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## TRANSYLVANIA WELCOMES SIX NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Six professors joined the Transylvania faculty for the 2008-09 academic year, including three to fill newly created positions in chemistry, economics, and Spanish, and three as replacements for retiring and departing faculty in sociology, computer science, and business.

**Jeremy Paden**, assistant professor of Spanish, most recently taught at Georgia State University. He earned his B.A. in English literature from Harding University, his M.A. in Spanish literature from the University of Memphis, and his Ph.D. in Spanish from Emory University. His dissertation was titled *Reading Religiously: Baroque Hermeneutics and the Religious Poetry of Lope de Vega and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz*.

**Volkán Cetinkaya**, assistant professor of economics, most recently taught at the College of New Jersey School of Business. He earned his B.A. in economics from Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Rutgers University. His research interests include industrial organization and health economics.

**Robert England**, associate professor of computer science, most recently taught at Rhodes College. He earned his B.A. in mathematics from Rhodes and his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has researched clique graph theory and applications to problems in parallel computing, and designed and implemented a grammar driven language sensitive computer interface system for the IBM AT and VAX computers.

**Jeffrey D. Hopper**, assistant professor of business administration, most recently taught at Middle Tennessee State University. He earned his B.A. from Transylvania in 1994 and his M.A.



in economics, M.B.A., and Ph.D. in economics from Middle Tennessee State University. His dissertation was titled *The Effects of Private Prison Labor Program Participation in Inmate Recidivism*, and his research interests include wage penalties associated with smoking and obesity.

**George K. Kaufman**, assistant professor of chemistry, was most recently head teaching fellow in physical-organic chemistry at Harvard University. He earned his B.A. in classics, B.S. in chemical physics, and M.S. in chemistry from Brown University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard. His research interests include assembly of antibodies using multivalent haptens and electrostatic assembly of polymer electrets.



**Marta Rodríguez-Galán**, assistant professor of sociology, most recently served as a post-doctoral research associate in the Northeastern University department of sociology and anthropology for a National Institutes of Health-funded project titled The Boston Puerto Rican Center on Population Health and Health Disparities. She earned her B.A./licensure in pedagogy from the University of Oviedo, Spain, her M.A. in Hispanic studies from the University of Rhode Island, and her Ph.D. in sociology from Northeastern University. Her research interests include depression among aging Hispanics and the conceptualization of culture in the works of Sarmiento.

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## JGK III scholars on campus

The first two JGK III scholars, **Austyn Gaffney** of Bowling Green, Ky., and **Justin Penticuff** of Winchester, Ky., began their studies at Transylvania this fall.



**Austyn Gaffney**



**Justin Penticuff**

Gaffney hopes to create a major in international affairs and minor in a foreign language. "Because of this scholarship, I am able to pursue interests like study abroad," she said. "Transy is a school brimming with intelligent students, and I am fortunate to be given this opportunity."

Penticuff, who plans to study the sciences in preparation for a career in medicine, said that receiving the scholarship added to his sense of belonging at Transylvania. "It has not only provided me with a sense of completion and success," he said, "but also excitement and responsibility. I will continue to strive toward being the best student and overall role model that I can be."

The JGK III Scholarship was endowed by sisters Clay Kirk of New York City and Sarah Kennedy of Atlanta to honor their brother, James G. Kenan III, vice chair of Transylvania's Board of Trustees and chair of the Investment Committee.

The merit scholarships include full tuition and fees, room and board, for four years and will be awarded to two entering first-year students every four years. JGK III scholars are required to maintain a 3.5 grade point average, be campus leaders, and exhibit excellence of character and responsible citizenship.

Joseph Rey Au

## TRANSYLVANIA ADDS GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR

After years of helping students create a German special major pattern, German and French professor Rick Weber now takes pleasure in knowing that it's official—the University approved a German Studies major effective with the current academic year.

The major's title includes the word "studies" because its curriculum goes beyond the traditional German major that focuses primarily on language and literature. As Weber has shaped it, Transylvania's major includes those elements, but also encompasses German culture, history, politics, philosophy, geography, and current events.

"The movement in German throughout academia has been toward including a much broader range of topics in the major," Weber said.

Transy students taking German have an advantage in that regard with Weber, who visits Germany every summer with the support of the David and Betty Jones Faculty Development Fund and the Kenan Fund

for Faculty and Student Enrichment. Over the years, he has acquired firsthand knowledge of the German culture, including many different cities, which is supported by a large collection of his photos he uses to supplement his classroom presentations.

"German texts tend to have a city in each chapter around which the material is organized," Weber said. "I personalize that with my own photos and knowledge gained from having been there."

Supporting that notion of learning about the country itself is a requirement that each Transy German Studies major complete a study abroad experience in the country. This is facilitated financially by the University's decision to allow students to use a portion of their scholarship funds for study abroad.

Rounding out the major's content is a new May term offering that features German cinema, with historical films (up to about 1980) being offered one year and contemporary cin-

ema (mainly 1990s post-reunification films) the next.

Weber is in the national forefront of academia's reshaping of the German curriculum to offer a more robust major and attract more students. He authored a well received paper titled "Re(de)fining the College German Curriculum: A Program Proposal" that was published in the spring 2000 edition of the scholarly journal *Die Unterrichtspraxis* in which he discussed the ideas he has implemented in Transy's curriculum.

Weber also feels the timing is right for more emphasis on German studies at Transylvania because of the role a reunified Germany is playing in Europe and the world.

"With reunification, Germany moved geographically from the eastern edge of the Western world, or Europe, to the center," he said. "It's occupying that space in an economic and cultural sense as well. Germany is playing a central role in the redevelopment of all the former Soviet countries."

## New Strategic Plan being developed

Transylvania is preparing a 2009-2012 Strategic Plan that will give the University a renewed unity of vision for its future. The report will include strategies to complete goals carried over from the current 2003-2008 plan as well as new initiatives.

The plan will focus on four general areas: financial resources, academic and intellectual community, diversity/globalization, and support of campus culture.

Transylvania Board of Trustees members Byron Young '61 and Rose Mary Stamler Dow '88 are co-chairs for the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan initiative. Young chairs the board's Planning and Evaluation Committee, which has oversight for the project. Faculty and staff members will also take part.

The plan will be presented to the board for approval in May 2009 and become a primary resource as the University gears up for its next reaffirmation of accreditation

process in 2012 with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a procedure that members of SACS go through every 10 years.

## Mitchell elected to Board of Trustees

Samuel J. Mitchell Jr. was recently elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees. He is president of The Valvoline Company, with responsibility for Valvoline's worldwide business of lubricants and chemicals, the division's quick-lube business, and the development of innovative premium products. He is a graduate of Miami University in Ohio and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

## Transy hosts portion of Henry Clay conference

Addressing the need to bridge the nation's and the world's differences, the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship launched its inaugural Student Congress in July, with Transylvania playing a key role.

The Congress brought together 51 rising college seniors from 50 states and the District of Columbia, nominated by their respective state's senior U.S. senator and college and university officials, with the goal of promoting statesmanship through Henry Clay's ideals of debate, diplomacy, communication, and beneficial compromise.

The curriculum for the unique one-week course was titled Resolving Conflict in the Modern World. The first full day of the conference was held on Transy's campus, an appropriate choice for an event bearing the name of Henry Clay.



Mollie Eblen

"As we review the early history of this 228-year-old institution, we find that Henry Clay had a profound influence on the University," President Charles L. Shearer said during his opening remarks. "In 1812, the trustees appointed Henry Clay to a search committee charged with finding a president. As a result, Horace Holley, one of Transylvania's most successful presidents, was appointed."

Clay also taught in Transylvania's early law school and served on the University's Board of Trustees.

The day included sessions with Transylvania writing, rhetoric, and communication professor Scott Whiddon and political science professor Don Dugi, and a tour of Special Collections led by Special Collections librarian B. J. Gooch (photo at left).



## Parents Council



Joseph Rey, AU

■ Members of the Parents Council are working to raise \$93,000 for the Parents Fund, which helps purchase resources for Transylvania's J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library. From left, front: Susan Shewmaker, Patti Geil, Sarah Johnson, Brenda Clayton, Bev Drye, Mary Beth Marshall, Kim Lacy (co-president), Mary Lou Anderson, Mary Beth Richardson, Veronica Dean-Thacker, Carmen Jagoe. Back: David Shewmaker, Jack Geil, Pete Gammon, Noel Clayton, Jim Drye, Perry Marshall, Mac Lacy (co-president), Mike Anderson, Mary Ann Miller, Ed Miller, Shelby Thacker, Scott Jagoe.

## 225TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN GOAL INCREASED TO \$42 MILLION

The 225th Anniversary Campaign has been a great success overall, surpassing its original \$32 million goal to reach \$35 million. Still, there are specific categories within the campaign that have yet to be fully funded. Because of that, the University has extended the campaign by six months and increased the overall goal to \$42 million.

"Overall progress on the campaign has been excellent," said President Charles L. Shearer, "but we need to address several specific goals that are very important to Transylvania's future."

Chief among the remaining goals is the ongoing renovation of laboratory space in Brown Science Center, which opened in 1970. Costs for the project, which is more than halfway completed, have risen from an original estimate of \$7 million to \$9 million. Fund-raising so far has totaled \$6.3 million, leaving \$2.7 million as an integral part of the remaining overall capital campaign.

Other categories that the extended and increased campaign is intended to address include two \$1 million endowed

academic chairs, additional support for study abroad opportunities, and other projects.

Work on Brown Science has already included a new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system, a new flex lab, renovated physics labs, and the first of the renovated biology and chemistry labs.

Transylvania faculty are very impressed with results of the renovation so far. They are now teaching in labs that are state-of-the-art in both decor and equipment, and which offer much greater flexibility and capabilities for science instruction.

The renovated spaces also facilitate more collaboration

among students and among faculty members, said biology professor James Wagner. "Modern science is very interdisciplinary," he said, "and we're creating spaces that encourage faculty members in the various disciplines to share them. Mathematics is using the physics lab as a teaching classroom, and chemistry, math, and biology all use the biology flex lab."

Richard Valentine, vice president for alumni and development, is optimistic that Transylvania donors will make the final stage of the campaign a success. "Completing the work in Brown Science and funding two more endowed academic chairs are our primary targets, with study abroad funding and other projects also in the mix. We feel very good about reaching our new, more ambitious goal of \$42 million."



Joseph Rey, AU

■ Junior Rachel Skinner uses one of the new fume hoods, which safely ventilate chemical fumes to the outside, during an organic chemistry class in a newly renovated Brown Science Center laboratory.

## CANDRIS SCHOLARSHIP TARGETS SCIENCE AND MATH STUDENTS

Because of their ardent belief in the transforming and enduring value of a Transylvania education, Laura A. (Sutton) Candris '75 and Aris Candris '73 established the Laura and Aris Candris Science Scholarship at Transylvania.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to qualified students majoring in physics, chemistry, mathematics, or computer science, with first preference given to international students.

Aris, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, came to

Transylvania from Greece and completed three majors—physics, mathematics, and pre-engineering—and went on to earn a Ph.D. in nuclear science and engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University. In July 2008 he became president and CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company, the global leader in commercial nuclear power.

Laura completed a pre-law major at Transylvania and earned her J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She is senior counsel with the Pittsburgh law firm

Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP.

"By staying in close touch with both Transylvania and Carnegie-Mellon, we hope to encourage more emphasis on technical and engineering curricula," Aris said. "That's one of the reasons this scholarship at Transy is so important to Laura and me. Transylvania has excellent programs in the sciences and mathematics, and we want to support top students interested in those majors. Our nation needs these kinds of graduates now more than ever."

For information on how to



■ Aris Candris '73 and Laura A. (Sutton) Candris '75

support the Laura and Aris Candris Science Scholarship, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679.

## Annual Fund contributions take on new significance in time of financial turmoil

Contributions to the Transylvania Annual Fund are more critical than ever this year because of the decline in value of the University's endowment that has resulted from the turbulence in the stock market.

Like many other colleges and universities, Transylvania's investment portfolio has been hit by the recent disruption in financial markets. The endowment stood at \$144.5 million in June 2007, and had declined to \$121.5 million a year later. The international credit crisis that occurred this fall has added to the challenge of maintaining portfolio value.

"Transylvania donors have always provided the college with a robust annual fund that gives us the unrestricted dollars to draw from for scholarships, new technology,

faculty salaries, curricular enhancements, and other needs of operating the University on a year-to-year basis," said Richard Valentine, vice president for alumni and development. "The current year is a special case as we strive to preserve our endowment by using as little as possible for current needs."

President Charles L. Shearer put the endowment in perspective when he noted, "Transylvania's endowment is our institutional savings account, our nest egg, and preserving it and building it are key to the University's future. Even though it is also a significant source of revenue for the operating budget, we need to carefully control how much of it we use for that purpose. Donor support of the annual fund this year

will be a significant factor in protecting it from any further decline."

Transylvania's well managed endowment portfolio drew high praise from the National Association of College and University Business Officers in 2005 when it was cited for being in the nation's top 10 among higher education endowments for 10-year returns for three years in a row.

"We are very optimistic about the long-range health of our endowment, and it's important to note that the University has not invested in any non-traditional securities that have diminished dramatically," said Shearer. "Our endowment tends to be invested predominantly in mainline stocks of traditional, sound companies."

