in March to join Noel-Levitz, a national enrollment management consulting firm. Deana Ison '95, senior associate director of admissions, has been serving as interim director.

Goan has served as director of the Robinson Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky and as assistant director of undergraduate admission at UK. He received a B.A. in history from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and an M.A. in history from UK.

"Brad brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to this position, and Transylvania is fortunate to have him join our admissions efforts," said President Charles L. Shearer.

Goan said he is impressed with Transylvania's heritage of providing exceptional undergraduate education. "I'm excited to join the Transylvania team, and I look forward to working with students and their families as they make their college choices."

Coen had been at Transylvania for six years and helped generate record enrollments and rising academic quality of incoming students. "Sarah Coen was a tremendous asset to Transylvania, always exhibiting a professional and enthusiastic attitude toward her work," said Shearer.

'Transylvania on Broadway' revives musicals on campus

Musicals present a broad range of challenges, from selecting cast members and assembling musicians to constructing sets and sewing costumes, but a determined group of Transylvania students decided to take on the multitude of responsibilities and produce *Godspell* in March.

"We definitely didn't know what we were getting ourselves into," said senior Diana Vetter, an applied music major who spearheaded the project. "But after the

show premiered, we got nothing but positive feedback, which was really exciting."

The idea for the musical originated with Vetter, who recruited fellow seniors and applied music majors Ann Sterrett and Elise Davis, as well as junior drama major Nathan Veazey, for the project. The students were eager to participate in a musical, as one hadn't been produced at Transylvania since they came to the University. To organize their efforts, the students formed Transylvania on Broadway.

The production was entirely student led, with Vetter and Veazey serving as co-directors, though the group did receive advice from drama professors Tim Soulis and Mark Krause, and Mitchell Fine Arts facility director and technical coordinator Devon Query. The musical had a 10-member cast, and about 20 other students worked on the production crew or performed with the band.

The demands of rehearsals, vocal training, and technical issues were exhausting, but the difficulties brought everyone involved with the production together, Vetter said.

"Everybody got so close. There were so many friendships made, not just within the cast, but with directors and the band as well. I'd never experienced that close of a connection with any other group."



■ Erik Weber, Andrew Califf, and Brittney Congleton perform a scene from *Godspell* in the Little Theater.

Senior Challenge provides scholarship

The class of 2006 will help finance incoming student Brooke Bell's Transylvania education by providing her with the Senior Challenge scholarship. Graduates contributed a record amount of more than \$21,000 to fund the scholarship. At press time, 176 seniors—74 percent of the class—had made a gift or pledge.

"I had the opportunity to work with the alumni phonathon team and learn how important it is to be an active alumnus by giving back to Transylvania," said Betty Megan Barber of Prestonsburg, Ky., co-chair of the Senior Challenge Committee. "Senior Challenge was a chance to increase my peers' awareness of the importance of giving, and also create the habit of giving."

Other co-chairs of the Senior Challenge Committee were Kelsey Blankenship, Lexington; Bryan Conover, Elizabethtown, Ky.;

and Brandon Daulton, Somerset, Ky. They hosted several events to promote the program, culminating with a banquet the week before commencement.

Bell, a native of Campbellsville, Ky., and a graduate of Campbellsville High School, was chosen to receive the scholarship based on her academic accomplishments, school and community involvement, and potential to become a student leader at Transylvania. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Young Historians, Future Business Leaders of America, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also was yearbook editor, swim team manager, and a volunteer for the Taylor County Relay for Life.



■ Brooke Bell



■ Sally Brown received an honorary degree from Transylvania in 2000.

Brown featured in KET documentary

Transylvania Board of Trustees life member Sara "Sally" Shallenberger Brown was featured in a Kentucky Educational Television documentary titled *Sally Brown: Force of Nature* that chronicled her life of worldwide advocacy and support of the environment and preservation that she continues to this day at age 95.

Among the highlights of her activism were representing the United States at the United Nations Conference on World Population in 1974 and 1984, working with former President Jimmy Carter to expand the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge, and supporting the preservation of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Kentucky.

President Charles L. Shearer appears in the documentary, which aired in April, testifying to the important role Brown has played in the affairs of the University. His comments come after the narrator, actress Joanne Woodward, says, "Sally has provided leadership and support to distinguished institutions such as Kentucky's Transylvania and Bellarmine universities and Yale's School of Forestry..."

"Just being with her, I know that I have an advocate at my side," comments Shearer. "She has the ability and the insight to go to the heart of an issue. She brings that keen intellect and inquiring intellect which enables her to understand the mission of a small liberal arts college like Transylvania."

Brown also serves on Transylvania's Bingham Board of Trust. The University presented her with an honorary degree in 2000 for her support of conservation in Kentucky and her involvement with the University, and the Transylvania Medal in 2002 for her support of the college.

Transylvania trustees Alex G. Campbell Jr. and David Jones also appear in the documentary.

Hurricane relief efforts prove gratifying

For Oluwaseye Awoniyi, spending her spring break in New Orleans with a Campus Crusade for Christ group helping hurricane victims rebuild their lives was not the first time she had seen people living under trying conditions.

"My family is originally from Nigeria and I've seen people in need before," the sophomore English major said. "I've seen people there on the street who have nothing."

But the experiences she had in New Orleans were something new in her life, in both a negative and positive way. The breadth of the destruction she saw was almost overwhelming, but the opportunity for a personal connection with those she was helping was unusual and gratifying.

"It was weird, because I had seen it all on the news, and here we were months later, all the water was gone, but the destruction was still there," she said. "We helped a man, his family, and his workers rebuild

clothing, food, and other necessities.

Kromer was as taken aback as Awoniyi at the devastation he saw.

"I was just shocked. On the house we were working on, we had to tear all of the drywall out because it had so much black mold behind it. We had been told not to be discouraged if we thought we were just one person and not making much of a difference, but when we talked with the family we were helping, we could tell we were making a difference. It was a great feeling to know that."

Karen Anderson, coordinator of community service and leadership for Transy, spent her time in Ocean Springs helping to prepare meals for as many 150 volunteers at breakfast and 200 for dinner. That made for long days—usually from about 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. She also helped coordinate students working in the distribution center and in FEMA processing.

"It sounds like menial labor, and certainly it is, but it's the people we served that made it all worthwhile," said Anderson. "If we stopped for gas in town and everybody piled out of the van to buy sodas, random people would just walk up and say thank you for being here."

A third group of four Transy students traveled to Port Arthur, Tex., with a program called Week of Compassion, organized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They were joined by students from the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University.

Emily Cox, a first-year psychology and religion double major, was glad she went to Texas instead of the more publicized Louisiana and Mississippi disaster areas.

"So much focus has been on New Orleans, but there are other places where the hurricane hit just as badly and that have a lot of damage," she said. "The destruction was still pretty apparent in Port Arthur."

Cox and her classmates helped clear debris from homeowners' yards, put a new roof on a house, and removed floor tile from a church that had seen water damage. "Once that roof was finished, it was awesome," she said. "I'd love to go do it again."

Taking part in volunteer programs like this year's hurricane relief effort was old hat to some Transy students, but for Awoniyi it was the first taste of an experience she'd like more of. "I definitely know how to spend my spring breaks and fall breaks from now on."



■ Junior Haley Riney helps rehabilitate a home in Ocean Springs, Miss.

their home and nursery business, and on the last day a worker named Mike was in tears just thanking us for being there."

Awoniyi was among three groups of Transylvania students, faculty, and staff who spent their spring break at destinations affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

John Kromer, a sophomore chemistry major, went to Ocean Springs, Miss., along with 28 classmates, one faculty member, and three staff members, on a Transy Alternative Spring Break trip coordinated by Break-Away, a national community service organization. The group helped rehabilitate homes, prepare meals, document victims for Federal Emergency Management Agency relief, and staff a distribution center for

Board members elected

Four new board members were elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees at the May board meeting.

Glen Bagby '66 is an attorney with the Lexington law firm Woodward, Hobson & Fulton LLP. In addition to being a loyal donor to Transylvania and an active member of the Alumni Association, he has shown a keen interest in the affairs of the University since his graduation.

Antony Beck is president of Gainesway Farm in Lexington and a graduate of London University in England. He brings a wide range of interests to the board, including a strong commitment to education.

Angela Logan Edwards '91 is an attorney with the Louisville law firm Woodward, Hobson & Fulton LLP. She recently served as president of the Alumni Executive Board and has been an active participant in the Alumni Association since her graduation.

Laura Rechter Harper '84 is involved with the Rogers Group, Inc., in Hopkinsville, Ky., a family business that supplies materials for road construction. She recently served on the Alumni Executive Board and has been a loyal donor to her alma mater.

History preservation efforts recognized

The Lexington History Museum received the President's Award of Excellence, the highest award presented by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, at an awards program held March 4 in Frankfort, Ky. The annual award recognizes the most outstanding museum or history organization in the state. Transylvania Board of Trustees member James F. Glenn serves as chairman of the museum's board, Stephen G. Amato '87 serves as vice chairman, and Judy Cowgill '64 and James Millard '71 are members of the board.

The Riverview at Hobson Grove, a historic home in Bowling Green, Ky., received three certificates of commendation at the awards program. Sam Terry '86 is executive director of the organization that supports the preservation of the home.

Ebel named athletics director



Jack Ebel '77, Transylvania's long-time swimming and diving coach and former tennis coach, was named director of athletics in April. He replaces Ted Kinder, who resigned in February.

Ebel has been associated with Transylvania as a student, teacher, administrator, and coach for more than three decades. He headed the first Transy swim team in 1978 and coached it continuously until April. He also coached men's and women's tennis and began the school's highly successful summer All-Sports Camps.

"I'm delighted to have Jack as our athletics director," said President Charles L. Shearer. "He is a long-time and valued member of the Transy family who has influ-

enced the lives of numerous student-athletes. He will bring that unique perspective to his new role, along with a great vision for the future of athletics at Transylvania."

Ebel, who holds a master's degree in education from Georgetown College, was inducted into the Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame last spring. He was named NAIA national swim Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2000 and the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Coach of the Year in 2003. He coached 74 All-American swimmers. As head tennis coach from 1979-2000, he had over 500 team tennis wins.

Ebel also served as assistant director of the William T. Young Campus Center and formerly taught physical education.

"I am greatly flattered by the trust Dr. Shearer and Transylvania have placed in me," said Ebel. "While it's difficult for me to give up coaching, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with all of our student-athletes."

Ebel will head an athletics program that includes 16 intercollegiate teams and approximately 250 student-athletes. He will also be responsible for oversight of the intramural program.

Todd named head women's basketball coach



■ Greg Todd

Greg Todd, the highly successful coach of two Kentucky high school girls' basketball programs, has been named head women's basketball coach at Transylvania. He replaces Mark Turner '77, who resigned last October.

Todd was head coach at Lexington Catholic High School the past seven seasons, compiling a record of 225-26 and winning three Kentucky High School Athletic Association championships. In seven years at Berea High School, he posted seven 20-win seasons in a row and took the school to a Sweet Sixteen semi-final appearance in 1998. His career record at Berea was 166-54, giving him an overall coaching record of 391-80 (.830).

"We are very pleased to have Greg join our family here at Transylvania," said Athletics Director Jack Ebel '77. "We have a long tradition of winning basketball, and Greg has been a winner at every stop of his career. He is a familiar face in the Kentucky high school basketball community, and we believe he has all the skills necessary to be a highly

successful coach at the college level."

Todd is the only coach in Kentucky to have led his team to seven appearances in the Final Four of the KHSAA Sweet 16 and is the all-time leader in career Sweet Sixteen victories with 22.

After leading Lexington Catholic to a 35-1 record and its second consecutive state championship last season, Todd was named national Coach of the Year by EA Sports. Over the past two seasons the Lady Knights were 71-2 and ranked third and sixth nationally by *USA Today*, the highest rankings ever for a Kentucky high school. Todd was the Associated Press Kentucky Coach of the Year for the 2004-05 season.

"I'm elated about becoming the head women's basketball coach at Transylvania," said Todd. "Transy is a great school with an outstanding tradition, and I'm very honored to be a part of the family here. We have a nice nucleus of players coming back next year, and I expect us to hit the ground running."

Student-athletes honored for skills, academics, leadership

Softball star Holly Gibson and basketball standout Bryan Howard were named female and male Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual athletics awards ceremony in May. Special awards for academic excellence and leadership were also presented.

Gibson, a senior from Greenfield, Ind., was the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Year for 2006, when she set Transy season records by hitting .534 and driving in 55 runs. Her play helped lead the Pioneers to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Championships.