## Transylvania hosts seminar on liberal education

■ Sixteen professors from across the country participated in Transylvania's seminar titled *Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept*, in July. The seminar participants were selected from a pool of over 40 applicants from prominent liberal arts colleges. Professors and officials taking part in the seminar included, front row, from left, Ellen Cox, Transylvania, philosophy; Anne B. Rodick, Wofford College, European history; Diana Punzo, Earlham College, psychology; Sydney Watts, University of Richmond, history; Mark Brouwer, Wabash College, political theory; Jeffrey C. Davis, Wheaton College, English and interdisciplinary studies; back row, Lisa A. Wilkinson, Nebraska Wesleyan University, philosophy and liberal arts; Jeffrey Freyman, Transylvania, political science; John Ahrens, Hanover College, philosophy; William F. Pollard, Transylvania, vice president and dean of the college; Peter Bradley, McDaniel College, philosophy; Doug Casson, St. Olaf College, political theory; Barbara Lom, Davidson College, biology and neuroscience; Richard Ekman, president, Council of Independent Colleges; John Svarlien, Transylvania, classics (partially hidden); James Frueh, Bridgewater College, history and political science; Karen Schmeichel, Oglethorpe College, biology; and Matthew McKeever, Mount Holyoke College, European history. Participants not pictured are Brenda Foley, Marlboro College, theatre and performance studies; Laurence Roth, Susquehanna University, English and Jewish studies; and Stephen Salkever, Bryn Mawr College, European history.



Photo: Lyn Hurley



## THEMED HOUSING SEEN IN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

With the renovation and reopening of a historic residence on North Broadway as the home of International House, the themed housing movement at Transylvania is picking up steam.

"This type of housing integrates the learning experience into the living experience," said dean of students Mike Vetter. "We're trying to strengthen the linkage between academics and student life, which broadens the opportunities for learning beyond the classroom."

International House fulfills that goal by giving students interested in a foreign language, as well as others interested in international issues in general, a place to live and practice their language skills in an out-of-class situation.

"The heart of the International House is supporting the three main spoken languages we have at Transylvania—Spanish, French, and German—but when there is room, we want to encourage students who have taken some language courses and have other international interests, such as anthropology or business, to also live there," said Spanish professor Danae Orlins, faculty adviser

for the house.

Grace Saulsbury, a senior Spanish and anthropology double major, feels the social atmosphere at International House is conducive to language learning, especially during the frequent events hosted by residents. A conversation hour is held every week in which students, faculty, and staff are invited to take part.

"We use the foreign language exclusively during these events, and try to let people come and practice the language and learn about the country in a more casual, everyday setting," Saulsbury said.

Saulsbury also appreciates the renovation and rebuilding that created an International House with modern amenities, including new fixtures in the kitchens and bathrooms for each of the four apartments, while preserving many original features.

"I love that they kept much of the old character of the house," Saulsbury said. "In one of our rooms there's an original mantle decorated with colored tiles that's gorgeous."

Another themed residence facility is CRU House, located in a restored house on Upper

Street that provides an alternative living opportunity focusing on spiritual development. Future themed housing, said Vetter, may feature environmental awareness and wellness.

### Scholarship honors former professor James E. Miller

Former students, colleagues, and friends of Transylvania computer science and mathematics professor emeritus James E. Miller are coming forward to support a scholarship fund in honor of his remarkable 42-year tenure at the University, which ended with his retirement at the close of the 2007-08 academic year.

"What we learned from Dr. Miller wasn't just how to write computer code, but how to solve problems and think logically," said Steve Banfield '90, CEO of Verve Media, a technology startup based in Los Angeles, who formally worked for Sony, Microsoft, RealPlayer, and IBM. "Those skills are ones I and many other alumni have come to rely upon throughout our careers. Creating the scholarship endowment was a small way we could encourage everyone who has been touched by the sciences programs at Transy to recognize Dr. Miller's contributions."

The James Miller Scholarship Fund will provide annual grants to currently enrolled deserving students who are majoring in computer science and have demonstrated financial need. Thus far, 115 donors have contributed \$65,416 in gifts and pledges to the fund.

The endowment recognizes the impact Miller had as teacher, adviser, and mentor to countless students during more than four decades of service to Transylvania, from 1966-2008.

Suzanne Thompson '87, a software engineer at Lexmark International in Lexington, recalled how Miller took a sin-

cere interest in students and was always there to help them along.

"He would ask how you were doing, what classes you were taking, did you have a summer job lined up, what were you doing after graduation," she said. "It wasn't just chit-chat—he really cared about you."

"I was very glad to have the opportunity to do something to honor Dr. Miller as well as help future computer science students."

For information on supporting the James Miller Scholarship Fund, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679.

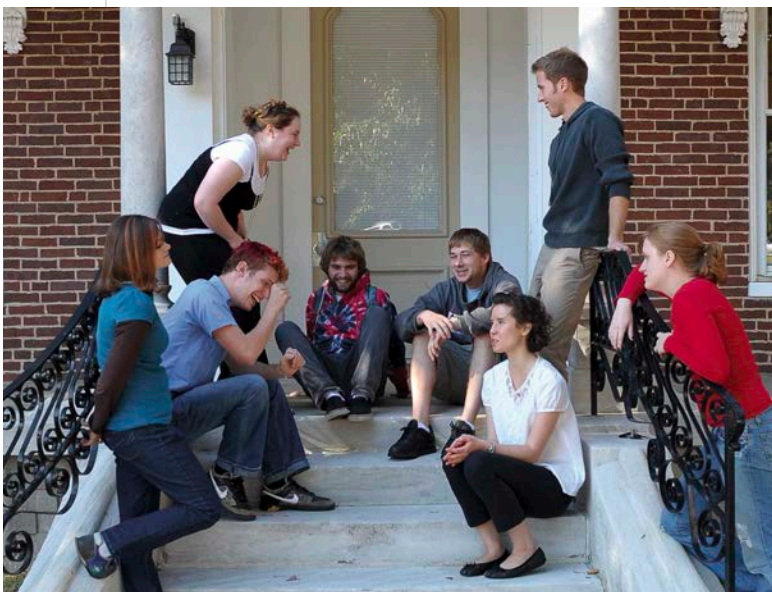
### Rosenthal receives Kentuckian Award

Warren W. Rosenthal, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, was honored by the Happy Chandler Scholarship Foundation with its 2008 Kentuckian Award during the foundation's Awards of Excellence Gala in July. The award honors outstanding service to the Commonwealth.

A video tribute to Rosenthal's business and philanthropic achievements cited the native of Paducah, Ky., as "...one of the most powerful and ingenious forces in the food service and franchise industry."

Rosenthal joined the fledgling Jerrico company in 1948 when it consisted of two hamburger stands and a sandwich shop. When he stepped down as chairman of the board in 1989, Rosenthal had played a key role in growing Jerrico Inc. into a food service giant with 1,565 Jerry's, Long John Silver's, and Fazoli's locations.

Rosenthal serves on the Transylvania board's Executive Committee, and has supported numerous capital campaigns and been a major donor for such projects as the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. He was instrumental in establishing the hospitality management program at Transy.



Joseph Rey Au

■ Lounging on the steps of the newly renovated International House are, from left, Grace Saulsbury '09, Alex Keys '11, Adrienne Singleton '09, Clay Shields '11, Jared Williams '10, Marci Cornett '09, Gus Rankin '09, and Rachel Gregory '08.

## GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERT SPEAKS ABOUT HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE

Doctor, humanitarian, and global health expert David Walton spoke in Haggin Auditorium on September 14 at Transylvania's fall convocation. The lecture was tied in with Transy's First Engagements book choice for 2008-09, Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World*.

Walton met Farmer during his first year of medical school and became his research assistant. His first trip to Haiti in 1999 set the stage for his ongoing commitment to the poorest country in the hemisphere.

A staff member at the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequities at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, he spends much of his time in Haiti providing medical care to impoverished communities as a part of Farmer's Partners in Health. This organization aims to bring healthcare and social justice to the poor of the world, not only in instances of emergency, but as a lasting partnership.

■ **Convocation speaker David Walton talks with political science professor Sakah Mahmud at a reception following the speech.**



"Those who can ill afford to suffer always end up suffering more," Walton said. "Our task as a world community is to fix this situation. Healthcare is a human right, not a commodity."

After describing the living conditions in Haiti and sharing his experiences as a healthcare provider in that setting, Walton's charge to the convocation audience was to become engaged on some level with other people's lives.

"Whatever you do with your life, there are always ways to help the less advantaged," he said. "Do what you're passionate about, but find a way to help others."

In the First Engagements program, all first-year students read Kidder's book and took part in small-group discussions of its themes.



■ **Murphy represents Kentucky at convention**

■ **Junior Tyler Murphy poses in INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver, site of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.**

While his classmates were preparing to move back to campus this fall, junior Tyler Murphy was in Denver serving as a first-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention, held August 25-28. A political science major from Flatwoods, Ky., Murphy has been interested in politics since childhood.

"In Denver, I met people that I've watched every day on the news or on C-Span," Murphy said, people like former Secretary of State Madeline Albright and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

Murphy cited Sen. Ted Kennedy's speech as a highlight of the convention. "Here was this man who has served our party for half a century," he said. "Seeing him come out on the podium and hearing the response from the crowd was a powerful moment."

Murphy, who is president of Transy's chapter of College Democrats, was on Sen. Hillary

Clinton's staff in Kentucky and active in her campaign in the days leading up to the primary in May. He also played a key role in getting both Hillary and former president Bill Clinton to attend a get-out-the-vote rally at Transylvania on the eve of the primary.

Because of his involvement in Kentucky politics, Murphy said he already knew many of the other delegates, and the convention was a great opportunity to strengthen those bonds. "I love Kentucky, and to share the experience with the other delegates was exciting," he said. "No matter how we cast our ballots, it was historic for our party and our nation. Being a part of that is something I'll never forget."

Murphy was not the only Transylvania connection at the convention. Jennifer Care Moore '95, chair of the Democratic Party in Kentucky, was also a delegate.

## Transylvania sets enrollment record

Transylvania began classes this fall with 329 new students and a record-setting total enrollment of 1,158 students. A full class of new students combined with 12 transfer students and an excellent retention rate contributed to this record enrollment.

Michael Covert, associate dean of students, directs the Sophomore Success program, which was started over five

years ago to address the issue of retention. The program pairs second-year students with staff mentors who help address the issues they face, and is one of several initiatives on campus designed to support students. "Transylvania uses a University-wide effort and commitment," he said, "to work with students, make sure they feel connected, and are successful during their four years here."

The entering class, comprised of students from 33 states, includes 49 Kentucky Governor's Scholars and six National Merit Finalists. Fifty-one percent were in the top 10 percent of their high school class, with ACT and SAT scores well above the national averages.

Orientation for the class of 2012 included the traditional serenade on the steps of Old Morrison and the Greet Line.



# How suite it is

Perfect fall day frames Thomson Hall dedication

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Sunshine and clear blue skies provided a beautiful backdrop for the October 4 dedication of Thomson Residence Hall, a suite-style facility that offers upper-class students new levels of privacy and independence along with inviting social and meeting spaces.

"Thomson Hall provides students something very close to apartment-style living while still being on campus," said President Charles L. Shearer. "It represents a forerunner of the type of housing we would like to see more of down the road at Transylvania."

The \$5.5 million, three-story, 28,000-square-foot facility, located on back circle off Fourth Street, features 31 suite-style living units, each with a living room, study area, kitchenette, bathroom, and bedroom. Modular furniture allows students to customize their bedroom with a bunk bed style or separate beds.

On the ground floor, the expanded 1780 Café, relocated from the lower level of Clay Hall, is open evenings and features a healthy menu consisting of wraps, sandwiches, flat bread pizza, salads, fruit, vegetables, fair trade coffee, smoothies, and energy and fruit drinks. Tables and booths, and an outdoor patio have already made the 1780 a very popular gathering place.

Meeting and gathering space is

abundant elsewhere in Thomson Hall and includes a lower level meeting room with a capacity of 80 as well as a spacious lounge at the end of hallways on the second and third floors.

Joe Thomson '66 and his wife, JoAnn, provided a generous lead gift toward the design and construction of the facility. They are owners of Winbak Farm, a Standardbred horse farm headquartered in Maryland, with operations in Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine, and Canada. Joe is a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees and a former member of the Board of Visitors.

"JoAnn and I are very happy and proud that we can make a contribution to help Transylvania," Joe said in his dedication remarks. "A project like this is really enormous, and there are many other people who also made gifts so that this wonderful building could be constructed. Our hope is that those who reside in Thomson Hall will become better students by virtue of living there."

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the board, and Molly Burchett, a senior business administration major from Prestonsburg, Ky., expressed the University's appreciation for what the Thomsons and other major donors did to make Thomson Hall possible.

"The quality of campus facilities, especially residence halls, is an important recruiting tool in a very competitive market for college students," Young said. "All of us here today owe a great deal of gratitude to JoAnn and Joe for providing the lead gift for this project. Generous support by alumni and friends like the Thomsons is key to Transylvania's future."

Burchett, who is president of the Student Government Association, said she looked forward all summer long to moving into Thomson Hall and that living there has already made her senior year more enjoyable. "Students at Transylvania greatly appreciate the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and others who have helped keep Transy one of the most distinguished liberal arts colleges in the nation." ■



■ Above, Joe Thomson '66 addresses the audience at dedication ceremonies for Thomson Residence Hall. Below, Joe is joined by his wife, JoAnn, and daughters Ashlee and Kimberly for a cake-cutting.





## THOMSON HALL environmentally friendly

Here are some aspects of Thomson Hall that benefit the environment:

- Insulating values that exceed state code requirements by 28 percent
- Geothermal heating and air conditioning variable speed pump that saves 50 percent of pumping energy
- Total energy recovery wheel on outside air ventilation system
- Energy-saving motion sensors on corridor and laundry room lighting
- Low flow shower heads
- Fifty percent recycled material in parking lot surface



■ Above, senior Laura Wright enjoys her bedroom in Thomson Hall. Right, the 1780 Café, on the ground floor, offers a healthy menu in the evenings, and serves as a social and meeting spot at other times.



Take it from those who are residing there—Thomson Residence Hall is a great place for Transylvania students to live.

“The best part about Thomson is that we have more of our own space,” said Monica Hagan, a senior from Louisville who is on the swimming and diving team. “The suite style gives you lots of options. My roommate and I actually made two bedrooms by putting one bed and desk out in the living area. With my swimming schedule and her student teaching, she can stay up late and study, and I can go to sleep after swim practice. It’s really worked out well.”

Marshall Jolly, a senior from Paris, Ky., also appreciates the degree of separation the suite style gives him and his roommate.

“My roommate and I have different sleeping schedules. I’m in bed by midnight, he might not be in bed by 4 a.m., and he likes to take naps during the day. It gives us the opportunity to have that cordoned off space, where if one of us wants to sleep and the other wants to be on the computer,

we don’t disturb each other.”

Jolly also likes the expanded social and meeting spaces of Thomson Hall.

“The College Democrats and College Republicans sponsored an evening in the 1780 for the campus community to watch the vice presidential debate on TV. Also, our hall had a meeting with our resident adviser at the beginning of the year in the lounge at the end of our hallway, and that worked out great.”

One of the goals in designing Thomson Hall was to offer upper-class students who are very active on campus an appealing alternative to moving off campus for their final college years.

“We wanted to have a place on campus for very involved, engaged students who are providing campus leadership,” said dean of students Mike Vetter. “Their involvement means that living far from the University would be difficult for them.”

Hagan and Jolly both fit that description. Besides being a member of the swim team, Hagan, a biology major, is involved in Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honorary, the Biology Club, and community volunteer work. Jolly, an American Studies major, is a member of the speech and debate team and is president of the Kentucky Forensic Association. He is also co-coordinator for the Transylvania Episcopal Fellowship.

Hagan sees her senior year in Thomson Hall as a warm-up for life after Transy.

“I feel like Thomson is a good stepping-stone between dorm life and apartment life,” she said. “We have to clean our own kitchen and bathroom, and that makes you grow up a little and be aware of what has to be done to maintain a place. It’s good preparation for being on my own after graduation.”

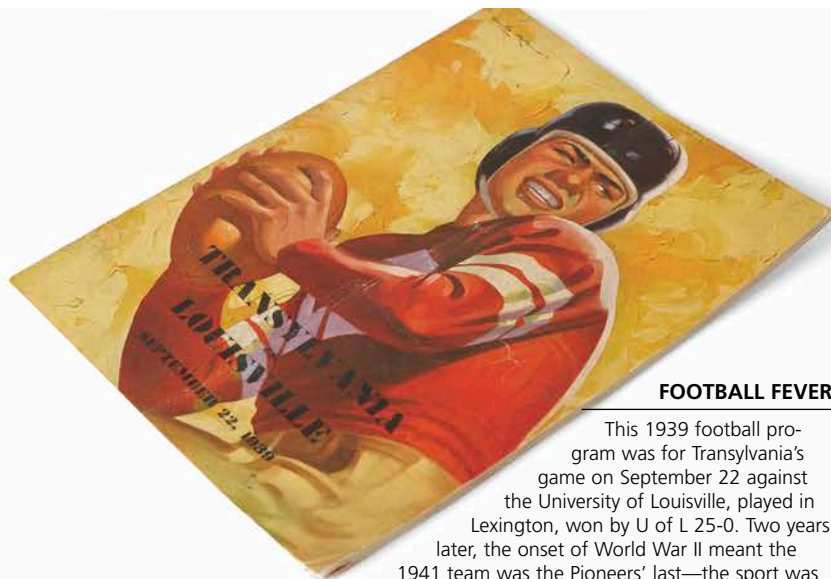
# TRANSY Show & Tell

With a 228-year history that only a handful of colleges and universities in the nation can match, it's only natural that Transylvania would be the repository of many historic and intriguing items. *Transylvania* magazine decided to ask the campus community what they might have tucked away in a desk drawer or tossed on a shelf that would reflect something intriguing about the college's distant and more recent past.

Just for good measure, we also checked with Special Collections librarian B. J. Gooch to see what might be lurking in our archives to add to the eclectic mix of items brought forth by faculty and staff members. A pocket watch given to Transylvania's first female graduate as a commencement gift and a Transylvania belt buckle were among the finds.

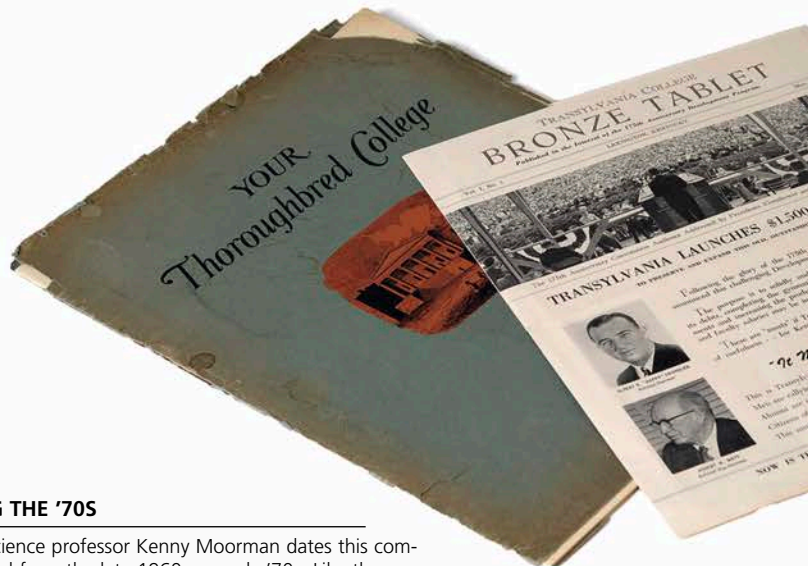
There are well documented stories connected to many of these items. With others, we were fascinated by the item, but had little solid information to go on. *Transylvania* readers who have the inside story on anything displayed here are encouraged to let us know what you know.

Please respond to Martha Baker, director of publications, at [mbaker@transy.edu](mailto:mbaker@transy.edu) or call the publications office at (859) 233-8146.



## FOOTBALL FEVER

This 1939 football program was for Transylvania's game on September 22 against the University of Louisville, played in Lexington, won by U of L 25-0. Two years later, the onset of World War II meant the 1941 team was the Pioneers' last—the sport was never revived at Transy.



## SURVIVING THE '70S

Computer science professor Kenny Moorman dates this computer terminal from the late 1960s or early '70s. Like the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, it has no brain of its own—it's a "dumb" screen and keyboard that drew its programming and memory from a connection to a mainframe computer. This particular model is a Regent 100, made by Applied Digital Data System.







### HAMILTON COLLEGE BLING

Thought to be earrings, although they are slightly different, these pendants bear the logo of Hamilton College, a women's junior and preparatory college that was affiliated with Transylvania in the early 1900s. A tag in the box is marked \$4.

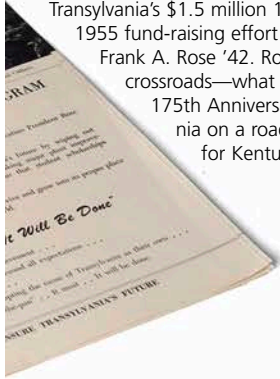


### AN EARLY SOCIETY

This formal invitation to an open meeting of the Phileusebian Society is dated 1891. The society was a literary group that began its career at the College of the Bible in 1886. According to John D. Wright Jr.'s book, *Transylvania: Tutor to the West*, it was the belief of this society and others like it that the members gained as much from the society as they might from their university studies.

### WHAT FOR \$1.5 MILLION

This capital campaign brochure and newsletter supported Transylvania's \$1.5 million 175th Anniversary Campaign, a 1955 fund-raising effort under the leadership of President Frank A. Rose '42. Rose wrote, "Our college is at the crossroads—what you and I and others do in the 175th Anniversary Campaign will put Transylvania on a road leading to higher achievements for Kentucky and the world..."



### THE WELL DRESSED PIONEER

The freshman beanie was once required apparel for Transy students. This style was for the women and belonged to Margaret "Boots" Sweeney '43. According to Harry Stephenson '46, the sweater, which belonged to football player Charles P. Taylor Sr. '39, was the type worn by varsity athletes during their first year, after which they graduated to a "T" sweater.



### FOR THE FASHIONABLE GENTLEMAN

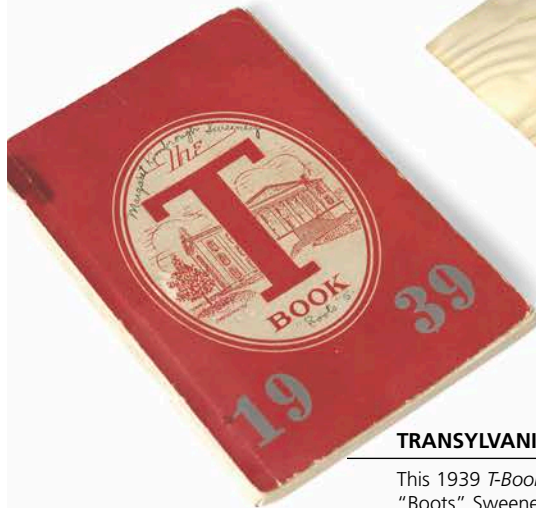
Three of the more than 350 mustache cups that Lexington businessman and real estate developer Julius Rosenberg donated to Transylvania in 1983. The inscription in old German script on the largest cup (left), as translated by German and French professor Rick Weber: Your cup was constantly too small. Will this one then suffice?





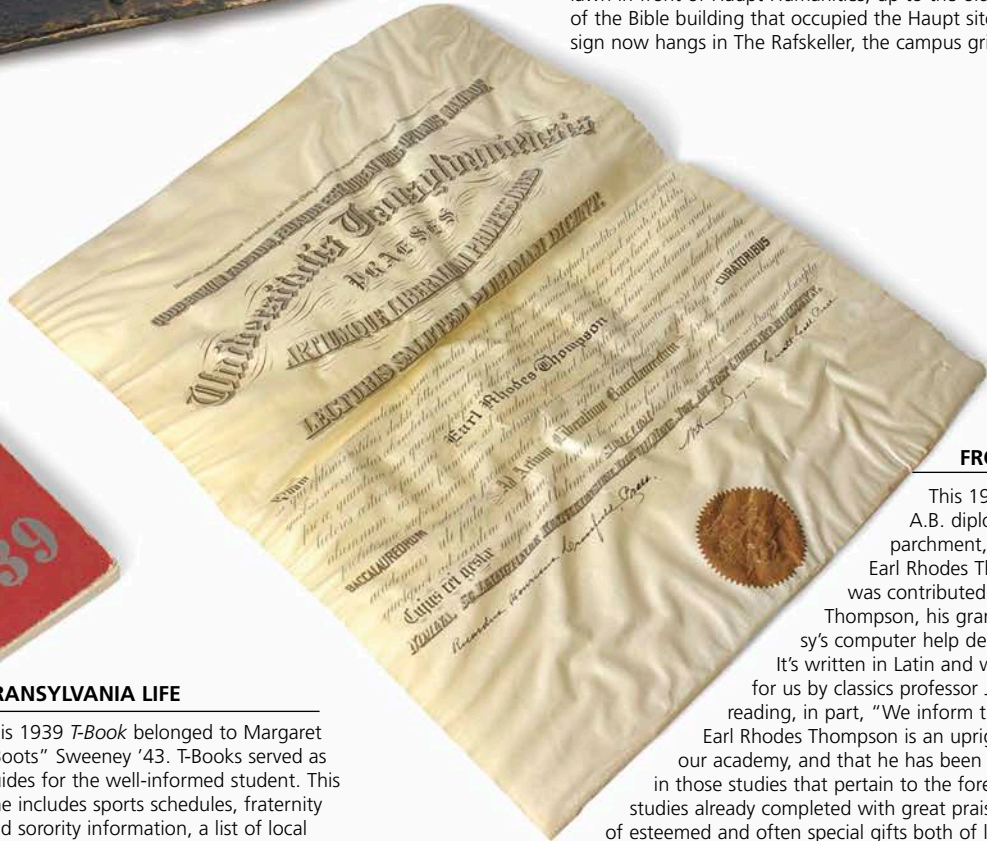
### THIS WAY TO TRANSYLVANIA

Many years ago, this sign arched across a sidewalk entrance to the Transylvania campus that faced Broadway. The old sidewalk wound its way through what is now the lawn in front of Haupt Humanities, up to the old College of the Bible building that occupied the Haupt site. The sign now hangs in The Rafskeller, the campus grill.



### TRANSYLVANIA LIFE

This 1939 *T-Book* belonged to Margaret "Boots" Sweeney '43. *T-Books* served as guides for the well-informed student. This one includes sports schedules, fraternity and sorority information, a list of local churches, the Honor Code, the words to the Transylvania Alma Mater, and rules for class and chapel attendance.



### FROM THE LATIN

This 1920 Transylvania A.B. diploma, printed on parchment, was earned by Earl Rhodes Thompson and was contributed by John L. Thompson, his grandson and Transy's computer help desk coordinator. It's written in Latin and was translated for us by classics professor John Svarlien, reading, in part, "We inform the readers that Earl Rhodes Thompson is an upright alumnus of our academy, and that he has been judged worthy in those studies that pertain to the foremost degree, studies already completed with great praise and by means of esteemed and often special gifts both of learning and natural ability, who advances into the ranks of baccalaureates..."



### AN UNUSUAL RAIN

Art professor Kurt Gohde has a bottle of what is believed to be meat rain—actual flakes of meat said to have fallen from the sky for 10 minutes on March 3, 1876, at Olympia Springs, Ky. Samples were gathered and studied at Transylvania and sent to other scientists, whose theories about the substance ranged from vegetable matter to frogs, muscle fiber, cartilage, and lung tissue.