Howard, a senior from Lexington, was a three-time selection to the All-Heartland Conference team. His 1,118 career points place him at No. 31 on Transy's all-time list. As a team captain, he helped the Pioneers

make the NCAA Division III Championships and advance to the Elite Eight, both for the first time.

Daryl Swartzentruber, a senior from Talbert, Ky., and a three-year member of the men's ten-

nis team, won the George H. Stopp Award as the student-athlete with the highest grade point average over a four-year career. He was a Dean's List student and two-time All-HCAC academic team selection.

Georgia Sims, a senior from Nashville, won the Senior Leadership Award. She was a Dean's List student every semester and is the only player to have participated in each of the four years of the volleyball program's most recent existence.



■ From left, Daryl Swartzentruber, Bryan Howard, Georgia Sims, and Holly Gibson

Softball makes NCAA tournament

The softball team topped off another sterling season by winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament and qualifying for the NCAA Division III Softball Tournament, both for the first time in the program's history.

The Pioneers had a season record of 32-12, including first place in the HCAC regular season chase with a 12-2 conference mark. It was the fourth straight season with at least 20 wins and the fourth overall with 30 or more.

Along the way, head coach Kelley Anderson achieved the 200th win of her Transy career with a 4-1 decision over Centre College on March 5.

After splitting a doubleheader

with Centre to open the season, Transy headed to Fort Myers, Fla., over spring break to play in the Gene Cusic Classic. Taking on schools from the Midwest and East, the Pioneers were 6-4 in Florida, including wins over Albion College and Bowdoin College.

Transy defeated Hanover, the College of Mount St. Joseph, and Anderson University to reach the finals of the HCAC tournament, played in Indianapolis. The Pioneers then took down Anderson 6-1 for the second time in the double-elimination tourney to win the crown. That earned the team the HCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship.

The Pioneers, ranked 25th

nationally, traveled to Salem, Va., to take on Piedmont College in their NCAA debut. After a loss to the Lions, Transy regrouped to defeat Hood College 5-1 before losing to Roanoke College 5-1 in its season finale.

Senior first baseman Holly Gibson was named the HCAC Most Valuable Player after leading the team in hitting with a .534 average, 63 hits, and seven home runs. Her batting average and 55 RBI set single season school records. Her league-leading HCAC batting average was .588, and she was a conference player of the week twice.

Transy placed four other players on the All-HCAC team. Junior shortstop Andrea Fitzpatrick batted .399 and had 56 hits, and first-year third baseman Jessica Broadhead hit .396 with 58 hits. Senior pitcher Amy Meikel was 14-5 with a 1.82 ERA and first-year pitcher/outfielder Heather Metzger finished 11-2 with a 1.11 ERA and a .336 batting average. Metzger, Fitzpatrick, and junior pitcher/outfielder Lyndsey Mayberry were HCAC players of the week.

Gibson and Fitzpatrick were also named to the Louisville Slugger NCAA Division III All-Central Region first team, sponsored by the National Fastpitch

Coaches Association, and Broadhead and Metzger made the second team. Junior second baseman/outfielder Jessica Holoman was named to the CoSIDA-ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV College Division softball second team.



■ Senior first baseman/outfielder Holly Gibson hits against Roanoke College in the NCAA tournament in Salem, Va.



Accounting professor Judy Jones was a member of the Transy Peaches, named after the Rockford Peaches World War II era women's baseball team made famous by the movie *A League of Their Own*, starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis. Faculty and staff members threw ceremonial first pitches at home games for the softball team.

Swim teams take third in Bluegrass Mountain Conference meet

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams capped their seasons by combining to take third place overall in the Bluegrass Mountain Conference championship.

Entering the meet as defending champions, the men's team finished second and the women were fourth. Washington & Lee University was the men's titlist, while Johns Hopkins University took the women's crown. The Savannah School of Art & Design was the overall winner.

Transy placed eight men and seven women on the All-Bluegrass Mountain Conference team.

On the men's side, senior Aaron Cooper and his brother, sophomore Chris Cooper, led the way with all-conference performances in three events. Aaron was fourth in the 200-yard backstroke and sixth in both the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke. Chris took third in the 100 breaststroke, fifth in the 200 individual medley, and sixth in the 200 breaststroke.

Also making all-conference as swimmers were first-year students Carl Rueff and Ben Mullen, sophomore Kyle Libra, and senior Chris Rose. First-year student Richmond Bramblet and senior Brandon Daulton were all-conference divers.

For the women, sophomore Jessica Boyer was fourth in both the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle, while junior Courtney Johnson (1,000 freestyle), senior Jill Taylor (100 freestyle), and first-year swimmer Monica Hagan (200 fly) finished sixth in their respective events. First-year student Elizabeth Lykins, senior Elizabeth Dickerson, and sophomore Ashley Koch made all-conference as divers.

Billy Bradford was the diving coach and Jack Ebel '77 was the swimming coach. Ebel stepped down at the end of the season to become Transy's new athletics director.

Baseball plays in HCAC tournament for first time

The baseball Pioneers qualified for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament for the first time in school history and won 20 games for just the third time since baseball was revived as a varsity sport in 1996.

Under new head coach Jan Weisberg, Transy completed a 21-22 season, including a second place regular season finish in the HCAC with a 10-11 mark. The Pioneers enjoyed a spring break trip to Florida to play in the Tampa Bay Invitational, during which the Pioneers were 5-1 with wins over Dickinson College, Rhode Island College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, St. Mary's Col-

lege, and Husson College.

Transy won its first game in the HCAC tournament, an 11-0 romp over Anderson University, to advance to the winner's bracket in the double elimination event. The Pioneers then lost to eventual tournament champion College of Mount St. Joseph and Manchester College. Mount St. Joseph won the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship, and Manchester received an at-large bid.

A highlight of the regular season was a 14-9 win over Centre College in the second annual Transy-Centre Baseball Challenge at Lexington's Applebee's Park. This was the

second win for the Pioneers over the Colonels in this showcase for Division III college baseball.

Junior infielder Bryan Vasse was Transy's leading hitter for the season with a .393 average and 59 hits, followed by sophomore outfielder Mitch Kuczek at .374 and 52. Senior infielder Jim Wood was third best in hits with 50 and batted .325. All three players were named to the All-HCAC first team.

Senior pitcher Brandon Cunningham led the pitching staff with a 6-3 record, followed by first-year player Derrick Wyatt at 3-2 and sophomore Ben Luking at 4-4.

Men's basketball makes Elite Eight of NCAA Division III tourney

The men's basketball team went where no Pioneers had gone before, winning their way into the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Championship while finishing the season with a sparkling 27-5 record, second best in Transy history.

Transy won the regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a 12-2 record, then captured the HCAC tournament crown to earn the league's automatic bid to the NCAA championship. The Pioneers advanced past the first round of a national tournament for the first time in school history, winning three games before falling to host Wittenberg College in the Elite Eight. Transy was ranked seventh in the nation at season's end.

"It was a very special season," said head coach Brian Lane '90, who was named HCAC Coach of the Year for the second straight year and regional Co-Coach of the Year by D3hoops.com. "It would have been nice to get to Salem (Va.) for the Final Four, but our team, and especially our seniors, gave it a good run. They've set the bar at a high level for future seasons."

After defeating Defiance Col-

lege in a first-round HCAC tournament game, Transy hosted the tourney semifinals and finals in the Beck Center, where capacity crowds created a charged atmosphere.

Senior guard Marc Bain put on a sensational shooting performance against the College of Mount St. Joseph in the semifinals, electrifying the crowd by nailing four three-point shots in the space of two-and-a-half minutes near game's end to rally the Pioneers past the Lions 83-79. A convincing 63-48 win over Franklin College in the title game put Transy into the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time.

The atmosphere in the Beck Center got more intense the next weekend as Transy hosted first and second round games in the NCAA tournament. The Pioneers dispatched Bethany College 75-56 in the first game, then outlasted No. 5 College of Wooster in a 91-88 thriller to advance to sectional play.

Transy ran past Mississippi College 76-64 to set up an Elite Eight showdown with host Wittenberg. The Pioneers came up short in their bid to make the Final Four, falling to the Tigers

74-61 to close out a historic season.

Among the seniors, Bain led the team with 66 made three-pointers while forward/center Matt Finke tied with guard/forward Bryan Howard for scoring honors at 13.1 points per game.

Robert Pendleton directed the show at point guard and added 7.4 points a game, while guards Tyler Smithhart, Adam Cole, and Ryan Atwell played well in reserve roles.

Junior forward Joey Searle was the fourth leading scorer with 11.2 points a game and led the team in rebounding with 5.7 a game. He was joined on the All-HCAC first team by Finke and Howard, while Pendleton was an honorable mention selection. Bain was the Most Valuable Player of the HCAC tournament and joined Howard on the NCAA All-Sectional team. Finke was also named to the All-Midwest

Region third team.

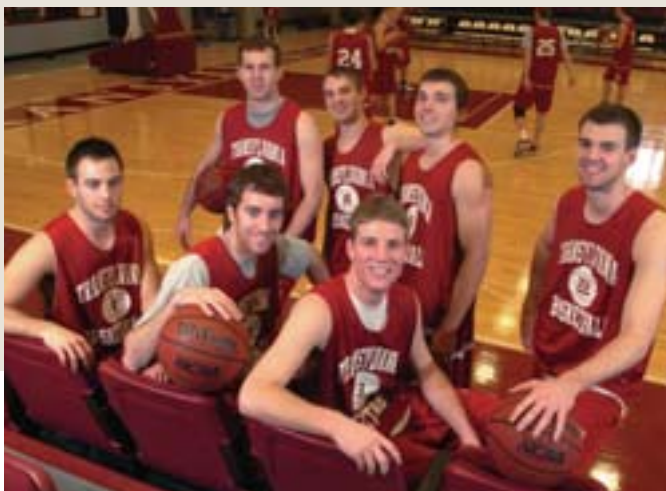
Finke and Howard both made Transy's career 1,000-point club. Finke finished with 1,319 points, good for 21st on the list, and Howard had 1,118 for 31st.

"This group of seven seniors evolved over four years of playing together and got better and better with each passing season," said Lane. "Any way that you can describe team chemistry—unselfish, trusting, knowing each other's moves—you could put that tag on this group."

Lane said the team aimed high from the first day of practice.

"We talked about not only getting into the NCAA tournament, but about taking a really deep run. We showed that we can reach a very high level here at Transy, but we don't want this to be a one-time deal. We want to compete for a conference championship and post-season play every year."

■ Transy's seniors played four years together. Seated, from left: Tyler Smithhart, Robert Pendleton, Marc Bain. Standing: Matt Finke, Adam Cole, Bryan Howard, Ryan Atwell.



David Perry/Lexington Herald-Leader

Men's tennis continues winning ways

It was more of the same for the men's tennis team this season as the Pioneers continued their phenomenal winning ways by capturing their fourth straight Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season title and tournament championship.

Led by head coach Chuck Brown, the Pioneers were 12-2 for the year, including a 6-0 mark in conference play, and extended their regular season winning streak against HCAC opponents to 25 matches.

A highlight of the regular season was a spring break trip to Orlando, where Transy went 5-0, defeating Millsaps College, Lake Forest College, Stevens Tech, Wisconsin-Lacrosse, and Simpson College. The Pioneers' two losses came against No. 26 University of the South-Sewanee and Rhodes College.

In the conference tournament, played at the Indianapolis Tennis Center, senior Jody Mitchell led the way for Transy by winning the No. 1 singles title and earning the HCAC Most Valuable Player award. In other singles play, junior Parker Gregory won the No. 2 crown, senior Matt Clayton won at No. 3, junior Josh Niehaus captured the No. 4 title, and junior Tim Atkinson was the No. 5

champion. Mitchell teamed with Clayton to repeat as No. 1 doubles winners. Those five players were joined by first-year Pioneer Kyle Herren on the All-HCAC team.

Brown was voted the HCAC's Coach of the Year for the fourth straight time, then was named Southern Division College Coach of the Year by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association. The USPTA award goes to an NCAA Division I, II, or III coach or to an NAIA or NJCAA school who is also a certified tennis professional. The southern division comprises schools from Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

"We've had a great run, but I look for even better things next year when our conference champion earns an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championships," said Brown.

Men's golf second in HCAC

Four tournament titles and a second-place finish in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, plus lofty regional and national rankings, were the highlights of a successful season for the men's golf team.