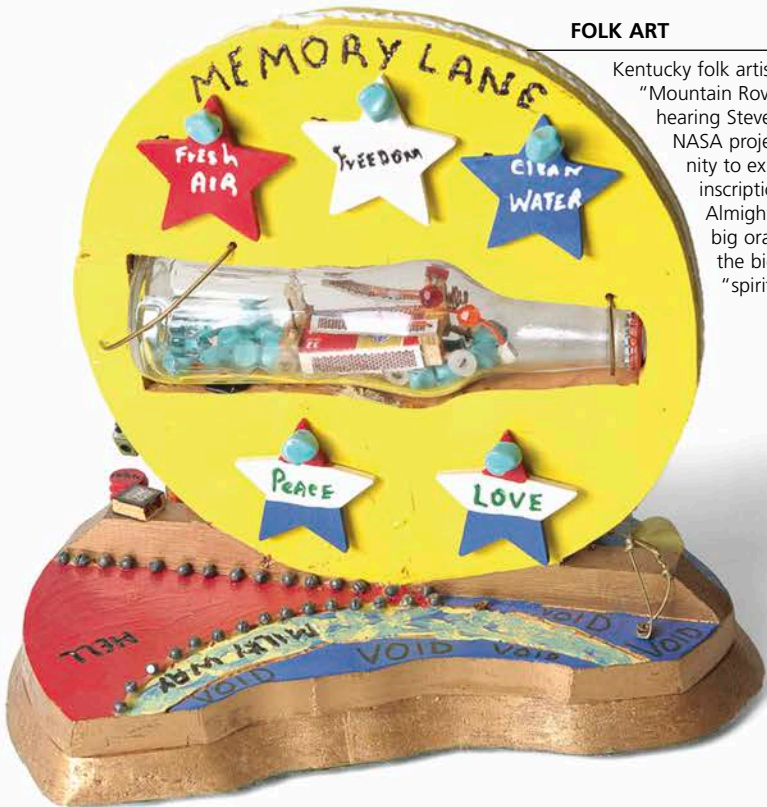
**TRANSY MAIL**

This postcard featuring Old Morrison and the building that housed the former College of the Bible indicates a postal rate of one cent for domestic mail and two cents for international. This dates the postcard earlier than 1925, when the rate for international mail was raised to three cents. Diane Fout, director of student activities and campus center, had this item.



**FOLK ART**

Kentucky folk artist Bill Woodrum made this "Mountain Rover" for Transylvania in 2004 after hearing Steven Squyres, principal investigator on the NASA project that sent the robots Spirit and Opportunity to explore Mars, present the Kenan Lecture. The inscription on the back: Like the beginning, the Almighty God gave us the moon pie and the big orange. . . We ate the moon pie, drank the big orange, and sent the rover "spirit" to Mars.



**TRANSY STYLE**

This brass belt buckle belonged to Pete Baxter '75, who purchased it in an antique store on Limestone Street in Lexington. He showed it to former history professor John D. Wright Jr., who believed it may have originally been part of a band uniform. Transy yearbooks from the 1930s picture a philharmonic band in elaborate uniforms.



**MEMORIES PRESERVED**

This beautiful graduation week scrapbook is inscribed to Edna B. Browning, class of 1926, from her roommate, Florence Martin. It includes a graduation photo of Browning and is signed by many of her professors. It also contains a T-shaped program from junior prom 1924 listing a menu that includes frozen mushrooms and queen olives.



**A TIMELY ARTIFACT**

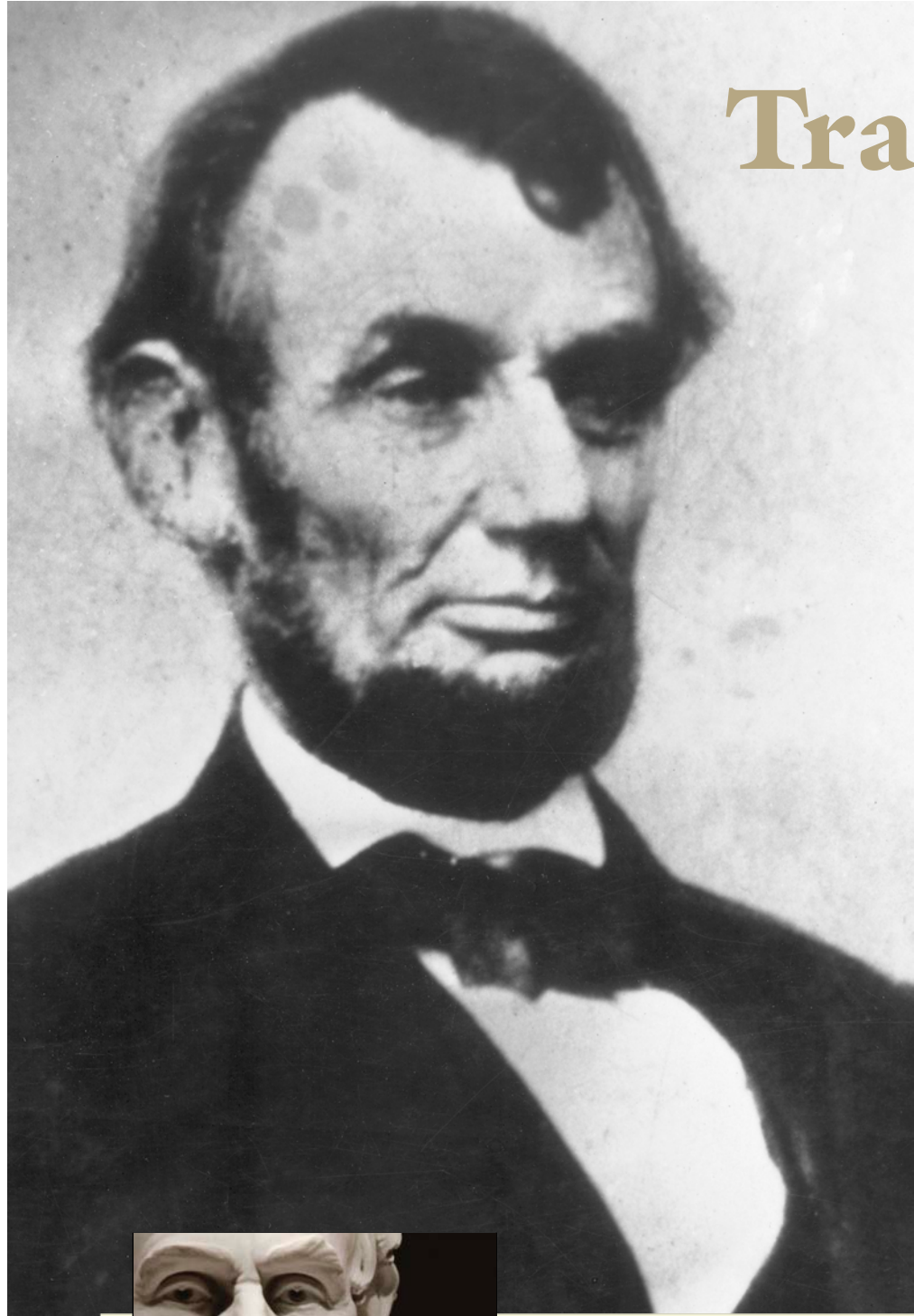
This watch was given to Catherine Van Arsdall, Transylvania class of 1893, by her mother as a graduation gift. Catherine, from Harrodsburg, Ky., was the first female graduate of the University and was elected president of her class.



**RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR**

This large brass bell is dated 1909 and appeared on the cover of the Spring 1991 issue of *Transylvania today* magazine. In the 1955 photo, Transylvania's 22nd president, Frank Rose (his obituary was in this issue), rings the bell on the steps of Old Morrison to signify the start of a new school year.





# Transylvania

## The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial

As the nation celebrates the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's February 12, 1809, birth in Hardin County, Ky., the many connections between Transylvania and the 16th President are worth recalling for how they illuminate the prominent roles in Lincoln's personal and political lives that were played by alumni and others associated with this historic college.

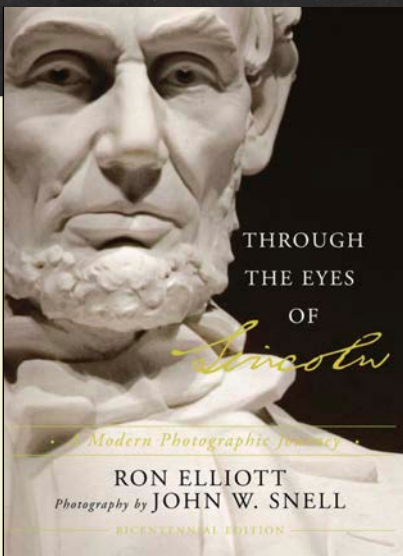
Among those connections are the role of political hero to Lincoln played by the famed statesman Henry Clay, a former Transylvania professor and trustee; the legal acumen Lincoln relied upon when he appointed Transylvania graduates Samuel Freeman Miller to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1862 and James Speed as U.S. Attorney General in 1864; and the diplomatic skills provided by alumnus Cassius Clay, named Minister to Russia by Lincoln in 1861.

In his personal and family life, Lincoln returned to his native Kentucky to wed Mary Todd of Lexington, whose family included several Transylvanians, beginning with her father, Robert S. Todd, who entered Transylvania at age 14.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial is being celebrated throughout 2008 and 2009, with a crescendo of events taking place on and around February 12, 2009, the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

As Transylvania takes part in that celebration, it harkens back to its history in the middle decades of the 19th century, a time when the University enjoyed a national prominence that coincided with Lincoln's rise to the presidency.

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### A LINCOLN PHOTO JOURNEY

A modern-day Transylvanian with a Lincoln connection is photographer John Snell '70, whose latest book, *Through the Eyes of Lincoln, A Modern Photographic Journey*, takes viewers and readers to Lincoln-related sites in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D. C.

The hardbound, coffee-table book features 90-plus photos by Snell, along with other historic photos from the Library of Congress and other sources. The text is by author Ron Elliott.

The interesting and eclectic sites photographed by Snell include the confluence of Knob Creek and Rolling Fork River in Kentucky, where Lincoln's father launched a raft bound for Indiana; the Knox College building that was the site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate; and the pew in the Washington, D.C., church where Lincoln worshipped.

Snell is the owner of John W. Snell Photography in Lexington. For information on the book, visit [www.johnsnellphoto.com](http://www.johnsnellphoto.com).



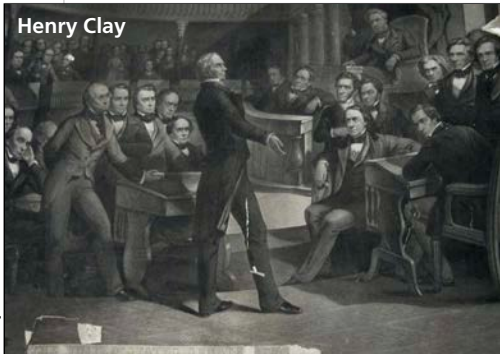
# and Abraham Lincoln

recalls the Great Emancipator's links with Transylvania figures

Transylvania was a fertile breeding ground for leaders in many areas of society during those years, and Lincoln called upon that expertise as he led the nation through one of its most bitter and critical eras.

Following are brief sketches of some of those people:

**Henry Clay** taught in the Transylvania law department from 1805-07, after which he served several terms as a trustee and remained a loyal friend and counselor to the University until his death in 1852. Known as the Great Compromiser, Clay achieved national and international fame as a statesman while serving in the Congress and as U.S. Secretary of State. Lincoln referred to Clay as his "beau ideal of a statesman" and said of Clay in his lengthy and moving eulogy, "His long and eventful life is closed. Our country is prosperous and powerful; but could it have been quite all it has been, and is, and is to be, without Henry Clay?"



Henry Clay

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**Samuel Freeman Miller** graduated from Transylvania in 1838 and supported Lincoln's bid for the presidency in 1860. Lincoln appointed him to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1862, where he served until his death in 1890.

**James Speed** earned his law degree from Transylvania in 1833 and was an attorney, professor, and politician in Kentucky for many years. In 1864, Lincoln appointed him U.S. Attorney General, a post he held until 1866.

**Cassius Clay**, the outspoken emancipationist, attended Transylvania and was an early organizer of the Republican Party. After Lincoln named him Minister to Russia in 1861, Clay helped to lay the groundwork for the U.S. purchase of Alaska in 1867.

**Montgomery Blair** studied in the law school at Transylvania and later served as a U.S. district attorney for Missouri and as mayor of St. Louis. After Lincoln appointed him Postmaster General, he created several procedures seen in the modern postal system, including requiring postage from the sender and the return-receipt system.

**Robert S. Todd**, who studied at Transylvania, became Lincoln's father-in-law with the marriage of his daughter, Mary Todd, to the young lawyer and politician in 1842.

**George Rogers Clark Todd**, Mary's brother and a graduate of the Transylvania Medical Department, was Lincoln's brother-in-law, as was **Ninian Wirt Edwards**, an 1833 Transylvania law school graduate, who was married to Mary's sister, Elizabeth. It was in the Springfield, Ill., home of Ninian and Elizabeth that Lincoln first met Mary Todd. ■

*Publications writer/editor William A. Bowden, Special Collections Librarian B. J. Gooch, Circulations Services Supervisor Stephen G. Leist, and sophomore Michael Harrell produced this article.*

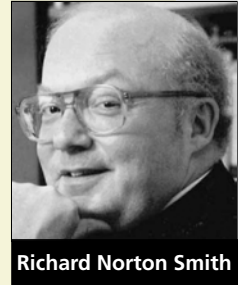


Cassius Clay as minister to Russia, 1861

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## Presidents Day Kenan lecture will focus on Lincoln

"Our Lincoln" will be the topic when presidential historian **Richard Norton Smith** delivers the Kenan lecture on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium. The event is part of Transylvania's celebration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial.