Under the direction of head coach Brian Lane '90, the Pioneers posted an overall

record of 191-33 and rose as high as 23rd in the national rankings before finishing the season at No. 31. Transy climbed to No. 3 in regional rankings, while falling just short of notching its first NCAA post-season tournament berth.

"I'm very proud of the success our players had this year," said Lane. "They showed they can consistently play at a high level and compete among elite teams."

In the HCAC tournament at Seymour, Ind., Transy trailed four-time defending champion Franklin College by a single stroke after the first round before capturing second place at 597, just 10 shots behind Franklin. The Grizzlies' 587 total set a tournament record.

Transy sophomore Corey Maggard was tied for the individual lead with a 70 after round one, then added a 75 to tie for second place at 145. Another Transy sophomore, Greg Turcotte, also tied for the first round lead at 70, then added a 78 to finish in a tie for fifth. Both players were named to the All-HCAC team, and Maggard was a conference Player of the Week.

Sophomore Alex Rehtin and first-year player Bradley Sutherland were named to the All-Great Lakes Region team by the Golf Coaches Association. Sutherland was also named regional Freshman of the Year.

Women's basketball fifth in HCAC

Beginning the season as the No. 2 pick in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, the women's basketball team made a nice early run in conference play before slipping at season's end to finish 8-17 overall, including a 6-8 HCAC record, good for fifth place.

The Pioneers had to deal with an unexpected coaching change just before the season began as veteran head coach Mark Turner '77 decided to step down after 18 seasons at the helm. Jill Meiring, Turner's top assistant, took over as interim head coach and had the Pioneers headed in the right direction with a 6-4 early conference record.

Dealing with the coaching change and injuries to several key players left the Pioneers shorthanded as the season wound down. It resulted in the

first sub-.500 season for the Transy women in 15 years.

"I think it would have been a difficult season for us regardless of the coaching situation," said Meiring. "We lost three All-HCAC guards from last season. Haley Riney, Cindy Beavin, and Jessica Hanson fought injuries, and that was hard to overcome against the caliber of teams on our schedule."

Transy opened conference play with a win over Defiance College and won five more HCAC games before losing the final five games of the season. The last loss came at Anderson University in the first round of the HCAC tournament, a game in which Transy trailed by just two points at half-time before falling 69-59.

Offensively, the Pioneers were an extremely balanced team, with six players providing most

of the scoring punch. Riney, a junior guard, lead the team with 9.89 points per game. Sophomore forward Jessica Gilbert was at 9.56, and Beavin, a junior guard, hit for 9.5. Promising first-year guard Jackie Distler was at 8.24, junior Hanson scored 7.96 from the forward position, and junior guard Rachel Wilson was at 7.8.

Beavin, Hanson, and Riney were All-HCAC honorable mention while Distler made the All-Freshman team.

With no graduating seniors on this year's squad, Meiring will join with new head coach Greg Todd to lead an experienced Transy team next season. "We don't lose anybody next year, and I think it could be a really good season for us."



■ Junior guard Cindy Beavin drives against Centre College in a December 6 game in the Beck Center.



Expanding the

Speaker offers advice for confronting a tumultuous world

BY KATHERINE C. PEARL

A bright spring sun warmed the lawn of historic Old Morrison as 247 seniors, the second largest graduating class in Transylvania's 226-year history, eagerly awaited the conferment of their bachelor of arts degrees on May 27.

While seniors, their families, and friends enjoyed the pleasant weather, commencement speaker John K. Roth encouraged them to always be mindful of the "hurricane" of destructive forces in the world, from terrorism and human rights abuses to environmental challenges and corruption in business and government.

Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College and a world renowned scholar of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights,

drew his hurricane metaphor from philosopher Philip Hallie, who also noted the pale blue sky at the eye of the hurricane, and made it his life's mission to "expand the blue." Roth went on to reference Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*, in which the narrator advises his son that "history could make a stone weep" but that the world also offers "more beauty than our eyes can bear." In summation, Roth offered a message of hope and perseverance, incorporating words from Hallie and Robinson, along with poet William Stafford and musician Josh Ritter.

"Don't forget that you live in the hurricane, but make your life's song one that expands the blue," he said. "Be that kind of person here and wherever you go as you

leave this place. As you listen well for the next things to happen, care for the precious things that have been put into your hands. Use the leverage that is yours now, and that will be yours increasingly, to be brave and useful, especially in disarming those who aim guns loaded with darkness. Let your lives be a balm in Gilead so that history will be less likely to make stones weep if they could."

Student speaker Lee Eachus, an anthropology major from Maysville, Ky., saluted Transylvania's distinguished faculty and reflected on the lessons learned both in the classroom and through interaction with classmates.

"Though I wish you congratulations and good luck, I cannot help but hope



blue

■ Lindsey Powell, front, and Julie Potter during the processional

that the things which have weakened each of us, have taught us to persevere, and have brought us to the edge only to nurse us back to sanity, stay somewhere close by," Eachus said. "It is those things we have seen others suffer and have tolerated ourselves that teach us, the Transylvania University class of 2006, that, without clouds, we have no way to know how good the sunshine feels." ■



■ Student speaker Lee Eachus



■ From left, Chairman of the Board of Trustees William T. Young Jr., Byron Young '61, John K. Roth, and President Charles L. Shearer.

Commencement speaker and distinguished alumnus awarded honorary degrees

John K. Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College and a world renowned scholar of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of his career as a teacher and scholar and his service to Transylvania.

Roth, who earned his undergraduate degree from Pomona College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University, founded the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights at Claremont McKenna. In 2001, he held the Koerner Visiting Fellowship for the Study of the Holocaust at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies in England. During 2004 and 2005 he was the Ira Levine Scholar in Residence for the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where he was also a member of the Holocaust Memorial Council and where he currently serves on the Church Relations Committee. In addition to lecturing widely, Roth has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 40 books and has published hundreds of articles and reviews.

Roth's teaching excellence has earned him several awards at Claremont McKenna, as well as the 1988 U.S. Professor of the Year Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Because of his exceptional accomplishments as an undergraduate classroom teacher, he was invited to become a member of the Board of Trust of Transylvania's Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching. He is a former chair of the program's Selection Committee.

Byron Young '61 received an honorary doctor of science degree for his distinguished medical career and his service to Transylvania. Young holds the Johnston-Wright Endowed Chair of Surgery at University of Kentucky Hospital, where he is the senior associate dean for clinical affairs. He is also director of the Kentucky Neuroscience and Orthopaedics Institute.

Young earned his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and completed his residency in neurosurgery at Vanderbilt University. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers and received numerous National Institutes of Health and industry-sponsored grants. He served on the advisory committee to the director of the NIH, the advisory council to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes, and on other NIH committees. He is a recipient of the Mahaley Award for brain tumor research from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Young is a dedicated member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, serving on the board's executive and academic affairs committees. He also chairs the Planning and Evaluation Committee and the alumni campaign for renovation of laboratory space in Brown Science Center, a key component of Transylvania's 225th Anniversary Campaign. In 2001 he was presented the Morrison Medallion for outstanding service to Transylvania, and he previously received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from both Transylvania and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

Alumni Weekend 2006



CELEBRATING

Transylvania is a special place because it connects alumni and faculty members, both current and retired, through people, ideas, and values. That was the message John N. Williams Jr. '74 conveyed in his address to the celebration luncheon during Alumni Weekend 2006.

"We return this alumni weekend, as has been done so many times before, to share memories of yesteryear, renew our friendships, and celebrate another five or so reunion years," said Williams. "These reunion reconnections are what make Transy so special."

Williams, dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and a professor in the dental ecology department, said the relationships of classmates, teammates, friends, family, and romantic engagements are all aspects of the way Transylvanians are connected as people.

"When I came to Transy in the fall of 1970, the first person I met was my roommate, Dan Von Koschembahr ('74)," said Williams. "We connected and remain lifelong friends to this day." Williams also met his wife, Lucy Sims Williams '74, while at Transy.

Williams' family connections to Transy run deep and wide. A great-grandfather was a development officer for Transy, his mother and father graduated in the late

1940s, an aunt died in an auto accident while attending Transy, and two uncles, two cousins, and three nieces were also Transylvanians.

The second connection—ideas—lies at the heart of Transylvania's educational mission, said Williams. "A fundamental curriculum goal in natural sciences was to create graduates who would be men and women of science with a deep appreciation of the liberal arts."

A biology major, Williams had classes with biology professor emeritus Lila Boyarsky, who taught at Transy for 36 years (1955-91). He addressed his former professor, who was in the luncheon audience, with words of appreciation for the ideas she instilled in him. "Thank you, Dr. Boyarsky, for your dedication and inspiration over the years on behalf of all the science and non-science majors you have so richly mentored."

Williams made particular reference to Boyarsky's genetics course. "Little did I realize how important this experience would be for my professional career. Today, our scientific frontiers grow increasingly dependent upon genetics. In the future we will see explosive growth in healthcare improvements, based upon individuals' genetics, genomics, proteomics, and pharmacogenics."

Finally, Williams discussed the third

Transy connection, that of values. "Transylvania's institutional values connect us to the broader community and shape our sense of the world," he said.

Williams said Transy's fundamental values include the ideals of tolerance and freedom of inquiry supported by the University's affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), belief in the value of a liberal arts curriculum, a free search for knowledge and understanding, and the development of lifelong habits of learning, intelligence, and respectful discussion.

Williams earned his D.M.D. at the University of Louisville and was in private practice for six years before joining U of L as a professor. After adding an MBA from U of L, he was an administrator and dean of the dental school there before leaving to accept the dean's position at UNC at Chapel Hill. All of the connections he made, and continues to cultivate, through Transylvania have benefited him in his personal and professional life, he said.

"We have come this day to reunite our hearts and minds in re-creation for these three elements of people, ideas, and values," said Williams. "They serve us well in the world in which we live. Transylvania is, indeed, a very special place." ■



CONNECTIONS



■ *Facing page, left:* Biology professor emeritus Lila Boyarsky and education professor emeritus Carol Spotts, and (background) Susan P. Shearer at the alumni celebration luncheon. *Right:* John N. Williams '74 addresses the luncheon guests. *Above:* President Charles L. Shearer and members of Chi Omega in Haupt Plaza at the dedication of the Transylvania seal, funded by the sorority. *Left:* Kim Siebers Cornetet '81 presents President Charles L. Shearer the 2006 class reunion gift check. *Below, left:* Katie Chandler Bolin '49 leads luncheon guests in singing "Hail, Transylvania!" as Chris Arnett '91, outgoing Alumni Executive Board chairman, and Tracy Dunn '90, assistant director of alumni programs, look on. *Below, right:* 2006 Miss Transylvania and Mr. Pioneer, Nancy Butkovich and Matt Clayton, are joined by 2005 honorees Colene Elridge and Brian Coleman.



Alumni Weekend 2006

Morrison Medallion

Presented to alums for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs

Earle H. O'Donnell '71



Earle H. O'Donnell has served on Transylvania's Board of Trustees since 1999. He has been a loyal and generous supporter of the Transylvania Annual Fund, past capital campaigns, the Charles L. Shearer Art Building renovation project, the Paul Fuller Endowed Scholarship Fund, and the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. In 2000, he and his wife, Cathy, established an endowed scholarship fund to assist in recruiting international students and have hosted admissions and alumni events in their home. He is partner and chair of the energy and communications practice group at Dewey Ballantine law firm in Washington, D.C.

Irvin E. Lunger Award

Presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania

Lila Boyarsky



Lila Boyarsky taught biology at Transylvania for 36 years and was one of the first recipients of the Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1988. In 1960 she established the Holleian Society, named for Horace Holley, president of Transylvania from 1818-27, to recognize students for superior achievement in liberal arts studies. She is a Third Century Founder and has provided financial support for the Brown Science Center laboratory renovation project, the Transylvania Woman's Club Endowed Scholarship Fund, and Alternative Spring Break, among other initiatives. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she earned her Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Wisconsin.