Richard Norton Smith

Smith is a scholar in residence at George Mason University, where he teaches on the American presidency. He also is the ABC News presidential historian and a political analyst for PBS.

A prolific writer, Smith was a finalist for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Thomas E. Dewey and His Times*. His 1997 book, *The Colonel: The Life and Legend of Robert R. McCormick*, received the Goldsmith Prize from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School and was described by Hilton Kramer as "the best book ever written about the press." Smith currently is working on a biography of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Smith served as director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Center, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, and the Gerald R. Ford Museum and Library. He organized the Eisenhower Centennial on behalf of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Smith was director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, where he supervised construction of the organization's \$11.3 million headquarters and launched a presidential lecture series. In 2003, he was named founding director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill., and executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

Smith is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in government.

# HIGH MUSEUM OF ART



## HIGH ART

Linda Wise McNay '77 builds relationships to advance institutions she believes in

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY

You could say that it was Linda Wise McNay's love of Transylvania that led her to her current position as director of advancement at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta.

When she graduated in 1977 with a major in business administration, McNay didn't want to leave the Transylvania community, so she decided to seek work experience elsewhere that would prepare her to someday return and work for her alma mater. After working in personnel for Hyatt Hotels in Chicago for two years, she returned to Lexington, and campus.

"I went to Transy and asked, 'Okay, what do you want me to do?'" she said.

That eagerness to try new things launched McNay into a career that has taken her to many interesting places. At Transy, she started as assistant director of admissions, a position she loved, but one that required her to travel extensively.

"I had a huge area," she said. "Every Sunday we'd pack and leave, and I'd be

out of town for five days. I'd come in the office on Saturday morning, and I'd leave again."

In hopes of cutting back her travel time, she applied for a job in development and was appointed director of the annual fund. "I didn't have any experience," she said, "but I jumped in and started raising money."

McNay visited many of the same people she'd already met through her work in admissions, and she discovered that fund-raising was enjoyable.

"I think of it as a game where you move puzzle pieces around and you're always trying to get the right prospect," she said, "and then you ask for the right amount at the right time for the right project."

At one point, McNay was the alumni director and annual fund director, and for two years she was director of development. All of those positions saw her handling special events and working almost every weekend.

"I lived downtown so I walked to work every day," she said. "I would have lived at Transy 24 hours a day if they let me." She said she would still be working at Transy if not for the fact that she and her husband, Gary, moved to Atlanta because of his career as an architect.

### **Taking her skills to new places**

In Atlanta, McNay's sense of adventure and her fund-raising experience led her to positions in development and consulting at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, and Pace Academy.

"I took what I learned at Transy about raising money to my new positions," she said. "At Georgia Tech, I visited all of our donors who gave a thousand dollars or more. People would say, 'No one has ever visited me before,' and yet that's what I learned to do at Transylvania—stay in touch with the donors."

Most recently, McNay was director of development at Pace Academy in Atlanta,



where her sons were students.

“It was a job that worked well for my children,” she said. “It was something I knew how to do and it fit with their schedules, but I decided my next job would be for me.”

That job turned out to be her current position at the High Museum of Art, considered by many to be the leading art museum in the Southeast, with more than 11,000 works of art in its permanent collection. McNay began working there in 2006, and found it’s an environment that suits her.

“I fell in love with the High,” she said. “I get to be around the arts, so if I ever have a stressful moment, I just walk through the galleries.”

Her day-to-day experience is unpredictable. “Whatever I think I’m going to do, I end up doing something else,” she said. The something else could be writing proposals or letters, or attending social events or meetings.

“I’ve had to learn how to run a museum. I’ve learned about budgeting and which of our donors care about African art versus African American art,” she said.

McNay had been at the High for only about a month when she flew to Paris to meet with a donor. “At my previous job at Pace Academy, the way I raised money was to meet people down at the carpool line, and now I’m traveling all over the world,” she said.

The High Museum’s current capital campaign is focused on raising funds for the final phase of the “New High for Atlanta Campaign,” which will provide finishing touches on three buildings designed by Renzo Piano that more than doubled the museum’s size to 312,000 square feet. The Piano buildings were designed as part of an overall upgrade of the entire Woodruff Arts Center Complex, of which the High is a part.

“We have a lot of money to raise,” McNay said. “Our goals are huge,” but she’s optimistic. During her first year at the High, development set a record, raising more money than had ever been raised in a year.

One place she finds inspiration is the

Advancement Museum Directors Association, a group comprised of chief development officers of major museums, for which McNay recently served as president. This year, the High hosted the association’s annual conference. “People wanted to come see our new buildings,” she said.

In fact, McNay and her husband attended the opening of the Piano buildings in 2005, not knowing she would soon be working there.

“We have been big supporters of the High,” she said, “and have come to the major exhibitions since we’ve lived in Atlanta, about 20 years. My husband works about a block away, and now he comes up and knocks on my window and we have lunch.”

### **From education to art**

McNay holds an MBA in personnel administration from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in philosophy of education from Georgia State University, a degree that she once thought might lead to a career as a college president. “(Transylvania President) Dr. Shearer is a big role model for me,” she said. “I thought I would go the fund-raising route and teach along the way.”

Indeed, with most of her development experience in the realm of educational institutions, McNay found she had to switch gears when she began her work at the High. Whereas a school has its own unique database from which to draw, non-profit organizations share the same pool of potential donors.

“People usually give money to something they believe in,” she said. “They might give to a health organization, for example, if someone in their family has been ill. In arts, we have to continue to seek people who care about art.”

The High Museum does have 50,000 members. “They’re similar to Transylvania’s Annual Fund donors,” she said, “and several thousand have been members for 25 years because they love art.”

Working for the High allows McNay to explore her own interest in art, a subject

she considered as a major in college. When she worked for Transylvania, she represented the University in helping inventory and transport to campus the Clara Peck collection, including Audubon’s *Birds of America, 1826-38* and *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America, 1845-48*, now part of Transylvania’s Special Collections.

McNay and former librarian and University archivist Roemol Henry ’34 traveled to New York City to supervise the packing of the extremely valuable prints.

“After flying back home, I remember sitting out on the library steps waiting for that truck to pull up after midnight one night, and then they brought in all these rare books,” she said. “It was great.”

Last summer, McNay worked on a \$4 million gift for the High, and a building was named for the donor, who will be recognized as philanthropist of the year in Atlanta because of what she’s done for the museum.

“I’m proud to have worked with her and to have gotten to know her,” McNay said. “Fund-raising is all about relationships—who you know.”

McNay says her spare time is primarily devoted to her sons, Ian, a sophomore at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Mason, a senior in high school. With an interest in art and theater, Mason is a student docent at the High.

“I’m also the oldest person on the High Museum softball team,” McNay said, “It keeps me young, and I get to work with younger people I probably wouldn’t get to know very well otherwise.”

“Fund-raiser” is not a term that McNay often uses to describe herself. “Advancement is more accurate,” she said. “We’re advancing the institution,” but even in her personal activities, she often finds herself in the position of raising funds.

“I help raise money for our church,” she said. “When people find out I’m a fund-raiser, they all have their pet projects for me to help with—when I volunteer at the PTA or something, I tend to fall into consultant mode and end up raising money.” ■

**“At my previous job at Pace Academy, the way I raised money was to meet people down at the carpool line, and now I’m traveling all over the world.”**

# Alumni

## 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.



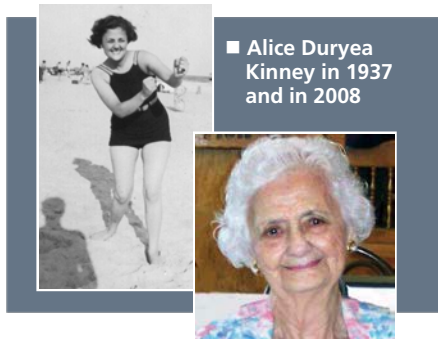
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### Forrer Hall turns 50

■ Forrer Hall, the main women's residence hall at Transylvania, is 50 years old this fall. Photos show the final stages of construction, with cars parked along Broadway; students preparing to serve punch and munchies at the 1958 dedication; and Lewis Ware '27, a life member of the Board of Trustees, addressing the dedication crowd while standing in what is now the dining hall, with the courtyard in the background. President Irvin E. Lunger is seated, at far left, second from left.



'35 **Alice Duryea Kinney** celebrated her 96th birthday on August 23. She lives in her own apartment in Butte, Montana, and is still full of pep.



■ Alice Duryea Kinney in 1937 and in 2008

'44 **Virginia Marsh Bell**, Lexington, co-authored a book on activities for persons with dementia titled *The Best Friends Book of Alzheimer's Activities, Volume 2*. Her co-authors are **Tonya Tinchler Cox '95**, David Troxel, and Robin Hamon.

'46 **Florence Sherrod Reneau**, Grafton, W.Va., was named Centennial Mother of the Year on Mother's Day 2008 by the International Mother's Day Shrine in Grafton, the location of the first celebration of Mother's Day in 1908.

'48 **Earl. A. Roberts** and **Bonnie Lee Roberts '50** have moved back to Versailles, Ky. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 8.



**Gary L. White** and **Carol Ann Barnes White '50**, Lexington, celebrated Carol Ann's 80th birthday this summer. Gary reached his heart's desire by posting golf scores below his age twice and on his age once. They have become part of the party crowd and enjoy pampering themselves in the Florida sun five months a year.

'49 **Embrey B. Howson** and **Janet Pinch Howson**, Columbus, Ohio, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 30.

**Betty Lou Schafer Pieratt**, Tempe, Ariz., is the proud great-grandmother of three boys, ages 2 months to 2 years. She enjoys living in Arizona, which is close to her family, and stays active in the local church, the ecumenical organization and peace movements, and as a reading partner to first graders.

'50 **Vernon G. Cooper**, Kingsbury, Tex., participated in the annual celebration of the "Battle of the Medina" near San Antonio in August. The battle was fought on August 18, 1813, and was the last of the battles fought by the Texans to free the first Republic of Texas from the forces of New Spain (Mexico). Vernon gives as many as 50 after-dinner talks a year on American history.

'55 **J. Cy Rowell** and **Vera McManaman Rowell '58**, Ft. Worth, Tex., recently moved to a condominium closer to town. The lack of yard work is an added bonus.

**Autumn J. Stanley**, Portola Valley, Calif., is working on a biography of Charlotte Smith, a 19th-century magazine editor and reformer. The book, titled *Raising More Hell and Fewer Dablias*, is in production at Lehigh University Press and scheduled to appear in 2009. She also will have an entry in the 2009 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*.

'56 **Terry L. Cummins**, New Albany, Ind., is working on his fourth book, *Discovering Your Fountain of Youth After 65*.

'57 **Edwin C. Linberg**, La Verne, Calif., and his wife, Mariette, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28. On December 30, they celebrated with over 100 guests at Sierra La Verne Country Club.

'58 **William S. "Smitty" Lucas**, Cumming, Ga., and his wife, Sue, toured Italy, Switzerland, France, and England in July with their daughters **Melissa Lucas Bernardino '86** and **Sue Lucas Ginac '90**, and Melissa's husband, Paul, and daughters, Annalise, 10, Allison, 9, and Ava, 7. Highlights of the trip were the wedding of son Scott in England and an early celebration of Smitty and Sue's 49th wedding anniversary.

'60 **W. Gregory Bruce**, Panama City, Fla.,

was presented the 2007-08 Courage Award by the American Cancer Society in recognition of his courage in his personal experience with cancer. It also honors his positive attitude, ability to lead a "normal" life, communication skills, and involvement with the local American Cancer Society and other community activities.



'61 **W. Douglas Cardwell** and **Marilyn Estridge Cardwell**, Winston-Salem, N.C., visited the Galapagos Islands in August with their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. They also went to Peru's Sacred

Valley of the Inca and climbed Machu Picchu.

'62 **Shirley Frey McConahay**, Durham, N.C., spent October 2007 teaching soft sculpture on the Wind River (Arapaho) Reservation in Wyoming and this past March teaching on the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina. In 2009, she will travel to White Earth, Minn. You can read more about her work on the Art for Indigenous Survival Web site, [www.aisurvival.org](http://www.aisurvival.org).

'63 **Karen B. Tye**, St. Louis, retired in June 2007 from her position as professor of Christian education at Eden Theological Seminary and was named professor emerita. This past spring, she had two books published—*Your Calling as a Teacher* by Chalice Press and *Christian Education in the Small Membership Church* by Abingdon Press.

'64 **Joseph E. Cosby** lives between Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Bellingham, Wash. In June, he returned from a month of travel and photographic shooting in Central Asia and Western China and spent part of July in the Yucatan province of Mexico. He was accepted in August as a permanent artist on display at the Artist Gallery of Steamboat Springs. In October he will return to Central America for more shooting and to get married.

**William E. Davis**, Woodland, Calif., co-founded DPK Consulting, an international justice administration firm in San Francisco, with Bob Page in 1993. Since meeting and serving in the Peace Corps in South America in the late 1960s and establishing careers in judicial administration, they continue to share an expansive world view and commitment to service.

**Jane Kinnaird Hodges**, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., retired from the Palos Verdes Unified School District in 2006 to travel with her husband for the Center for Faithwalk Leadership. In June, they conducted "Lead Like Jesus" encounters in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

**Sandra Stewart Morgan** and **Mo Morgan** are thoroughly enjoying retirement along the South Carolina coast in the historic town of Beaufort. Their home overlooks the water toward Parris Island, where they met and were married.