The Transylvania Medal

Presented to a non-alum who, through friendship and outstanding service, has promoted Transylvania

Laban Jackson



A member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees since 1983, serving on its admissions/financial aid and academic affairs committees, Labe Jackson has given freely of his time, expertise, and resources to strengthen the University. He has provided generous financial support for the Transylvania Annual Fund, past capital campaigns and the 225th Anniversary Campaign, the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, the Charles L. Shearer Art Building, and the William T. Young Scholarship program. He is chairman and chief executive officer of Clear Creek Properties, owner of GulfStream Home and Garden, and founder and former chairman and president of International Spike Inc.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Presented to an alum for extraordinary involvement in the life of Transylvania

Angela Woodward '89



Angela Woodward is a member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors and a former member and president of the Alumni Executive Board. She assists Transylvania's admission, alumni, and career development efforts by talking with prospective students and parents, hosting alumni events, and encouraging other alumni to get involved in the life of their alma mater. She served on the committee for her 10th reunion and as reunion gift co-chair for her 15th reunion. Transylvania presented her its Distinguished Service Award in 2004. She is director of sales for an advertising specialty and graphic design company in Owensboro, Ky.



■ From left: Class of 2001 members Tim Weatherholt, Emily Turner Weatherholt, Ryan Neff, and Debra Shuttleworth Neff enjoy the TGIF party at Atomic Cafe. Gordon Wilson '41, who played on Transy's next-to-last football team, regales the luncheon crowd. Whitney Banks and Brandon Daulton, left, and Lindsay Milton and Jonathan Hall enjoy the T-Day Coronation Ball.



■ From left, Leslie Earl "Sonny" Voyles Jr. '63, Amber Nacole Smith '93, Andrew Noah Hopkins '49, Alpha Jo Scott Luallen '60, and Rodes Shackleford Parrish '70.

Five inducted into Pioneer Hall of Fame

Five new members were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend 2006, including Andrew Noah Hopkins '49, who was named Kentucky's best high school football coach in 1966. Other inductees were women's athletics pioneer Alpha Jo Scott Luallen '60, veteran soccer coach Rodes Shackleford Parrish '70, basketball and tennis star Amber Nacole Smith '93, and basketball All-American Leslie Earl "Sonny" Voyles Jr. '63.

The Pioneer Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes and coaches who are alumni of the University and others who have made outstanding contributions to the field of athletics, thereby bringing honor to Transylvania.

Andrew Noah Hopkins '49

Andrew Noah Hopkins taught and coached high school football in Ohio during the 1950s and at Henry Clay High School in Lexington in the 1960s and won coach of the year honors in both states. In 1966, the Louisville *Courier-Journal* named him to its All-State Board and the *Lexington Herald-Leader* named him Best Football Coach in Kentucky.

Hopkins served as athletics director for Fayette County Public Schools from 1970-83 and was instrumental in organizing the Kentucky High School Athletics Directors Association. He was honorary coach for the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star football game in 1989 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Alpha Jo Scott Luallen '60

Alpha Jo Scott Luallen played basketball and intramural sports at Transylvania. She went on to teach physical education and serve as department chair at Daviess County High School in Owensboro, Ky. She started the girls' basketball program there and became its coach in 1974.

Luallen's career as teacher and coach spanned the changes created by the implementation of Title IX, a federal act banning gender discrimination in education programs that receive federal financial assistance. Because of this act, she was able to reinvent physical education at her school from gender-based to coed.

She was a leader in efforts to elevate girls' athletics from a program that was tolerated to one that was embraced.

Rodes Shackleford Parrish '70

Rodes "Shack" Parrish played soccer and lettered for the Pioneers in 1968 and 1969. A former Peppy Pioneer mascot, he received the Pioneer Award in 1969. More recently, he served on the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center Alumni Committee and the committee to move Transylvania from the NAIA to NCAA Division III.

Following graduation from Transylvania, Parrish played club rugby for the University of New Hampshire, numerous other clubs, and the New England Seahawks. A United States Soccer Federation-certified soccer coach, he has coached in Bourbon County (Ky.) youth leagues and for Bourbon County High School girls' soccer.

Amber Nacole Smith '93

Amber Nacole Smith played and lettered in basketball and tennis all four years at Transylvania. She was captain and most valuable player for the tennis team, and captain and assists leader for the basketball team. She received the Women's Athletics Spirit Award in 1990 and also served as president and secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Since graduating from Transylvania, Smith has been the tennis professional at Eagles Nest Country Club in Somerset, Ky.

Leslie Earl "Sonny" Voyles Jr. '63

Sonny Voyles played basketball at Transylvania and lettered from 1959-63. He scored 1,017 career points, which ranked fifth in school history when he graduated and is still No. 36 all-time. In 1963 he won the male Pioneer Athlete of the Year Award, was named honorable mention NAIA Little All-American, and played on the first Transy team to qualify for a national tournament.

Voyles served on the Alumni Executive Board from 2001-04. He is retired from Verizon after 36 years of service in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Steady progress

225th Anniversary Campaign
moving toward goals as
designated projects
get underway

BY KATHERINE C. PEARL

Confidence in Transylvania's investment strategies and generous challenge grants are fueling the progress of the University's 225th Anniversary Campaign.

With a goal of \$32 million, the campaign will augment Transylvania's endowment and fund the renovation of the Brown Science Center labs and the construction of new residence halls, among other initiatives. The campaign entered the public phase in November 2005 and is nearing the \$20 million mark for gifts and pledges.

"Alumni and friends of the University have responded well to this campaign," said President Charles L. Shearer. "The 225th anniversary theme reminds people of Transylvania's longevity, the positive impact it's had on so many students. Supporters of this campaign can take pride in the knowledge that they're helping this tradition of excellence to continue."

Support for endowed scholarships has been particularly strong, allowing Transylvania to exceed its scholarship goal of \$6 million by more than a million.

A cover story in last year's *Business Officer* magazine, a publication of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, ranked

Transylvania No. 7 in the nation for endowment growth, making it the only school in the Top 10 with an endowment of less than a billion dollars. This recognition of Transylvania's shrewd investment strategies, along with coverage by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *BusinessLexington*, *Kentucky Monthly*, and the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, has taken donor confidence to new heights.

"You know when you make an investment of dollars in Transylvania, that money is really going to work well because of our history over the last 10 years," said Vice President for Alumni and Development Richard Valentine. "Contributing to scholarships is also an excellent way to have a direct impact on students."

While the scholarships goal has been exceeded, Valentine said the campaign committee will continue to raise funds for this endeavor.

"This is such an important part of the University's future," he said. "We need to keep the support coming so that students from all walks of life can enjoy the benefits of a Transylvania education."

The other component of endowment growth, creating endowed chairs, is also progressing well. Transylvania has raised \$420,000 toward the \$500,000 challenge from the Little Foundation to establish the Lucille Caudill Little Endowed Chair in Theater. The campaign's goal is to fund three chairs, at \$1 million per chair, which will free up money from the operating budget for program enhancements such as visiting lecturers, trips, and research projects. Endowed chairs are also a way to honor the work of Transylvania's most outstanding faculty members.

Brown Science Center renovations

Fundraising efforts for the Brown Science Center renovations received a boost in the form of a \$100,000 challenge grant to establish the Lila Boyarsky Science Laboratory. Transylvania trustee and Lexington businessman Joe Coons '73 has promised to match up to \$100,000 in contributions for the lab.

A beloved professor, Boyarsky served as director of Transylvania's biology program and was one of the first recipients of the Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching. She retired in 1991 after 36 years at Transy.

"Mention her name, and people light up," said Coons. "She made us better students by motivating us to want to learn more. She taught me how to study, how to prepare, how to take notes. Many students ended up pursuing careers that they may not even have thought about had they not been in Dr. Boyarsky's biology class."

The challenge grant announcement at Alumni Weekend 2006 coincided with Boyarsky receiving the Irvin E. Lunger Award, which is presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania.

"Right away, several people came to us and said they wanted to participate in this initiative," said Valentine. "The positive impact she had on past Transy students is obvious, and now through the Boyarsky lab, her influence will be felt by future students as well."

Renovations to Brown Science Center commenced in the summer of 2005 with the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system. This summer, the lower floor labs used by the physics program are being renovated and work will begin on converting the greenhouse into a flex lab. The total estimated cost for the needed renovations is \$7 million, and work on the building will primarily be done during the summer months so it won't interfere with classes when school is in session.

"Modernizing the Brown Science Center labs and classrooms will enable Transylvania to continue its strong track record in the sciences and medicine," said Shearer. "In order for us to maintain our edge, we need to provide our students and professors with up-to-date facilities and technology. These improvements will ultimately benefit the entire student body because every Transylvania student is required to complete a laboratory science course before graduation."

Residence hall construction

Another summer 2006 project is the relocation of three tennis courts to a new complex on the corner of Bourbon and Fourth streets in preparation for the new residence halls. Additional site preparation and initial construction on the residence halls will take place next year.

The halls will be built in two phases for a total cost of \$7.2 million. Each facility will have approximately 70 beds and offer suite-style rooms with separate living and sleeping areas, and private bath. The buildings will also contain space for social events and student support services. The additional rooms will allow Forrer and Clay-Davis halls to reduce occupancy and designate more common spaces as well.

"The value of these gathering spaces cannot be overstated," said Dean of Students Mike Vetter. "Already with the Glenn Building coffee shop and the renovated Haupt Plaza we've seen how much students appreciate having a place to meet and to talk between classes, both with each other and with professors. The amenities offered by these new halls will make them the premier residential facilities on campus and will greatly improve the living and learning environment at Transy."

Annual Fund goals

Because its unrestricted dollars are so crucial to the University's success, the Transylvania Annual Fund was incorporated into the 225th Anniversary Campaign with a goal of \$1.2 million a year for a total of \$6 million over the course of the campaign. The 2005-06 annual fund drive benefited from a \$100,000 challenge gift pledge from Transylvania's Board of Trustees. The pledge matched new and increased gifts dollar-for-dollar, resulting in a 100 percent gain, and doubled gifts from first-time donors up to the \$100,000 limit. As of February, about \$60,000 had been generated toward the challenge. Final totals won't be available until after the end of the fiscal year in June, but Valentine says whatever the outcome, this challenge has been extremely positive for the University.

"Every year we strive to maintain and increase our high participation rate," said Valentine. "When we approach foundations and corporations for financial support, one of the major factors they consider is alumni giving. Last year's rate of 53 percent placed Transylvania eighth in the nation for alumni giving, and this challenge was a big help as we worked toward our goal for 2005-06."

The 225th Anniversary Campaign will conclude in 2009, and Valentine encourages alumni and friends to remember that any contribution to Transylvania for a special project or the annual fund between now and then will help the campaign reach its goals.

"Too many times people think that if they can't make a large donation, their gift won't make a difference, and that's just not true," Valentine said. "Regardless of the size of the gift, people can participate in the campaign." ■

Practice makes better

PAUL PRESTON '79 is on a mission to help improve healthcare safety through formal training sessions that make innovative use of robotic simulation

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Not all caesarean sections are born equal, says anesthesiologist Paul Preston '79. Typically, the team of doctors and nurses may have 30 minutes to take the mother through an orderly transition from delivery room to operating room. On the other hand, if the baby's in trouble with, say, a suddenly plummeting heart rate, that window of opportunity may shrink to a pressure-filled eight minutes and create a race against time to keep the baby from losing brain cells.

Training for comparable emergencies in other professions is commonplace, Preston notes, but not so much in healthcare, and especially not in his most familiar workplace, the delivery room. A realization of how that kind of training could improve medical practice and even save lives led Preston to embark on a mission to help change the culture of healthcare safety.

"If you go in front of a roomful of people who fly airplanes or people who put out fires for a living and ask, 'How many of you have to manage emergencies?,' all hands go up," says Preston. "If you then ask them, 'How many of you actually practice as teams for managing those emergencies?,' all hands go up. It's totally part of their culture. They drill and they practice.

"If you do the same thing with a roomful of healthcare professionals, you'll be

surprised at the results. Most have never had an interdisciplinary practice session for the emergencies they know they will have to manage. With the decision to perform an emergency caesarean section, for example, you have to take an awake, talking person to a state of complete unconsciousness and do a major operation, and do all of that very quickly. You need to practice for that. Fortunately, doctors and nurses are good enough that they usually manage situations pretty well in spite of a lack of practice."

But not well enough, statistically speaking, for Preston and others in the profession. The startling figure from the American Medical Association is that approximately 98,000 patient deaths occur in American hospitals annually due to preventable human errors.

Working to reverse that trend, Preston has made innovative use of robotics to simulate emergencies for both the mother and child that may occur during labor and birth. His teaching creativity has drawn the attention of national media as well as praise from his peers at both his employer, the HMO giant Kaiser Permanente, and at his home hospital, the San Francisco Medical Center.