'65 **C. Rodger Hammons** and his wife, Karen, live in Morehead, Ky. Rodger retired from the department of mathematics and computer science at Morehead State University after teaching for 37 years. He served 15 consecutive years as department chair.

## DEWEY CORNELL '78

### *Preventing violence before it begins*



#### **When forensic psychologist**

**Dewey Cornell '78 began** his graduate studies, he had met only one other clinical psychologist. That was Richard Honey, a professor and Cornell's mentor at Transylvania.

"I basically made my career decision based on his influence," Cornell said. "He had a great impact on me."

Looking back, Cornell sees choosing a field of study based on his experiences with one person as somewhat of a gamble, but it turned out to be a good one. A philosophy and psychology major at Transy, Cornell earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan and found that conducting forensic evaluations at a state hospital after graduate school sparked his interest in legal issues.

Cornell now holds the Curry Memorial Chair in Education at the University of Virginia and is director of The Youth Violence Project, which began in 1993 as an effort to help schools deal with juvenile crime and violence.

Over the past 15 years, Cornell and his graduate students have undertaken a series of research and training projects to address problems that range from school shootings to bullying, gangs, and student suicide. He has testified as both a defense and prosecution expert in numerous criminal proceedings, including the 1997 school shooting in Paducah, Ky., and the 2002 Washington, D.C., sniper shootings.

The challenge for any forensic psychologist, Cornell said, is to translate scientific knowledge into facts that the courts can rely upon.

"The legal system is intensely adversarial and partisan, and assumes that the truth will emerge from conflict between rival points of view," he said. "Many mental health professionals steer clear of forensic issues because of this fundamental problem."

But Cornell finds it rewarding when his research and opinions have an impact on a legal matter, and despite a widespread fear of campus violence, Cornell's findings support the idea that schools are not dangerous places.

"There is a misconception that juvenile violence is on the rise, when the opposite is true since its peak in the early 1990s," Cornell said. "The media has tremendous impact on our perceptions of violence. Although it is important that the media inform us and draw attention to pressing social problems and needs, all too often media attention generates an exaggerated view of reality."

According to Cornell, media coverage of violence not only engenders unrealistic fears in the general public, it can stimulate copycat behavior, as we saw in reaction to the Columbine and Virginia Tech shootings. This copycat effect creates short-term trends that reinforce the perception of danger.

Cornell's book *School Violence: Fears Versus Facts*, published in 2006, features numerous case studies that identify 17 myths and

misconceptions about youth violence, such as the notion that get-tough policies will deter youth from delinquency.

"Zero tolerance in schools and policies to send juveniles to adult court backfire and increase juvenile crime rather than reduce it," he said.

Focusing on prevention strategies rather than crisis response, Cornell is at work on projects to make bullying prevention more effective, to demonstrate the effectiveness of threat assessment teams in primary and secondary schools, and to establish procedures for college threat assessment.

After the Columbine shootings, there was a widespread demand for a checklist of characteristics that could be used to identify the next shooter, but Cornell contends that there is no single profile of the juvenile offender.

"Having worked with hundreds of people who have committed severe acts of violence, I have learned that most of these individuals, even those who murdered someone, are surprisingly normal and not fundamentally evil or crazy," he said.

However, in almost every case, the violent students communicated their intentions well in advance of the attack.

In May 2007, Cornell testified before the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor about student threat assessment—an effective, systematic response to threats that involves identifying a threat, evaluating how serious it is, and taking action to prevent it from being carried out.

"Prevention is not something that you do when there is a gunman in the parking lot," he said. "Prevention has to start with the conflicts and problems that occur months or years before the shooting starts."

Cornell points to a substantial body of scientific research outlining what works in terms of violence prevention—methods like problem-oriented, community policing; teaching young people how to resolve conflicts; linking young people with mentors; and providing constructive after-school activities.

Juvenile violence is a heavy topic, and Cornell admits his chosen field can be consuming, but at the end of the day, his work makes him more appreciative of things he might otherwise take for granted.

"It's a tremendous relief to spend time with my family," he said.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three daughters, one in high school and two in college. Of his own college experience, Cornell said things he learned and read and debated with his Transy professors still inform his lectures and writings 30 years later.

"I have been reviewing applicants for graduate school for 22 years," he said, "and even though we have candidates from the top institutions in the country, few have had the breadth and depth of coursework that I experienced at Transy."

—LORI-LYN HURLEY



Jo Anne "Jody" Achberger Rankin, Rock Hill, S.C., is teaching K-5 English as a second language for the Rock Hill School District.

R. Winn Turney, an attorney in Lexington, was appointed commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Aviation. He has long been involved in aviation activities in Central Kentucky and is a pilot, a charter founding member and trustee of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, and a member of the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame Committee.

'66 Koichi Kurosawa, Tokyo, and his wife, Yasoko, along with Hiroshi Kurihara and his wife, Mitsuyo, of Hyogo-Ken, Japan, toured Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Sweden this summer. They were impressed by the natural beauty of those countries and resolved to keep reducing pollution as much



■ From left, Hiroshi and Mitsuyo Kurihara, Yasoko and Koichi Kurosawa in Copenhagen.

as possible. Hiroshi has traveled a lot since retirement. One of his recent trips in June was to the northern part of Japan, "Hokkaido," where the last Summit was held in June.

J. Larry Patterson, Cary, N.C., published *Using a Town and Type Catalog to Start a Precancel Stamp Collection*. The booklet received a silver award in the "Handbooks and Special Studies" category from the American Philatelic Society at Stamp Show 2008 held in Hartford, Conn., in August.

'68 Pamela Rock Cormany lives in Decatur, Ga., with her husband, Cliff. Pam married Cliff, her high school sweetheart, in June 2007 on the 47th anniversary of the day they met when they were both 14 years old. He is a retired FBI agent and has his own investigative firm.

Michael J. Nolan, Frankfort, Ky., is semi-retired after 35 years of managing non-profit associations but continues to be involved in a project for county government.

'69 Dale Ann Fielman Cole, Edgewater, Md., is still working for the federal government but thinking about retiring in

## Backstage with Jay and Barry

Barry Bronson '70 and Jay Leno get together after a recent taping of *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Bronson, senior communications counselor for Ashland Inc. and its Lexington-based Valvoline division, is a frequent visitor to Leno's Burbank, Calif., Big Dog Garage where the star keeps an impressive collection of classic and rare cars and motorcycles spanning a century of motoring history. During his last visit, Bronson taped a motor oil session with Leno on JayLenosGarage.com. Bronson has been with Ashland and Valvoline for more than 20 years in the areas of public relations and motorsports marketing.



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Jean Fudold Smith, Lexington, is semi-retired but still looking for something to keep her busy. In August, Jean joined Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing and invites her fellow alums to view her new Web site at [www.FHTMUS.com/jeaninlexington](http://www.FHTMUS.com/jeaninlexington).

Herschel Sparber, Los Angeles, is currently the voice for a new campaign for Harrah's Casinos. To view the spots, go to [www.escapetoHarrahs.com](http://www.escapetoHarrahs.com) and click on "Watch TV Commercials." Herschel also traveled to New York in October to do a staged reading of a new musical *What the Nurse Knew*.

'70 Virginia Dodge Fielder, Miami, is serving as visiting James K. Batten Professor in Public Policy at Davidson College for the fall semester. She will teach Media Use in the Digital Age and Research on Mass Media Effects.

'71 Sue Shadburne Call, Fishers, Ind., and her congregation, Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis, received a 2008 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant in June, which covered costs while she took a three-month renewal trip beginning in August. She visited many places to sing and listen to wonderful music. The highlight of the trip was a visit with her husband to Australia in October and an *a cappella* gospel singing workshop on the island of Fiji.

Deborah Bird Phelps, Decatur, Ill., visited with Janet Douglas Bloom '72 in Louisville in July.

Candice Caine Zaluski, Lexington, a library resource specialist for the Fayette County

Schools, was named a director for the Kentucky Foundation Advisory Board.

'72 Janet Douglas Bloom, Louisville, and her husband, Stephen, moved their manufacturing company, Grand Circuit Products, to Louisville from Freehold, N.J. The company manufactures therapeutic horseshoes and devices along with an anti-fungal/anti-bacterial treatment, and ships worldwide. They also have a retail farrier supply store in New Jersey.

Janet Greenberg Massey, Vevay, Ind., graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May with a degree in pastoral studies. She is pastor for Caledonia Presbyterian Church in Vevay.

Jeanne Brown Speckhals lives in Amberg, Germany, with her husband, John. Jeanne is a social worker specializing in counseling with children and families.

'73 Edward D. Dombroskas, West Hartford, Conn., retired as the Connecticut director of tourism after a 34-year career in government. In recognition of his career, January 25 was declared Ed Dombroskas Day by Governor M. Jodi Rell. Ed keeps busy as chairman of the board of the Valley Railroad Co. and working with a not-for-profit group creating a regional transportation system for the elderly that is an alternative program to owning and driving a car.

Roma Howard Prindle, Morehead, Ky., is the founder and director of the first professional opera company in Central Appalachia, the Highlands Light Opera. Their premiere was celebrated this summer and featured several performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.

**'74 Robert C. Grant** (center, photo), Griffin, Ga., was named layman of the year by the Georgia Region of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is active as an elder and is retired as music director of First Christian Church in Griffin.



**'75 Louise Farmer Uota**, Davis, Calif., has been named director of ceremonies and special events at the University of California-Davis.

**'76 Joy Sausman Beaudry**, Gaithersburg, Md., and her husband, Lou, own and direct LJB Holding Company, which is com-



prised of 15 enterprises, including the 40-year-old Graphic Ideas Advertising and the 25-year-old Personnel Placement Service Inc. Their newest enterprise is Personnel Placement Seminars Institute, which conducts seminars for those seeking employment.

**'77 Roger A. Michael**, Paris, Ky., has expanded his law practice to neighboring Georgetown. Contact him through either of his offices: Paris (859) 987-3939, or Georgetown (502) 867-3937, or at [atty3929@bellsouth.net](mailto:atty3929@bellsouth.net).



**Sandra Baes Monfort**, Lima, Ohio, received the Jefferson Award in April for the Lima/Allen County region. She was recognized for her work as a volunteer at Camp Sunrise, a camp for children impacted by AIDS and/or HIV, and for donating a kidney in October 2007 to a co-worker. Sandy has been the executive director of the Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center for seven years, and her facility has been chosen as one of three finalists for the Cliff Skeen Award in Ohio.

**'78 Barry A. Resta**, Adel, Ga., was appointed to the board of directors of the State YMCA of Georgia. He is also president and CEO for Mariposa Catering of Adel as well as department chairman for family and consumer sciences at Berrien Middle School in Nashville, Ga.

**'79 Nancy L. Alif**, Las Vegas, ran unsuccessfully in 2008 for the Nevada Supreme Court but will definitely run again. Photos from the campaign can be seen on her Web site, [www.NancyAlif.com](http://www.NancyAlif.com). Nancy is the immediate past president of the State Bar of Nevada and practices law in Las Vegas. She and her husband, Dave Thomas, look forward to celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in Maui.



**Thomas L. Steinemann**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, was promoted to professor at Case Western Reserve University. He received the 2008 Secretariat Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology for significant contributions to the academy and the ophthalmology profession in the area of advocacy and government affairs for his work resulting in federal oversight of contact lenses.

**'81 Gerald T. Grant**, Chesapeake, Va., was awarded \$1.5 million for research by the U.S. Navy for craniofacial imaging and the development of CAD/CAM systems for head and neck reconstruction due to combat trauma. Gerald is department chair for the maxillofacial prosthetics department of the Navy Postgraduate Dental School and the Navy speciality leader for maxillofacial prosthetics and dental implantology to the Navy Surgeon General.

**Kyle Brown Rahn**, Arp, Tex., was promoted to the director of U.S. development for Mercy Ships, a global charity that brings free surgical care to the world's forgotten poor by employing state-of-the-art hospital ships. Her e-mail address is [kyle.rahn@mercyships.org](mailto:kyle.rahn@mercyships.org).

**Vinson W. Miller**, Lemoore, Calif., has been selected for commander (O-5), Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, and will be promoted in February. He and his wife, Julie, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August.

**'82 Beven Pace Livingston**, Jacksonville, Fla., received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Emory University in May and accepted an assistant professor position in the athletic training and physical therapy department of the University of North Florida.

**'83 Tisa Johnson Mason**, Hays, Kan., was named vice president for student affairs at Fort Hays State University.

**Kevin I. Reid**, Rochester, Minn., served as chair of dental specialties at Mayo Clinic in Rochester for eight years and continues to

see patients with chronic orofacial pain conditions. Kevin is in graduate school studying biomedical ethics, teaches in the Mayo Medical School ethics curriculum, and serves on other ethics-related committees at Mayo. He and his wife, Misty, director of marketing at Mayo Clinic, are parents to Ian, 14, and Liam, 12. Outside of work, Kevin is an avid cyclist.

**'84 Catherine L. Creech** and her husband, **Britt Reynolds '85**, continue to reside in Washington, D.C., with their two children, Blair, 11, and Robert, 7. Britt is director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Maryland in College Park. Cathy recently left private law practice to become a partner in Ernst & Young LLP's national tax department, where she continues to advise clients on tax issues related to executive compensation and employee benefit programs.

**Curtis E. Robertson**, Lexington, is senior project manager with Intersteel, Inc., in Lexington and is involved with Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Programs in Anniston, Ala., Richmond, Ky., and Newport, Ind.

**'85 Benham J. Sims III**, Louisville, was recently appointed special justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

**'86 William R. Harris**, Georgetown, Ky., associate professor of mathematics at Georgetown College, received the 2008 Curry Award for Faculty Excellence at



### ALUMNI TRAVEL 2009-10

Trips being planned for 2009: Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries (June), Canadian Rockies by Rail (July), Alaska Discovery Land and Cruise (August), Italian Lakes and Greek Isles (September/October), Splendors of the Nile (November), Europe's Christmas Markets (December), California New Year's Getaway (December).

Trips being planned for 2010: The Panama Canal (January), Copper Canyon Adventure (February), Spring-time Tulip River Cruise (April).

For more information and a trip brochure, contact *Natasa Pajic '96*, director of alumni programs, at (800) 487-2679, [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).



# A Family Reunion

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009

April 24-26

Transylvanians think of themselves as family, and that's the theme for Alumni Weekend 2009, set for April 24-26. A full weekend of fun-filled activities will set the stage for a family get-together to share memories and catch up on all the latest news about classmates and favorite professors.

Friday's golf outing and races at Keeneland get the weekend off to a sporting start, and the Robert Barr Society breakfast and a chapel service in Old Morrison on Sunday morning will close out the activities. In between, there's the TGIF Kick-Off Party for all alumni and the T-Day Coronation Ball, both on Friday evening, the Alumni Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, and Saturday evening's class reunion receptions/dinners.

Reunion classes include Robert Barr Society (1939, 1944, 1949, 1954), 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004. All alumni, regardless of class year, are welcome for Alumni Weekend.

For best lodging choices, alumni should plan ahead, since this same weekend will find Lexington hosting the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, an international equestrian event at the Kentucky Horse Park that attracts many visitors.

To access reunion class Web sites, visit [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) (select Alumni, News & Events, and Reunions/Alumni Weekend). You can sign the guest-book for your reunion and fill out the on-line reunion questionnaire.

An invitation with detailed schedule will be mailed to all alumni in late winter. On-line registration will be available beginning in February. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu) or (800) 487-2679.

Georgetown's annual Founders' Day convocation in January. The award recognizes Georgetown faculty members who make significant contributions in service to faculty, scholarship, and students.

**'87 Billy F. Van Pelt**, Lexington, was appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear as a member of the State Board of Examiners and Registration of Landscape Architects, and was elected the board's president. The board regulates and controls the licensing and conduct of landscape architects within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**'89 Mary-Margaret "Meg" Collier Hornsby**, Louisville, is in her final year as a doctoral candidate of clinical psychology. She was awarded a spot at the eighth annual Diversity Challenge at Boston College to present her research on developing an after-school program for adolescents exposed to community violence.

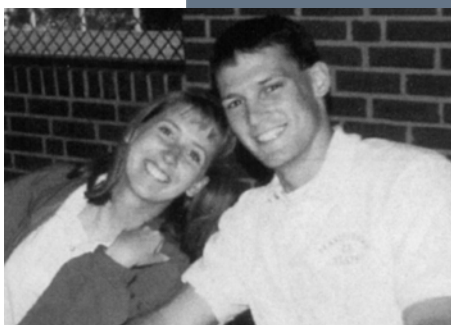
**Jennifer Hall Medley** lives in Louisville with her husband, **Richard Medley '88**, a urologist, and their son, Nick, 11. She stays busy with the parent association at Nick's school and is involved with the Kentucky Humane Society.

**Andrew B. Morris** is president and founder of Morris Advisors, Inc., an independent management consultancy specializing in payments, loyalty marketing, and e-business. Andrew is also a leading expert on financial services and marketing applications of mobile phones. He lives in Johns Creek, Ga., with his wife, Caroline, and their two daughters, Lindsay, 6, and Claire, 3.

**'90 Michael C. Finley**, Roswell, Ga., co-authored his first book, *You.next()*, *Move your Software Development Career to the Leadership Track*, which will be published in October. The book will be available on Amazon.com and is directed at professionals in technology roles who are transitioning into organizational leadership.

**Ann Montalvo Guillerman**, Pearland, Tex., co-authored a book with pediatrician Chantal Caviness titled *The Infertility Assistant*, a tool to guide infertility patients in the journey to parenthood. For more information, visit [www.infertilityassistant.com](http://www.infertilityassistant.com).

**Jeffery L. VanHook**, Mt. Vernon, Ky., was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Rockcastle County Board of Education. Jeff continues to serve on the board of directors for The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Renfro Valley, Ky. He and his wife, Sonya, have two children, Courtlyn Taylor, 9, and Jackson Todd, 4.



**Tiffany R. Wheeler**, Lexington, received her doctorate degree in education in May 2007 and is an assistant professor of education at Transylvania. She was the recipient of a Bingham Start-Up Grant, which is given to unusually promising new faculty members, and, in 2007, received the Greek Adviser of the Year Award for her role as Phi Mu faculty adviser. She also earned the Phi Kappa Tau Faculty Member of the Year Award and has been selected to serve as faculty adviser for Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary. She can be reached at [twheeler@transy.edu](mailto:twheeler@transy.edu).

**Dawn J. Wilson**, Louisville, won the bronze medal for women's saber in the 2008 Women's Veteran's 40 category during the Summer National Championships held in San Jose, Calif., in July and will compete in Louisville's competition in December and January.

**'91 Heidi Robinson Adams**, Maineville, Ohio, teaches seventh grade science at Hopewell Junior High School in Westchester, Ohio.

**Theodore A. Edmonds**, Lexington, was selected by Maker's Mark to participate in an international touring exhibition of Kentucky artists. The tour kicked off in September at the distillery and will include eight cities across the United States and Europe.

**Leenata G. Maddiwar** is still practicing pediatrics in Cincinnati and living in Northern Kentucky with her husband, Chris, and three children, Neema, Asha, and Neil. She would love to hear from old friends at [leenatachris@fuse.net](mailto:leenatachris@fuse.net) or on Facebook.

**Pamela A. Marsh**, Lexington, is a project manager for IBM and recently received the 2008 BT/IT Leadership Award from the IBM CIO. She welcomes contact from old friends at [pamela.marsh@insightbb.com](mailto:pamela.marsh@insightbb.com).

**Timothy W. "Tex" Smith**, Louisville, coached DuPont Manual High School's boys' tennis team to their first state championship in May. He teaches AP Spanish and humanities at Manual. **Melissa G. "Missy" Newell-Smith** works for Carmichael's Bookstore handling children's literature and giving book presentations for teacher groups while trying to keep soccer schedules straight for their sons, Zeke, 12, and Luke, 9.

**'92 Lori Rosen Bohan** and **Matthew P. Bohan '93** live in Seattle with their daughter, Brooke, 4. Matt is director of consulting for CGI, a global IT outsourcing company, and Lori is a personal life coach and stay-at-home mom. They would love to hear from former classmates and friends at [matthewbohan@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewbohan@hotmail.com) and

[loribohan@hotmail.com](mailto:loribohan@hotmail.com).

**Alyssa E. McIntosh**, Lexington, has opened WDWTEC, LLC, a Walt Disney World vacation consulting service.

**David Wilson**, Louisville, received his master of business administration degree from Belarmine University in May.

**'93 Catherine Roberts Eads**, Duluth, Ga., was awarded the Legacy Sales Award from EDC Publishing/Usborne Books at Home during their 2008 national convention in Tulsa, Okla. Visit Cathy's Web site at [www.FindTheDuck.com](http://www.FindTheDuck.com) or e-mail her at [cathy@findtheduck.com](mailto:cathy@findtheduck.com).

**Brian Froedge**, Radcliff, Ky., was selected last year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association as high school teacher of the year. Brian is the band director at North Hardin High School and was featured in the most recent issue of *Kentucky Teacher* magazine.

**Brian K. Sutton**, Bardstown, Ky., was included in *Who's Who in America*. Brian is the 2008 co-chair for Leadership Nelson County, vice president of the Nelson County Education Endowment Fund, and is active in the Kentucky Bourbon Festival, Kiwanis, and Optimist International.

**'94 Kelly L. Johnson**, Lakewood, Calif., is a senior engineer in the Ride and Show Sustaining Engineering Group at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim and assigned to work with Walt Disney Imagineering on the \$1 billion expansion at Disney's California Adventure Park. Kelly is also pursuing an executive MBA from the University of California-Irvine.

**Archana Singh** has been working in Nepal in the development field for the past 12 years and is the national project coordinator for International Labour Organization's HIV/AIDS Workplace Education Programme. She lives in Kathmandu, Nepal, with her husband, Sunil Shrestha, and daughter, Reet, 9. Archana would love to hear from friends at [archana@iloktm.org.np](mailto:archana@iloktm.org.np).



**Heather D. Tharp** married Troy Hood on September 30, 2006. Together they have four children. You can e-mail Heather at [hhood@bellsouth.net](mailto:hhood@bellsouth.net).

**'95 Tonya Tinchler Cox**, Nicholasville, Ky., co-authored a book on activities for persons with dementia titled *The Best Friends Book of Alzheimer's Activities Volume 2*. Her co-authors are **Virginia Marsh Bell '44**, David Troxel, and Robin Hamon.

**'96 Scott W. Hulbert**, Phoenix, joined the commercial law firm of Engelman Berger.



**Natasa Pajic**, Lexington, was appointed Collegiate Specialist-Leadership for the Beta district of Alpha Omicron Pi and will serve until June 2010. She is director of alumni programs at Transylvania.

**'97 Jason T. Bitsoff** and **Katherine Fugazzi Bitsoff '98** live in Arlington, Va., where Jason is the vice president and general manager of sponsorship and strategic alliances for Feld Entertainment and Kate is an attorney for the Federal Communications Commission.

**Jason C. Whitaker**, Lexington, has been named director of information technology at Transylvania.

**'98 Kasey M. Eidson**, Pittsburgh, received her M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and started her internship at Case University Hospital in Cleveland.

**Christopher H. Hawkins**, Nashville, has completed his chief residency in urology at Indiana University Medical Center. After passing the American Board of Urology examination in early August, he spent three weeks traveling in Greece and Turkey before beginning practice with Urology Associates, the largest specialty urology practice in Tennessee.

**C. Shawn McGuffey**, Jamaica Plain, Mass., spent most of his summer conducting rape survivor research in South Africa. He also had an article published in the journal *Social Problems* titled "Saving Masculinity: Gender Reaffirmation, Sexuality, Race, and Parental Responses to Male Child Sexual Abuse."

**Elaine M. Russell**, Kalamazoo, Mich., has accepted a position as director of sports marketing at Western Michigan University and is responsible for all 16 intercollegiate athletics programs.

**'99 Caroline Slater Burnette**, Henderson, N.C., was named partner in the law firm of Stainback, Satterwhite, Burnette & Zollicoffer. She maintains a general practice and is the attorney for Vance County Social Services Child Welfare Division. Caroline has two children, Beau, 3, and Chapman-Scott, 2.



# TRANSYLVANIA ALUMS RECEIVE FULBRIGHT HONORS

**Three Transylvania alums** were recent recipients of Fulbright program awards and honors to further their educational and professional pursuits.



**ASHLEY DUNCAN '05** was awarded a Fulbright Research Grant for 2008-09 for her project, "Exploring the Finnish Model of Farm Animal Welfare," which is based on the hypothesis that the European Union gives more protection to farm animals than does the United States.

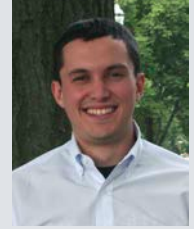
Duncan, a graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis Law School, is spending nine months in Finland researching the laws, regulations, and court opinions of the European Union and Finland to determine the standard of welfare mandated for farm animals there. By studying in a European Union country that has more extensive laws for farm animals, she hopes to learn about the legislative history, policy, and scientific evidence that influenced the laws. She is conducting field work and interviewing farmers who have been directly affected by recent changes in the laws, with the long term goal of using the information to improve the treatment of farm animals in the U.S.

Duncan's interest in animal welfare issues was sparked in high school. "From the moment I learned about the treatment of animals raised for food, I knew I had found my life's calling," she said. "I became very passionate about the issue and looked for a way to integrate my passion with a career that would allow me to improve the lives of animals."

Duncan experienced a deepening of her passion at Transylvania, where she majored in anthropology and worked with anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco, who shared her interest in animal welfare issues.

She plans to pursue a career in litigation and would ultimately like to dedicate her practice full-time to animal law.

**BRIAN EPLING '07** was awarded a 2007-08 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Korean-American Education Commission to teach English conversation in a secondary school in South Korea.



Epling decided to apply for the Fulbright program after studying in a summer program at Oxford University in England while a student at Transy. Director of study abroad and special programs Kathy Simon suggested Korea.

His Fulbright experience began in July 2007 with a six-week orientation program and 100 hours of Korean language immersion at Kang Won University.

Epling lived in South Korea for one year with a host family, where he spoke mainly Korean and learned about grammar as well as traditional Korean culture.

"I love Korean culture," he said. "It's completely unique to Western culture. In Seoul, you find ancient traditions within a modern city."

His duties included 20 hours a week of class time teaching English to middle school boys under the supervision of a certified Korean teacher. Though Epling had no previous teaching experience, he led the classes and did all of the planning. He says much of his time was spent trying to control the class of about 40 boisterous students, but he loved the experience.

In fact, Epling returned to Korea in October 2008 to study Korean full-time. A political science major at Transy, he is interested in international law and also plans to learn Chinese. "Asia is an expanding market," he said. "The world is looking to China."



**LOGAN MCINTOSH '02** participated in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program in June 2008. McIntosh was among 160 educators who spent three weeks in Japan in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between Japan and the United States.

McIntosh, a special education teacher at Klondike Lane Elementary School in Louisville, was selected for the honor from a national pool of over 1,700 applicants by a panel of educators.

The group began its visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation to Japanese life and culture and attended meetings with Japanese government officials and educators. They then traveled in groups of 16 to select host cities, where they had direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. They also visited cultural sites and local industries.