A two-page feature article in the January 23, 2006, edition of *U.S. News & World Report* included a photo of Preston



■ Paul Preston, far right, is shown with colleagues and the birthing robot, named Noelle, at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Moanalua, Oahu, Hawaii.

and his colleagues during a simulation exercise and mentioned his Transylvania undergraduate degree. The article positioned Preston as a pioneer and leader in healthcare safety training, especially with the use of robotics. Shortly thereafter, the Associated Press circulated a feature story that was picked up by newspapers across the country.

All about Noelle

The center of attention during the training sessions is “Noelle,” a lifelike, pregnant robot that Preston can computer program to simulate a range of natal crises, from a baby in trouble that creates an instant need for surgery via a caesarean section, to one of the most catastrophic of all birth scenarios, a maternal cardiac arrest.

As Preston sits to one side tapping out signals on his laptop computer that alter the condition of Noelle and/or the fetus, delivery room doctors and nurses react to the changing scenario. The session is videotaped for a debriefing immediately afterwards, where, Preston says, the real learning takes place.

“During the delivery room part, I will trigger an emergency that calls for all hands on deck,” says Preston. “Maybe I’ll make the baby suddenly get really sick by letting the fetal heart rate plummet or cause it to stop breathing. We anticipate that errors in handling the situation will occur. The debriefing lets everyone analyze critically how they performed, to see what went well and what we can do better the next time.”

Preston’s approach is to get the doctors and nurses to view themselves as an interdependent team that must practice emergency procedures and develop the efficient communication skills that will allow them to react quickly and effectively to unexpected situations.

Before the delivery team goes through a simulation, they take part in a class Preston teaches called Human Factors. It’s designed to confront the realities of human error and look at the structured communication needed to, as Preston says, “trap those errors.”

“Traditionally, there has been a hierarchy in which the doctor was the unquestioned master of the ship,” says Preston. “Now what we’re saying is, the doctor is still clearly the leader, but he or she has an obligation to build a team, to know everybody on that team, to want input from them, and to allow the people to trap error.

After covering all this, we’ll do the simulation.”

Preston also used a teamwork approach when developing his teaching/training model, which got underway in 2001. He first visited a doctor acquaintance at Stanford University, where Preston had done his internship. David Gaba had pioneered simulation in the healthcare area beginning in the early 1990s.

“I called up David and he invited me down to see what he was doing,” says Preston. “I watched him train a group of residents and was fascinated by it all. I decided to move the idea into labor and delivery, where we could have a team focus in a high yield area.”

Preston has been in touch with professionals at Harvard University who are also involved in simulation for healthcare training, and with a group at the University of Texas at Austin that has done pioneering work in the use of simulation to train airline cockpit crews.

Preston also called on another physician friend, an obstetrician who works in the Los Angeles area, to help make the simulation more realistic.

“One of the biggest things that goes wrong in labor and delivery is hemorrhage,” says Preston. “Our initial attempts to simulate hemorrhaging were pathetic. This friend of mine went to Universal Studios and asked them how they make all their blood for their *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* shows. He got the Hollywood recipe for blood, which turns out to be strawberry Jell-O, Karo syrup, and red food coloring. You would have thought that being from Transylvania, I would have known about blood, for crying out loud, but it turns out I didn’t. Now when we do hemorrhaging it really looks like hemorrhaging.”

Transylvania roots

He may not have left Transylvania with the best recipe for blood, but Preston did get an excellent grounding in the sciences and liberal arts that gave him thorough preparation for his graduate studies. He earned his MD at the College of Medicine of Johns Hopkins University, one of the nation’s highest ranked medical education institutions.

Among his favorite teachers were biology professor emeritus J. Hill Hamon and

chemistry professor Jerry Seebach. “Dr. Hamon was a very free thinker and more of a graduate level professor,” Preston recalls. “You never quite knew where he was going with a topic, and that was interesting, a lot more like real life.”

Biology professor emeritus Lila Boyarsky was a formative influence on Preston.

“Dr. Boyarsky was a dear. I took more classes with her than with anybody. She really drilled me with a fantastic background in biology and cellular physiology that was the bulk of the first two years of medical school. She put up with my most awkward times and still kept me excited about learning. I was extraordinarily well prepared for medical school.”

Preston joined Kaiser Permanente, the nation’s largest HMO, after completing his residency and has been with the organization ever since. Besides appreciating Kaiser’s

approach to pre-paid, comprehensive health coverage, Preston has enjoyed the flexibility granted by Kaiser to pursue teaching anesthesiology procedures at hospitals in developing countries, including Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Guatemala.

Clearly, Preston has gone far beyond what is required to be a successful obstetrical anesthesiologist by taking on the task of improving safety in his profession and helping developing nations with their healthcare systems. His motivation stems from his Trans days, he says.

“When I was at Transylvania, I truly believe there were people who cared about me as a person and were looking for ways to nurture my skills and my belief in myself as a person. Sometimes the caring was far from sentimental. Monroe Moosnick (the late chemistry professor emeritus) would call me on the carpet and say, ‘Ahem, we need to get a little bit organized on this. The social aspect of college seems to have gotten out of hand.’ I had entered Transylvania at age 16 and was prepared academically, but maybe not socially. He cared enough about me to call me to accountability. The only rule I’ve had is, pay it forward—what can I do in a similar way toward others.”

Preston lives in San Mateo, Calif., with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Rebecca, 11. ■

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NEWS & NOTES

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.



Transylvania Archives

■ This photo was taken sometime after 1963 at the T-Day Carnival. If any *Transylvania* readers recognize themselves or classmates, we'd love to hear from you. If conclusive information comes in, we'll run the photo again in the fall magazine and include identification.

'38 **Marvin J. Rabin**, Madison, Wisc., emeritus professor of music at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, will be the subject of a string pedagogy symposium in July at the university. The symposium is a comprehensive examination of the impact—past, present, and future—of Rabin's lifework.

'42 **Evelyn Russell Cary**, Louisville, has a new grandchild.

'49 **J. Edgar McDonald Jr.**, Centennial, Colo., lost his wife, Virginia Stevens McDonald, on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006. They had been married for 55 years with four children and 15 grandchildren. Classmates and friends may contact him at 6044 Briarwood Drive, Centennial, CO, 80112-1030, or at jemco@peakpeak.com. An obituary for Virginia can be seen at www.mem.com.

'51 **Jack W. Gannon** and **Helen Henderson Gannon**, Hickman, Ky., have 11

grandchildren and recently received the Citizens of the Year Award for 2005.

'53 **Stanley Hadley**, Lexington, and his wife, Charlotte, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16. They have three grown children, Kenneth, Vicki, and Julie.

'61 **Rose Moloney Lucas**, Lexington, left her position as executive director of the Downtown Lexington Corporation after 16 years in December. She plans to focus on her educational consulting business, College & School Planning Services.

Patsy Amburgey Trautner, Lexington, has a grandson, **Shane Thomas McGuire '09**, who is a first-year student at Transylvania and a member of the golf team.

'64 **Nancy Jo Kemper**, Lexington, received the Faith and Freedom Award from the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass at its annual meeting in Novem-

ber. The Central Kentucky chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union recognized Nancy Jo for her work at its annual meeting in May.

'67 **Susan Wisegarver Gilliam**, Lexington, received her master of fine arts in writing degree from Spalding University in Louisville. She has worked as a portrait artist for many years and also enjoys playing tennis.

'68 **Elizabeth Hodnett Addison**, Cullowhee, N.C., is head of the English Department at Western Carolina University. Her fourth child will finish high school in 2007 and she has "grand-twins" who are 5.

Michael R. Nichols, Versailles, Ky., was awarded the Eldridge W. Roark Jr. Meritorious Service Award from National Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society at its national convention in Washington, D.C., on March 3, 2006.

Alumni Weekend 2006

REUNION CLASSES



CLASS OF 1941 – 65TH REUNION
 From left: Dexter Meyer, Mary Margaret Aldridge Meyer, Jack Ellis, Gordon Wilson.



CLASS OF 1946 – 60TH REUNION
 Florence Sherrod Reneau



CLASS OF 1951 – 55TH REUNION
 From left: Nell Robinson Dean, Ken Dean.



CLASS OF 1956 – 50TH REUNION
 Front row, from left: Barb Wilson Moody, Margaret Gortney Tapp, Flo Moore Jackson, Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon, Millie Moss Greer, Betty Westerfield Adams, Nancy Bamber Cook, Bonnie Ritchie Flynn; second row: Dick Johnson, Judy Miller Lambert, Betty Caywood, Carolyn Wood Day, Linda Hensley Fields, Sue Oakes Vaughn, Joe Ray Gatewood; third row: Marilyn Brondell Faulconer, Eleanor Botts, Carolyn Popp Guss, Don Guss, Jim Dunavent, Leonard Rykaczewski, Jack Tracy, Bob Anderson; back row: Henry Hanna, Brooks Talley, Jim Groves, Harold Tackett, Larry Jeffries, Terry Cummins, Will Frey.



CLASS OF 1961 - 45TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Betty Nodler Whitaker, Betty LeMarr Wampler, Susan Miller Stephens, Ann Lewis Smith, Patsy Amburgey Trautner, Jane Martin Smith, Sarah Thompson Johnson, Betty Stewart Davis Dixon, Donna Kay Smith, Rose Moloney Lucas, Mary Ann Phillips Hisle; *second row:* Patsy Alexander Nielsen, Bob Faulwetter, Bill Arvin, Jane Smith Frye, Evolyn Mains Allen, Ron Cella, Betsy Boden McGehee, Noel Weller Terrell, Volindah Johnson Costabell; *back row:* Roger Bishop, Marilyn Estridge Cardwell, Keith McDonald, Doug Cardwell, Dave Filer, John Inman, Tom Watson, Sam Ware, Stan Rullman, Ike Nooe, Al Templeton, Owen Hitt, Byron Young.



CLASS OF 1966 - 40TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Nancy Mackle, Leanne Chrisman Robinson, Sue McDevitt, Kay Anne Frazier Wilborn, Margie Griese Evans, Bobbie Hartmann Brake; *second row:* Margaret Francis Seifert, Koichi Kurosawa, Hiroshi Kurihara, Jessie Lackey Fennell, Ruth Hillenbrand Quinet, Fran Page Ambrose, Janice Walder McLean; *third row:* Glen Bagby, Finbarr Saunders, John Conklin, Stephanie McGann Gardner, Caroline Emmons-Schramm, Kelly Lannum Zaeh, Judy Irvine Erickson, Laura Moody Pettus; *back row:* Billy Reed, Jay Ambrose, Larry Langan, Bill Poulson, Steve Gupton, Art Erickson.

CLASS OF 1971 - 35TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Marsha Hart Jones, Barbara Oney Garvey, Sara Lewis Meyer, Ed Bowling, Debby Holland Diaz, Francie Mark Prier; *second row:* Kevin McGuire, Scottye Sanders Eakin, Susan Griffin Smith, Bev Carroll, Jan Schick Roby, David Goldbaum, Kim Rustay; *third row:* Vee Sealey Boehringer, Karen Crank Ellis, Sally Boyd Jegier, Debbie Fuller Shwab, Nancy Knowles Van Brunt, Candy Caine Zaluski; *back row:* David Meyer, Ed Zuroweste, Pete Hess, Chris Compton, Rick Tittmann, Joe Zaluski.





■ Several Transy alumni gathered to celebrate Jane Alderson White's 80th birthday on March 4, 2006. From left, Bobby Day Wilson '64, Anna Alexander Wilson '66, Jane Alderson White '47, Jeffrey Lynn White '70, and Laura Silvey '04.

'73 Paula Shuman Lacy, Westport, Conn., won an Emmy in the health/science programming area at the New York Emmy Awards for her work as an associate producer on a PBS show titled "Keeping Kids Healthy—Triumph of the Spirit: Conquering Spinal Cord Injury."

'74 Sheila Green Carson, Louisville, has been listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers and Educators* for the second year in a row. She has an infant granddaughter named Lakori.

Christopher "Pete" Herrick, New Brunswick, N.J., is the site supervisor for two data centers of ATT LNS.

'79 Thomas L. "Tim" Steinemann, Shaker Heights, Ohio, has been awarded the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award by the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland/Northern Ohio Medical Association for contact lens advocacy work resulting in the FDA's amendment of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to regulate all contact lenses as medical devices.

'80 Peter M. Mehas, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has been promoted to assistant general manager of the Grand Resort and Spa on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. The resort is South Florida's largest boutique-style hotel catering to the gay community.

'83 Jeffrey L. Vasseur, Valdosta, Ga., has written his second book, *Touch the Earth: An Aftermath of the Vietnam War*, a novella based on the life and tragic death of a Vietnam veteran. Jeffrey is a professor of contemporary literature and creative writing at Valdosta State University.

'86 Tavis L. White lives in Athens, Ala., with his wife, Lori, and their children,

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend 2006 to six alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.



Robert H. Barr '76 was recognized for his 29-year career as a teacher, administrator, and coach. He is principal and athletics director at Harrison County High School in Cynthiana, Ky., and serves as a trainer for site based decision making councils for the Kentucky Department of Education and as a consultant for the Southern Region Education Board. He was named 2006 Kentucky Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



Bruce Edward Bowdish '81 was honored for his achievements in higher education. Before Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans, he was the director of human factors research at the Tulane Center for Clinical Effectiveness and Prevention at Tulane University and taught in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at the Tulane University School of Medicine. He has produced numerous publications and attracted over \$10 million in federal and state funds as the principal investigator on more than 10 projects since 1998.



Alfred Russel Conklin '38 was honored for his significant career in science. He was coordinator of civil aeronautics at Transylvania before beginning a 30-year career with E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. There, he developed patents for chloride titanium dioxide, space-age metals, and silicon for transmitters and computers. He is a former fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In retirement, he directed the Village Farm Animal Program at Kentucky's Shakertown at Pleasant Hill.



Julia Barnett Duncan '81 was recognized for her accomplishments in rehabilitation. She is director of Spinal Cord Injury Recreation and Athletics at Lexington's Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, where she created a community-based wheelchair sports program. She is head coach of Hill on Wheels and Cardinal Hillcats wheelchair basketball teams and tournament director for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's national tournament. Previously with Via Rehabilitation Service in Santa Clara, Calif., she is president of the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Kentucky.



Teresa Ann Isaac '76 was honored for her career in law, education, and public service. She is mayor of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, elected in 2002 after serving on the Urban County Council for nine years, including six as vice mayor. Previously, she served as a prosecutor in the Fayette County Attorney's office and as an associate professor in Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Government and Law. Before entering politics, she wrote a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education and directed the resulting project that helped bring equity to sports in Kentucky.



Sean Tipton '88 was recognized for his achievements in public affairs. He is director of public affairs for the American Society of Reproductive Medicine and president of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, the nation's leading advocacy group for stem cell research. In 2003 he received the Family Builder Award from the American Infertility Association. He was previously director of public affairs for the Endocrine Society.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Five alumni and one Transylvania professor received Distinguished Service Awards during Alumni Weekend 2006 for outstanding service to the University.



Gary L. Anderson is program director, professor of music, director of choral ensembles, and recipient of a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching at Transylvania. During his 33 years at the University he has taken the Transylvania Choir to new heights and dozens of performance locales, including more than half of the United States and a milestone performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in New York City's Avery Fisher Hall in 1989. Other highlights include performance tours of Scandinavia, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Russia, France, and Italy. Anderson and his wife, Martha, have hosted open houses and reunion concerts for choir alumni as part of Alumni Weekend festivities.



Kim Siebers Cornet '81 has remained active in the life of her alma mater almost since the day she graduated. She is class agent and served as gift chair for her 20th and 25th reunions. A member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors since 1998, she has provided financial support and leadership to Transylvania through the Beck Center Alumni Committee, the Sanders-Siebers Endowed Scholarship, the 225th Anniversary Campaign, and the Chi Chapter of Chi Omega Centennial Celebration. She is a former chapter visitor and director of extension for Chi Omega.



Angela Logan Edwards '91 is a member and former president of the Alumni Executive Board and has been an active member of the Transylvania Alumni Louisville Chapter since 1999. As chair of the Alumni Executive Board Admission Committee, she called admitted high school students to encourage them to enroll at Transy. She is a former member of the Pioneer Alumni Recruitment Team. Each year she assists the development office with the phonathon by encouraging alumni to fulfill their pledges. She served as gift chair for her class's 15th reunion. The Alumni Association presented her its Certificate of Appreciation in 2001, and she was elected to the Board of Trustees in May.



Jessie Lackey Fennell '66 has been involved in a range of activities at her alma mater, including the Alumni Executive Board, Pioneer Alumni Recruitment Team, and the former T-Club. A member and former president of the Transylvania University Woman's Club, Fennell has been a leader in the effort to establish and augment an endowed scholarship fund to assist female students with financial need. She also hosts club members for an annual picnic. She has served as class agent and helped to plan the 35th and 40th reunions for her class.



Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon '56 has provided leadership and support for scholarships and other initiatives at her alma mater. In 2004 she was elected to the Alumni Executive Board and she also served this year on her class's reunion committee. She is a member of the Transylvania Woman's Club and a former member and vice president of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Alumni Chapter.



Norman Selby Parks '55 helped initiate and establish the Fred Scott Downing Endowed Memorial Scholarship, which is presented annually to a deserving drama student with financial need. A former director of development and member of the Alumni Executive Board, he has given generously of his time, talent, and resources in service to his class and his alma mater.

Thomas, 5, and Natalie, 3. Tavis won the 2005 Service Award from the Alabama State Veterinary Medical Association. A single engine land pilot, he made trips to the gulf for Hurricane Katrina relief in 2005.

'87 David A. Santrock, Wilmore, Ky., has been granted membership in the Ten Year Plus Club at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital for serving as a pharmacist and pharmacy manager since July 1995.

Paul T. Schram retired in 2003 after working for more than 15 years as an environmental, health, and safety engineer, and opened a Land Rover repair shop in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is now service adviser in the "classic" service department at a dealership in Portland, Ore.

'88 Erin Patterson Roberson, Fayetteville, Ga., has been named principal of Peeples Elementary School, where she served as assistant principal for the last four years. Her husband, **Roy W. Roberson**, has been named the teaching minister of Heritage Christian Church in Fayetteville.

'90 John W. McClellan, Kennett, Mo., has been appointed to the Missouri Healthcare Information Technology Task Force. He is the CEO of Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center in Kennett.

Stacey Dixon Nolen, Ashland, Ky., is the national director of Philips Medical Imaging. She would love to hear from classmates at stacey.dixon@philips.com

'91 P. Scott Dykes lives in Louisville with his wife, Meghan, and son, William Henry, 2. Scott is an investment adviser for MetLife and would love to hear from his classmates at sdykes@metlife.com or via his Web site scottdykes.metlife.com.

Stephen G. Elmore, Kensington, Md., is director of the Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute, a project of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

Claria Horn Shadwick, Wilmore, Ky., has joined the Lexington law firm Frost Brown Todd's commercial transactions/real estate department.

'92 Ana-Claudia Everton moved back to the United States after five years of working for the U.S. Army in Germany and lives in Hempstead, N.Y. She is an instructor at the New York University College of Dentistry.

Melissa D. Fritsche, Decatur, Ga., received her MD from the Medical College of Georgia in May and is a resident in general surgery at the Atlanta Medical Center.



CLASS OF 1976 – 30TH REUNION
Front row, from left: Betsy Brooks Bulleit, Louie Bosworth, Teresa Isaac, Betty Willmott; *second row:* Tarbell Patten, Malinda Beal Wynn, Marcia Park Cone, Gina Harris Helvey; *back row:* Ed Binzel, Andrew Blood, Rebecca Terry Sandbach, Jan Miller Speer, Don Speer, Karl Reinhardt.



CLASS OF 1981 – 25TH REUNION
Front row, from left: Leon Roberts, Beth Martin, Susan Carr Saunier, Jody Sowders Caudill, Sara Headley Noviello, Grace Pedley Johnson, Cynthia Moore Autry, Janet Mattingly; *second row:* Lillian Fallon Graetz, Dave Carr, Ann Griffith Walton, Lorie Collins Corman, Francie Hillenmeyer Lattin, Kim Noss Blankenship, Mark Blankenship, David Brashear; *third row:* Ted Corman, Beth Rice Hilliard, Anne Binford, Beth Boyd Fryar, Julie Barnett Duncan, Kim Siebers Cornetet, Kim Sanders Gray, Kim Satterley Grater, Gretchen Stempfle Perez, Amy Black Cross; *back row:* Ben Nisbet, Kellie Erb Considine, Tony Barber, Kim Clark, Bruce Bowdish, Chris Grobels, Kyle Brown Rahn, Jeffrey Reeves, Andrea Friedman Doren.

CLASS OF 1986 – 20TH REUNION
Front row, from left: Mary Jane Wilhoit Phelps, Cathy Bullard Morgret, Ginger Showalter Saker, Anne Taul; *second row:* Mary Beth McGlothlin Rouse, Kevin Welch, Robert King, Tavis White; *back row:* Sean Tipton, Laurie Smith Haas, Diane Walter Sehlinger, Will Harris.



Sonja Stephenson Keating has been named associate general counsel for the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., the national governing body for equestrian sports as designated by the United States Olympic Committee. Before joining the USEF, she was associated with Dinsmore & Shohl. She and her husband, Thomas, reside in Lexington with their three daughters.

Todd A. Shearer, Franklin, Tenn., represented Transylvania at the inauguration of L. Randolph Lowry III as president of Lipscomb University in Nashville.

John K. Wilson, Augusta, Ga., is an internal medicine physician in the U.S. Army and just returned from a one-year deployment in Iraq with the Third Infantry Division. He and his wife, Jennifer Leveridge Wilson, have two sons, Keenan, 3, and Trevor, born in September.

'93 Bruce R. Bryant, Louisville, is a marketing representative for Heritage Title, a real estate title company, and a notary for loan closings.

'95 Samuel L. Cowan, Louisville, is principal of Maryville Elementary School in Louisville and is working on his education doctorate at the University of Louisville. His wife, Jennifer, is a librarian for an elementary school in Bullitt County.

'96 Kira Munson Campbell, Ypsilanti, Mich., represented Transylvania at



■ When the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference held its men's golf championship in May in Seymour, Ind., the hometown of David Windley '65, the Transy alumnus turned out to see the Pioneers take second place. He's shown with team members, from left, Alex Rehtin, Matt Scott, Greg Turcotte, Bradley Sutherland, Jeremy Chase, and Corey Maggard. The team is coached by Brian Lane '90, who played varsity golf with Windley's son, David Howard Windley '92, at Transy.

the inauguration of Jeffrey R. Docking as president of Adrian College in Michigan.

'97 Erin Weaver McGee lives in Cynthiana, Ky., with her husband, Patrick, and their daughter, Emma Cate, 3. Erin is a planning consultant in the council development and planning branch of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Stephanie Griffin Mitchell and her husband, **Brett Mitchell '99**, live in Louisville with their

infant daughter, Lauren Grace. Stephanie is a health program administrator for the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs, and Brett works for Ford Motor Company.

'98 Christy Sale Durham, Danville, Ky., works one and a half days a week as a family therapist. The rest of her time is spent with her daughter, Carly, 1, and husband, **Jamie Durham '98**.

TRANSY ALUMNI ASSIST WITH TSUNAMI REBUILDING

Betty Stehle Burns '67, Mary Lloyd McDonald '67, Tim Claggett '82, and other volunteers traveled to Killai, India, in the fall of 2005 to help build a new community for families affected by the 2004 tsunami disaster. The trip was part of an effort by Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International and the Leprosy Mission of Great Britain, to send 300 Kentucky volunteers to Killai to construct 160 safe and permanent homes along with a new health clinic, community center, and school. The project was to have been completed in May.

Despite a work interruption caused by a monsoon, Claggett said the group made significant progress on the homes, and that the overall experience was quite moving.

"The contrasts in India overwhelm your senses and psyche constantly," he said. "The stories of what these people went through nearly a year ago when a 30-foot wave appeared out of nowhere and swept nearly a mile inland, compared with the smiling faces, cheerful waves, and warm hugs of the children in the villages. The sights of total poverty, dirty streets, and trash everywhere, compared with the surreal green rice fields and rainbow of colors in the women's saris. The smells of millions of people, exhaust from diesel engines, and open sewers compared with the ropes of fragrant jasmine flowers and hint of curry in the air."



■ From left, Betty Stehle Burns '67, Mary Lloyd McDonald '67, and Tim Claggett '82 stand near signs for the Habitat for Humanity building site in Killai, India.

Alumna and family enjoy a home makeover

Life has gotten much better for Michelle M. Holmes-Hassall '94 and her family since they moved into their new home in Sunrise, Ky., a house that was built in the amazing time of 105 hours as an installment of ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

For one thing, Brian Hassall, her husband and a Cynthiana police officer, can now spend more time with the family, thanks to the house's tinted windows that block out UV rays, a leading cause of his migraine headaches. Brian, a former Transylvania public safety officer, began experiencing the severe headaches years ago after suffering a high school football injury. His headaches have lessened since moving into the new home.

In the Hassall's old house, Brian had to spend lots of time in the basement to escape the light. Michelle, who has battled a blood disorder and undergone chemotherapy for lymphoma, had to avoid the basement because of its dankness and mold. The kitchen area in their new home, with its spaciousness and tinted windows, is now a favorite gathering spot for the entire family, which includes a daughter, Alex, 7, and a son, Sam, 3.

"Because the new house is so well built and everything is set up much better with an open floor plan, we've been able to spend a lot more time together," said Michelle. "That's a huge benefit. The kids are doing really well."



David Perry/Lexington Herald-Leader

■ Michelle Holmes-Hassall '94 and her husband, Brian Hassall, are shown in front of their new home created by ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

A surprise bonus has been the things the Hassalls have discovered since moving in. "They like to hide things in the house," said Michelle. "We went out to the garage to clean up boxes and found a plasma TV. We've come upon a digital camera, scholarships for the kids' education, and gift certificates for toys."

Michelle, who majored in music education with a choral emphasis, is a choral music and humanities instructor at Harrison County High School.

The show's producers say they get more than 5,000 applications a week from deserving families across the nation. The Hassall's combination of health challenges and their commitment to helping others in spite of their own difficulties made their case compelling, said ABC. In addition to their own health problems, the Hassalls must deal with the special needs of their adopted children.

The ABC-TV crew, led by star Ty Pennington with bullhorn in hand, descended on the Hassalls' old home at 7 a.m. on March 9. After the family was whisked off to Orlando and Disney World for a week's vacation, contractors and more than 1,000 volunteers demolished the old house and erected a 3,500-square-foot replacement. The Hassalls got to see their new home on March 16, and their homecoming aired on ABC April 16.

"It's been a wonderful experience for all of us," said Michelle.

Anand V. Narayanappa, Cleveland, completed his residency in anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and has joined Valley Anesthesiology Consultants Ltd. of Phoenix/Scottsdale, Ariz.

'99 Jennifer Dierolf-Trent, Palm City, Fla., is director of property management and leasing with Southcoast Incorporated in Stuart, Fla. Her husband, Stuart, is an agricultural/bio-environmental engineer with Captec Engineering.

Joseph B. Williams, Burlington, N.C., is a psychiatry resident at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-

Salem, N.C. His wife, **Taufika Islam Williams '98**, completed her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry with an emphasis in biological mass spectrometry from the University of Kentucky in fall 2005 and is currently working as a post-doctoral fellow at North Carolina State University.

'01 Horton Stull Barrett lives in Mt. Sterling, Ky., with her husband, Tony Barrett, and her son, Kaelin, who'll turn 3 in August.

Tim J. Majors, Lexington, has joined **Larry R. Kopczyk '80** and **Brian K. Vieth '98** at the Alumni Dental Center in Lexington.

Erin Moran Sutton, Lexington, received her masters in social work from the University of Kentucky, her school social work certification from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and her certified social work certificate in 2005. She is now a clinician for Croney and Clark, Inc., working at elementary schools and conducting in-home therapy with families.

'03 Jessica Upton Dodgen, Lexington, received her master's in social work from the University of Kentucky and is working for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

Save the date for Alumni Weekend 2007

Mark your calendar and plan to join your classmates and Transy friends in Lexington for Alumni Weekend 2007, set for April 27-29.

The following classes will celebrate reunions: Robert Barr Society (1937, 1942, 1947, 1952), 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002.

If you are a member of one of these classes, please make sure the Alumni Office has your current mailing and e-mail addresses so you don't miss out on the fun. If you'd like to help plan your class reunion, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu. A reunion planning kickoff meeting is set for August 26, 2006.

Executive Board officers, members elected

In April, the Alumni Association elected Elizabeth A. Martin '81 president and Raymond Cooper II '77 president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board. The following were elected to three-year board terms: Corbin Crutcher '47, Eugene Johnson '80, Sawsan Jreisat '93, Melony Lane '90, Tanzi Merritt Sutton '96, Billy Van Pelt '87, Marty Voiers '73, and Nikki Adcock Williams '98.

Get your Transy license plate and help support scholarships

Transylvania led all Kentucky independent colleges and universities in license plate sales in 2002, the first year of the program, but has slipped to second place in recent years. You can help your alma mater regain the top spot for 2006 by purchasing one of these special plates while also providing scholarship money for Transy students.

Though most Kentucky residents renew vehicle registration during their birth month, you can get a Transy tag any time of the year. Take your registration and proof of insurance, plus payment for vehicle taxes and the Transy license plate, to your county clerk's office; call first to ensure Transy plates are in stock. Transy plates cost \$38 the first year and \$25 in subsequent years, compared with \$15 to renew a standard license plate. The \$10 comes back to Transy in the form of a grant for the general scholarship fund from the Kentucky Independent College Fund.

Recommendations sought for awards and Alumni Executive Board

Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations for several awards that will be presented during Alumni Weekend 2007 and for new members of the Alumni Executive Board.

Recommendations are sought for the Pioneer Hall of Fame, Morrison Medallion, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, 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. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award in most cases recognizes an alumna or alumnus who has been out of school 15 years or less with an extensive record of service and support 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.

For recommendation forms, contact the Alumni Office or submit recommendations to Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Alumni on-line community to debut

The Transy alumni office is working with the Internet Association Corporation to build an on-line community for alumni. This will be a secure, password protected site that alumni will be able to access from www.transy.edu.

Services will include an on-line alumni directory, class notes, an events calendar, registration for alumni events, photo album, and more. Through this community, alumni will also be able to sign up for a lifetime e-mail address.

For more information, watch your e-mail and check the alumni section of the Transylvania Web site, or contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

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Jason Brent Legg, Florence, Ky., has been appointed to the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center Board by Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Sara B. Morton, Lexington, has been promoted to manager of public relations at the National Tour Association, a division of Host Communications, Inc.

'04 **Shanda A. Cool**, Louisville, is attending Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville, simultaneously pursuing a mas-

ters of divinity and a masters of social work.

Joshua H. Leet, Lexington, and Joseph E. Murphy co-authored a book titled *Working for Integrity: Finding the Perfect Job in the Rapidly-Growing Compliance and Ethics Field*, which will be published by the Society of Corporate Compliance & Ethics this summer.

Emily A. Prather, Milledgeville, Ga., received an M.S. in library science from the University of Kentucky in December and is an assistant professor of library science and monograph cataloger at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

MARRIAGES

Kim Harrison Rustay '71 and Vicki Jean Campbell, July 15, 2005

Sara Tackett McNeely '92 and James Joseph Moses, April 5, 2006

Kristina Allison Helton '96 and David Keith Little, September 30, 2005

Aaron L. Wilson '97 and Michelle Ann Ross, February 21, 2004

Kyle Harrison Rustay '99 and Jeness Lynn Campbell, July 2, 2005

Rachel Danita Settles '00 and Stephen Martin Gunther, October 15, 2005

Dustin Everett Driskell '03 and **Lindsey Katherine Robinson '04**, June 11, 2005

Jessica Upton '03 and Joe Dodgen, August 6, 2005

Joshua Scott Wiglesworth '03 and **Lesley Anne Wellington '04**, July 30, 2005



■ **Collier Trenton Mills '01** and **Katherine Marie Thomas '04** were married December 17, 2005. From left, **Kyle Green '01**, **Collier Mills '01**, **Katie Thomas Mills '04**, **Dave Crowe '00**, **Wade Carter**, **Tim Majors '01**, retired Transy basketball coach **Don Lane**, **Jim Fox '01**, **Eric Liedtke '01**, and **Brad Hoskins '99**.

Christopher L. Midkiff '95 and **Amy Boyles Midkiff '96**, a daughter, **Lindsey Kathleen Midkiff**, November 5, 2005

Stephanie Godsey Ballard '96 and **Patrick O. Ballard**, triplets, **Harrison O'Brien Ballard**, **Ella Catherine Ballard**, and **Lillian Dru Ballard**, September 12, 2005

Megan Applegate Adams '98 and **Todd Adams**, a daughter, **Caroline Margaret Adams**, November 25, 2005

Darren S. Forish '99 and **Shanda Wilson Forish '00**, a son, **Darren S. Forish II**, November 6, 2005

Sarah Woodford Fegenbush '00 and **Nickolas M. Fegenbush '00**, a son, **William Oliver "Ollie" Fegenbush**, January 27, 2005

Marni Rock Gibson '00 and **James P. Gibson**, twins, **Jack Patton Gibson** and **James Peyton Gibson**, January 12, 2006

BIRTHS

Lee Hager Norman '92 and **Deron Norman**, a daughter, **Medrith Katherine Norman**, September 14, 2005

Bryce H. Amburgey '94 and **Sarah Gooch Amburgey '95**, a son, **Luke Walter Amburgey**, March 21, 2006

Tracy Davis Croley '94 and **J. Andrew Croley**, a son, **Jerrod Andrew Croley**, May 17, 2005

Carrie Smith Widman '94 and **Paul V. Widman '95**, a daughter, **Ella Grace Widman**, February 12, 2006

Robert J. Hill II '95 and **Amber F. Hill**, a son, **Truman Noah Hill**, February 6, 2006

Shannon Moreman Holt '95 and **John R. Holt**, a son, **Cooper Moreman Holt**, December 6, 2005

Christopher M. Martin '95 and **Anne Hutcherson Martin '97**, a son, **Willard Madison Martin**, March 18, 2006



■ **R. Keith Frank '90**, his wife, **Dana M. Frank**, and their four daughters welcomed **Mabry Eleanor Frank** on January 13, 2006. From left, **Meredith Garland**, **Morgan Rae**, **Mabry Eleanor**, **Dana Marie**, **Mary Margaret Elaine**, and **Madelynn Kate Frank**.



CLASS OF 1991 – 15TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Karen Combs Fiedler, Jill Stratton, Beth Walker Cox, Cindy McKinney Williams, Laura Hedrick-Lopez, Melody Pennington-Cole; *second row:* Gwen McCoy Kik, Haylee Hancock Coberly, Carlyn Eames Flores, Anne Milner Rust, Cathy Stavros, Missy Newell-Smith, Tex Smith; *third row:* Steve Elmore, James Brown, Michael Covert, Chris Arnett, Pam Marsh, Angie Logan Edwards; *back row:* Derek Donovan, Ryan Nunnelley, Chris Chaffin, Ryan Atkinson, Todd Moulder.



CLASS OF 1996 – 10TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Amy Boyles Midkiff, Elizabeth Woodford, Susan Moore Monohan, Andrea Jones Mackey, Carolyn Morris Pugh, Deborah Stigall, Amanda Carlisle Woodall, Sushannah Clark Hahn; *second row:* Cathy Redford, Amy Davie Haigh, Leigh Burberry-Gillies, Tanzi Merritt Sutton, Holly Chelf Lindquist, Bart Hanna, Stacy Franz Davis, Amber Fogel Ladd; *third row:* Cindy Ice-Bones, Laura Weathersby, Jeanne Appleman Kugler, Carrie Reed Shufflebarger, Tara Shrum Pepper, Kim McLean Cron, Sarah Riester, Meredith Darnall; *back row:* Scott Shultz, Justin McDonald, Jamie Bisotti, T. Tommy Littlepage, Greg Monohan, Chris Smedley, Lesley Huffman London.



CLASS OF 2001 – 5TH REUNION

Front row, from left: Erin Moran Sutton, Julie Staton Pearman, Jenny Osborne, Natalie Gray Ballash, Rocki Hatton, Shandra Butt Lynch; *second row:* Ashley Hunt Martin, Beth Harrell RoBards, Kim Lowman Sutton, Brooke Elswick, Jamie Ketron, Karesa Edwards Crockett, Catherine Deehan; *third row:* Alison Smith Crowley, Juliet Bishop Meredith, Stephanie Sallee Payne, Kara Best-McBride, Adam Fox, Kelly Wales Napier, Wade Napier, Catherine Tomassetti, Debbie Shuttleworth Neff, Ryan Neff; *back row:* Nicholas Holland, Andrea Perry, Eugenia Calkins Harrison, Jeff Brinkman, Jessica McCarthy Lotz, Emily Turner Weatherholt, Tim Weatherholt, John Davidson.

OBITUARIES

Only alumni survivors are listed.

Evon Bordes Gaddie '37, Louisville, died September 20, 2005. She was a member of Beechwood Baptist Church and a former employee of Kroehler Furniture and Hurstbourne Country Club.

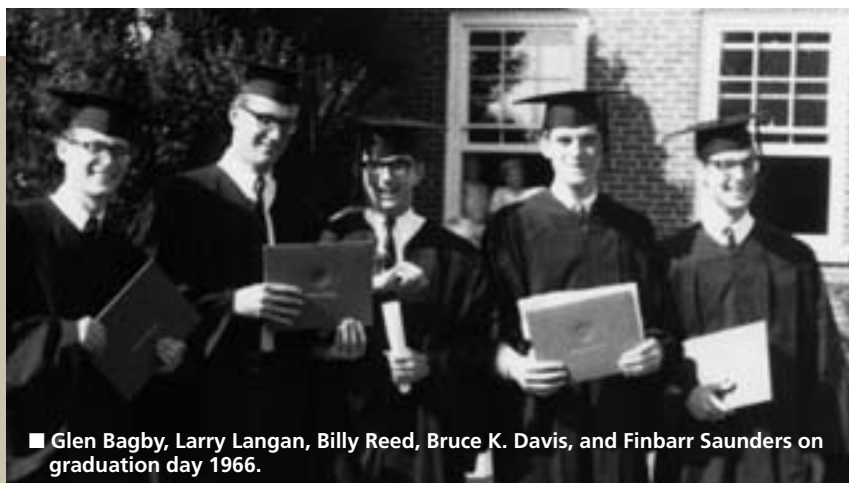
Mayme Mascolino Mandia '38, Lexington, died February 1, 2006. She had been a Fayette County public school teacher, and also taught in schools outside of Kentucky.

George L. Ross '38, Port Huron, Mich., died January 21, 2006. He spent 30 years with the U.S. Air Force, serving as a pilot, commander, and operations officer with assignments throughout the U.S., Bolivia, Japan, France, England, and North Africa. After retiring as a colonel, he became the executive dean for City College of Chicago in Europe and eventually supervised its programs for the military worldwide. He later became academic program support coordinator for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's international campus staff. He held a master's degree in counseling from Ball State University's international campus in Wiesbaden, Germany, had a long association with the Convocation of American Episcopal churches in Europe, and served as the senior warden at the Church of Saint Augustine's of Canterbury.

Edward R. Hodgetts '40, Lexington, died March 31, 2006. At Transylvania, he participated in football, basketball, and track. He retired as an engineer and director of the service division at Kentucky Utilities in Lexington. He also owned and operated Allied Electric, an electrical contracting firm, for many years. He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church for 50 years, a past member of the Lexington Cotillion Club, the Lexington Club, and the Lexington Country Club, and a volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital.

Letty Lemon Bergstrom '41, Cincinnati, died February 9, 2006. She was retired, having worked at various times as a teacher, college student counselor, social services administrator, and research project manager at the Center for Urban Affairs at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She was co-founder of WOMONWAYS, a member of Northern Hills Fellowship, and a former council member of Oxford, which named her citizen of the year in 1967.

Arch T. Dotson '41, Ithaca, N.Y., died April 6, 2006. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and earned his Ph.D. in government at Harvard University. He taught at the University of Virginia and was a post-doctoral fellow at the London School of Economics before com-



■ Glen Bagby, Larry Langan, Billy Reed, Bruce K. Davis, and Finbarr Saunders on graduation day 1966.

Grads from '66 get their kicks at annual reunion

Forty years has put some distance between Bruce K. Davis, Larry Langan, Finbarr Saunders, Bill Poulson, Glen Bagby, and Billy Reed, six 1966 graduates whose friendship was forged when they pledged Kappa Alpha Order during their first year at Transylvania.

Davis is executive director of the Kentucky Bar Association in Frankfort, Ky.; Langan is an attorney in Bardstown, Ky.; Saunders is office manager for the accounting firm Novinger, Ball, and Zivi, P.C., in Knoxville, Tenn.; Poulson is a contractor who owns Build it With Care in Moorestown, N.J.; Bagby is a partner in the Lexington law firm Woodward, Hobson & Fulton LLP; and Reed is a newspaper columnist, magazine writer, commentator, and author based in Louisville.

Despite the different directions their lives and careers have taken the KA brothers, they've stayed in touch, and for the last decade they've been gathering for a few days each year at Pawleys Island, S.C., where Langan owns a vacation home.

"When we get together, it's as if we had seen each other only yesterday," wrote Billy Reed in a column for the *Glasgow Daily Times* in 2002. "Threads of old conversations immediately are picked up where they were left off. The conversations run the gamut from sophomoric teasing to serious soul-searching. We laugh, cry, and tell stories we've told a hundred times before, some of which are even true."

Langan said he enjoys hosting the annual reunion and is glad his daughter, Kelly Langan '06, and her Transy friends have begun gathering there as well.

"You can't beat good food, a pleasant environment, and old friends," Langan said.

■ (Below) Class of '66 members Larry Langan, Finbarr Saunders, Bill Poulson, Glen Bagby, and Bruce K. Davis at a reunion in the 1990s.



ing to Cornell University in 1951. He was a member of the Cornell Department of Government until his retirement, serving as its chair from 1969 to 1976. He was instrumental in organizing the Cornell Abroad and Cornell-in-Washington programs, and the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, and he received the Clarke Award for distinguished teaching in 1971. His international public affairs work received support from the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. State Department, United Nations, and various governments. He organized an international conference on city and regional planning in Tokyo, was an honorary fellow at the Australian National University, and researched forms of government in a mountain community of Papua, New Guinea. Transylvania awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree for his distinguished career in 2001.

Maxine Proseus Laver '41, Lakeland, Fla., died November 7, 2005. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She was a retired elementary school and harp teacher, and former member of the Imperial Symphony Orchestra in Florida.

Frances Henderson Pennington '42, Winchester, Ky., died January 29, 2006. A lifelong member of the Christian Church, she was active in various congregations including Mt. Vernon, Woodland Christian Church of Lexington, Riverside Christian Church of Jacksonville, Fla., Bethesda Christian Church of Maryland, and the First Christian Church in Winchester. Survivors include her husband, **James F. Pennington '39**, and son, **Paul M. Pennington '83**.

Mary Elizabeth Crouch Chenault '43, Frankfort, Ky., died April 6, 2006. She taught English at Frankfort High School for 21 years before her retirement, and received the Kentucky Star Teacher Award in 1968 and 1974 and the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Frankfort Independent System in 1978. She was a member and past president of the United Nations Association—United States of America, the Frankfort Arts Foundation, and the P. E. O. Bluegrass Council. She attended First Christian Church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for several years. She was also a member of Chi Omega and of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, and Phi Alpha Theta history honorary. Survivors include her husband, **John C. Chenault III '35**, and sons, **David L. Chenault '69** and **John C. Chenault IV '65**.

Cecil Fuson McKee '43, Huntsville, Tex., died January 11, 2006. He earned a B.D. from

the College of the Bible, now Lexington Theological Seminary, and an M.A. from Sam Houston State Teachers College. He was a retired United Methodist minister who served as chaplain for the Texas Prison System/Department of Corrections for 30 years. In retirement, he served as chaplain of the Walker County Commissioners Court, conducted services at Ella Smither nursing home and Carriage Inn, and taught Sunday school at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth Cloyd McKee '47**.

Eugene Morris Sageser Jr. '43, Lexington, died January 6, 2006. He served as a U.S. Army medic during World War II and attended the University of Louisville School of Pharmacy and Auburn University School of Pharmacy. Starting in 1945, he managed Sageser Pharmacy with his father and opened Sageser Apothecary on South Limestone in 1955 and Sageser Drugs in Southland in 1958. He also owned and operated two Hallmark card shops until he retired in 1997. He served as president of the Southland Merchants Association and the University of Kentucky Wildcat Club.

Donald L. Wight '46, Marion, Ky., died April 22, 2006. As a student, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and Psi Omega Dental fraternity. After earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Northwestern University in Chicago, he opened a dental practice in Marion in 1950. He retired from dentistry in 2001. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Cole Wight '46**, and his daughter, **Barbara A. Wight '80**.

Betty Whitesides Hibbs '49, Cox's Creek, Ky., died April 1, 2006. She was a retired school teacher, having worked for Nelson County public and private schools for 32 years.

Louie Mack '49, Lexington, died February 17, 2006. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he became an American history teacher in Fayette County. He continued to work for the school system for 36 years, 25 of them as an administrator. Fayette County's media services building is named in his honor. Following his retirement in 1982, he was elected to the state legislature, where he served from 1984 to 1992. Committed to improving education, he was a member of the House Education Committee and played a role in the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990.

Harlan T. Snider '49, Stuart, Fla., died March 9, 2006. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He retired as senior vice president of Sun Oil Company, and was an active member of the American Petroleum Institute and the Wayne

Presbyterian Church.

Linda Harp Hankinson '51, Morehead, Ky., died March 15, 2006. At Transylvania, she was a member of Phi Mu. She worked as a teacher in Harrodsburg, Ky., and Woodford County, Ky., and as an auditor for Sears, Roebuck and Company in Lexington.

S. David Levy '53, Boca Raton, Fla., died December 28, 2005. He earned his law degree from the University of Kentucky and served as a public defender in Union County, N.J., until 1988.

Harry David Varner '61, Cynthiana, Ky., died January 7, 2006. A member of Kappa Alpha Order, he earned a master's degree and Rank I from the University of Kentucky and worked as a teacher and administrator for Harrison County Schools. He was a lifelong farmer and member of the Benson United Methodist Church. He served on the board of directors of the Harrison County Water Association, Harrison County Fire District Commission, and Kentucky Farm Bureau, and was a volunteer for the Salvation Army.

James Ray Collins '68, Washington, D.C., died February 22, 2006. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was associate publisher of *WorldView Magazine* and a Washington, D.C., representative of *Foreign Affairs Magazine*.

Charles Christopher Leyes '68, Prosperity, S.C., died February 16, 2006. A member of Delta Sigma Phi at Transylvania, he earned a master's degree from Ball State University in television production. He retired from the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina.

Mark K. Besten '80, Louisville, died February 5, 2006. He was a freelance writer and had been an award-winning copywriter and creative director at several advertising and public relations firms in Louisville.

Philip D. Minns '85, Calallen, Tex., died January 29, 2006. At Transylvania, he served as Kappa Alpha Order vice president and pledge educator, played junior varsity basketball, and was athletic trainer for the men's basketball team. He was employed at WSI Total Safety.

■ 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.

Katie Chandler Bolin invested in stocks during her 32-year career with Merrill Lynch, and she recently used some of those investments to endow two scholarships at Transylvania. The Bolin/Chandler Scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore majoring in biology or chemistry on a pre-med track, while the Chandler/Bolin Music Scholarship will go to a first-year music major. Both are renewable, based on the recipients continuing to meet the scholarship criteria.

The science scholarship honors Bolin's late husband, Ralph, who was a buyer for scientific equipment, and her late brothers, Joe, a physician, and A.B. (Happy), a former Kentucky governor for whom the University of Kentucky Medical Center is named. Joe and Happy were Transylvania graduates.

"My mother instilled in my brothers and me a lifelong love of music, and I thought it was only right for the music scholarship to honor both of my parents as well as my in-laws," said Bolin. "They were all so meaningful in my life. They would be pleased."

Bolin specified that the scholarship recipients be multi-dimensional students and actively involved in extracurricular activities. "I worked at the Y and other places while I was at Transy, and had to juggle my responsibilities," she said, "so I hope these scholarships will give some students a few extra hours to enjoy their college experience and not have to spend as much time working outside jobs."

In addition to the scholarships, Bolin is a strong supporter of the annual fund. "Every year since I graduated, I've contributed something, even if it was just \$10 for new choir robes or some other special project," she said. "The real plus of giving to Transy is knowing that the University manages money so well and uses it properly. Being in the investment industry as long as I was, I understand that."



"It's a joy to see how students are benefiting, so this was the right time for me to fund a scholarship."

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Senior Expressions



The Morlan Gallery's senior art exhibition featured work by eight art majors: Lauren Carlisle, Erin Fisher, Jessica Hamlet, Tim Meko, Ali Murray, Morgan Riney, Heather Sizemore, and Caitlin Sullivan. Left, *Iron Maiden*, a wood and steel sculpture by Murray. Middle top, *The Lady of Shallot*, acrylic on canvas by Sizemore. Middle bottom, glass sculpture by Sullivan. Right, foil dress by Riney. Photos by Tim Meko '06