"The Japanese people were very friendly and welcoming to the American teachers," McIntosh said. "It was particularly interesting to visit the schools in Japan, which allowed me to compare their instructional strategies and school climates with my own experiences."

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, is sponsored by the government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research.

# MARY BRUNO ENGOLA '02

## Creating her own space

### Mary Bruno Engola '02

would like nothing better than to rekindle the kind of excitement and national pride about space exploration that swept America in 1969 when astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on another celestial body.

Nothing quite like that aura of excitement exists today, and that's regrettable, Engola says. Through her position as manager of customer and industry relations for Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. and her leadership role with the Coalition for Space Exploration, she has established a national presence as an advocate for space exploration.

"The space race with the Russians in the 1950s and the moon landing in the 1960s excited the public, but we don't have that today," Engola says. "So we have to educate the public on why our tax dollars should go to fund NASA initiatives. That's one of my missions, to bring space exploration back to the forefront."

The space industry wasn't the career Engola had in mind while completing her political science major and communication minor at Transylvania—her original idea was to be a high school teacher. Two summers of her college years spent as an intern on Capitol Hill convinced her that a career involving the political process appealed to her.

That opportunity came less than a year after her graduation from Transy when she took an industry/government relations position with Ball Aerospace while living in the Washington, D.C., area and completing her master's in public policy at George Mason University. Ball is a leader in space programs and products, creating and working with satellites and spacecraft, space-based instruments and sensors, and a host of other technologies that support space and earth science, exploration, national security, and intelligence programs.

Engola's work for Ball brought her increasing exposure in the space industry and led to her election last year as chair of the public affairs team for the Coalition for Space Exploration. The coalition is a national collaboration of space industry businesses and advocacy groups that works to inform the public about the benefits of space exploration. Ball fully supports Engola's work in this area, allowing her company time to fulfill her coalition obligations.

The coalition was formed in 2004 when President Bush announced a new focus for NASA that would have the space agency complete the International Space Station, retire the Space Shuttle, and develop a new spacecraft to conduct manned missions to the moon and beyond. That reinvigoration of NASA has given greater impetus to Engola's advocacy efforts.

"It's very exciting that we are going to return to the moon and then venture farther into space," Engola says. "We've been stuck in low earth orbit since the last Apollo mission in 1972. The benefits



■ Mary Bruno Engola '02 is shown with a full-scale mirror segment for the James Webb Space Telescope, a follow-on to the Hubble Space Telescope. It's being built for NASA by Ball Aerospace & Technologies, where Engola is manager of customer and industry relations.

we will receive from developing these new technologies and going to new places will be immense."

Engola credits her Transylvania education with setting her on the path to positions of increasing leadership.

"Transy challenged me, which has helped me grow and develop skills on the job," she says. "The most challenging course I took was Dr. (Don) Dugi's Political Theory class. That class made me a better person. Now, I work with the representatives from companies and organizations all over the country that belong to the coalition. I'm the youngest of them all, yet I

was elected to a leadership position."

The message Engola delivers about the benefits of space exploration centers on the need for the United States to stay in the forefront of technological advancement, the inspiration the space program gives to young students to study and work in the sciences, and the many spinoff benefits to society that come from research into space technologies. Examples of the latter include the cardiac pacemaker, car navigation systems, and Velcro.

A sample of Engola's work was her role in helping the coalition assist the American Medical Association pass a resolution on the benefits of space exploration to the medical community. In turn, the coalition uses that resolution when lobbying Congress.

Although Engola's employer has facilities in Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, Colorado, New Mexico, and the nation's capital, she lives in none of those places. She and her husband reside in Santa Clara, Calif., with their infant son, and Engola works from a home office with a combination of telecommuting, teleconferencing, e-mails, the telephone, and travel back and forth between Santa Clara and Ball's Broomfield/Westminster, Colo., office to accomplish her work.

That very accommodating work situation is a testament to how much Ball values Engola's abilities.

"I had moved from the Washington office to the Colorado office, and then moved to California when my husband, Paul, who is an aerospace engineer, received a job offer," Engola says. "I fully expected to have to find another job, and was so pleased that Ball was willing to work with me."

In a coincidence almost too good to be true, Engola gave birth to her son, Tyler, on July 20, 2008, the 39th anniversary of Armstrong's "one giant leap for mankind." Many years earlier, when Engola was a fifth grader in her hometown of Dumfries, Va., she wrote an essay about why she wanted to attend space camp and won the grand prize—a free trip to camp.

"I've always been interested in space," she says. "There's a lot of interesting science going on because of the space program, and it's something I'd like to stick with."

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



**Leigh A. Cooper**, Louisville, became licensed in marriage and family therapy. Her private clinical practice is in Louisville and her e-mail address is leighcoopermft@yahoo.com.

**Ann-Phillips Mayfield** and her husband, Jay Ingle, live in downtown Lexington with their daughter, Murphy, 1. Ann-Phillips is a real estate agent with Trademark Realty Partners and Jay is a partner at Jackson Kelly.

**Stacy N. Sergent**, Spartanburg, S. C., completed her master of divinity degree from Gardner-Webb University last May and began a year of chaplain residency at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in South Carolina. This past May, she was ordained by Fernwood Baptist Church and is now staff chaplain at Medical University of South Carolina hospital in Charleston.

**'00 Joshua B. Crabtree** is managing attorney for the Children's Law Center, a non-profit organization representing the legal rights of children, with offices in Covington, Ky., and Lexington. Josh lives in Florence, Ky., with his wife, Christina.

**P. Ruston "Russ" Kelley** lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, Elizabeth, and is a first-year law student at Willamette University in Salem.

**Jimmy M. Nichols**, Grove City, Ohio, is a controls engineer at the engineering design firm of Alexander & Associates in Cincinnati. Jimmy and his wife are in the process of adopting a child from Columbia.

**Kristie Lynn Young**, Nashville, completed her pediatric residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville and is now completing a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

**'01 Jay D. Beckner**, Louisville, earned his MBA at Indiana University Southeast in May and is a financial analyst in business planning for ZirMed, Inc.

**Karesa Edwards Crockett**, Somerset, Ky., earned her master of arts degree in education from Eastern Kentucky University in May and has moved to Misawa, Japan, to teach English with the JET program.

**Shelly C. Ferrell** and **Elizabeth Stafford Ferrell '03** will continue to live in San Antonio for the next year while Shelly finishes his residency in anesthesiology. They have two children, David, 4, and Jack, 1.

**Collier T. Mills**, Lexington, is the operating partner for Fast Break Doughnuts, whose plans are to open 23 Dunkin' Donuts stores over the next six years in Central, Southern,

and Eastern Kentucky. Their first store is located in downtown Lexington on the corner of Main and Rose Streets.

**Shawn T. Scott**, Florence, Ky., was promoted to manager of instruction at Berlitz Language Center, where he recruits, trains, and hires all language instructors for the center. In addition to teacher development, he continues to teach English and French.

**'02 Karen Bryden Joyce**, Tucson, Ariz., completed her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at the University of Arizona. She and her husband are relocating to Knoxville, Tenn., where she has been hired as a senior technical staff member for the National Security Complex, B&W Y-12.

**Alison R. Cook**, Dallas, was promoted to senior tax consultant in the state and local tax practice at Ernst & Young, LLP.

**Hannah F. Cook** and her husband, **Matt Cross '01**, live near Phoenix. Hannah accepted a one-year appointment as professor of English at Central Arizona College while finishing her dissertation for the University of Tennessee.

**Gregory D. Darnell**, Chicago, defended his Ph.D. dissertation in biochemistry at the University of Chicago in October.

**F. Brooke Dunn**, Indianapolis, an associate at National City Bank, has completed the United Way of Central Indiana's comprehensive leadership development program, Leadership United.

**Jeffrey B. Sharp** lives in Lexington with his wife, Holleigh, and their two children, Jackson, 3, and Addison, 10 months. Jeff and Holleigh are both mortgage loan officers for Walden Mortgage Group, LLC.

**'03 Sarah Stewart Holland**, Washington, D.C., graduated from American University Washington College of Law in May 2007 and works on Capitol Hill for Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.).

**Allison M. Leake** lives in Chicago's Humboldt Park. She recently graduated from the Illinois Institute of Art with a BFA in visual communications and works as a graphic designer at ProActive, an event planning and logistics company.

**Justin D. Story**, Bowling Green, Ky., is a reporter for the *Bowling Green Daily News*. His recent story on a relocated Iraqi refugee family was picked up by the state Associated Press and appeared in newspapers across Kentucky.

**'04 Shanda Cool Berrios**, Louisville, graduated with dual master's degrees in May 2008. She received a master of science in social work from the University of Louisville School of Social Work and was recognized with a Graduate Dean's Citation and the Phi Kappa Phi Award for graduating in the top percentage of all graduating students at the university. She also received a master of divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was awarded the James W. Tinsley Award for demonstrating commitment and perseverance in preparation for ministry.

**Christina Urig Collins**, Norwich, N.Y., received her master of science degree in inorganic chemistry from Miami University of Ohio in May 2007. She and her husband, David, moved to Norwich, where they just purchased their first house. Christina is a quality control chemist at Norwich Pharmaceuticals in Norwich and David is a professor of chemistry at the State University of New York at Cortland.

**Lindsay Cuadros Tate**, Xenia, Ohio, received her master of science in college student personnel from the University of Dayton in 2007 and started working there full time in July 2007.

**Preston F. Gover**, Somerset, Ky., is operations coordinator in the Gulf office of Save the Children. Save the Children USA is a member of the International Save the Children Alliance, a global network of 28 independent organizations working to ensure the well-being and protection of children in more than 120 countries.

**Katharine L. "Kate" West**, Lexington, was awarded her third Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Iowa Educational Award, which is given to women in the field of ministerial education who demonstrate a clear focus on ministry, education, and service to their community.

**'05 Claire D. Selby** of Sullivan Island, S.C., has begun her second year at the Staatliche Zeichenakademie in Hanau, Germany, where she continues her love of art in the direction of goldsmithing and jewelry making. She is also in the process of translating *Goldsmithing I*, by Gerhard Schultz-Wahle, from German to English.

**Kayla Hanser Steltenkamp**, Louisville, received her master's degree in special education from Georgetown College and was awarded the Dean's Award for the class of 2008.

**Jason G. Thompson**, Tucson, Ariz., is entering his second year of DMA coursework at the

University of Arizona, where he also teaches undergraduate courses in music composition. He was recently commissioned by the Louisville Youth Orchestra to compose a piece in celebration of that ensemble's 50th anniversary, which will be premiered in March.

**J. Ryan Turner**, Lexington, received his J.D. degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in May and completed the Kentucky Bar examination in July. This fall he began a full-time clerkship with deputy chief justice Will T. Scott for the Kentucky Supreme Court.

'06 **Elizabeth A. Dickerson**, Lexington, received her master of arts in teaching elementary education from Eastern Kentucky University in December 2007.

**Tonmoy Islam**, Lexington, received his master's degree in economics from Vanderbilt University and is pursuing his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky.

**Nicholas A. Wood**, Flemingsburg, Ky., works in the summer as a mountain guide and international wilderness leadership school instructor for Alaska Mountain Guides based in Haines, Alaska, and for the Alta Lifts Company at the Alta Ski Resort in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, in the winter. He completed Wilderness First Responder Certification along with Avalanche One Certification, participated in a 24-day ski-mountaineering course, and instructed on 12-day mountaineering trips.

'07 **Wendalyn Prather Carpenter**, Kissimmee, Fla., was promoted from a retail management internship at Walt Disney World's EPCOT theme park to retail guest service manager at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground.

**Mary V. Goldie**, Mt. Sterling, Ky., has completed her master's study in social anthropology at Goldsmiths University of London in London, England.

**Amy D. McCleese**, Lexington, is the volunteer and program development coordinator at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. She can be reached at [volunteer@carnegieliteracy.org](mailto:volunteer@carnegieliteracy.org).

**Ryan A. McEwan**, Philadelphia, spent the past year working for the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Red Cross. He has begun his studies for a master of science degree in emergency management at North Dakota State University.

**Meredith A. Plant**, Midway, Ky., began working toward her M.Ed. degree this



■ **Calin M. Elardi '07 and Collin H. Smith '06** were married on June 21, 2008, in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Among the Transy alums and current students in attendance were, kneeling, from left, Ellis Wilder '08, junior James Harding; standing, from left, Ryan McEwan '07, Travis Pfeiffer '08, Christopher Geiger '08, Calin, Collin, John Kleinschmidt III '04, Ronnie Brooks '07, Tyler Rankin '06, Nick Knaebel '04, junior Elijah Truman, Cordell Lawrence '04, senior Ross Edwards, Alex Roig '04, Nathan Isaac '03, Will Ney '05, Brian Coleman '05, and Otwell Rankin '05.

summer at the University of Louisville. She still works full time in admissions at Midway College and part time as a residence director.

**Alyssa N. Rice**, St. Cloud, Minn., has completed her one-year commitment to AmeriCorps in St. Cloud, Minn., and has returned to Kentucky.

**Lisa A. Taylor** has moved to Florida in search of new and exciting job opportunities as well as to assist in caring for her four-month-old niece.

**Jennifer Marsh Davis '90** and Chris Lawrence, August 20, 2008

**Daniele Allison Baker '98** and Kenneth Evans Shealy, June 21, 2008

**Adam Wayne Applegate '02** and **Angela Michelle Ingmire '06**, June 21, 2008

**Owen Richard Chandler '02** and Emily Elaine Rigsby, July 29, 2007

**Stacey Marie Clark '02** and Nicholas P. Clark, September 2, 2007

**Christina Anne Henson '02** and Keith DeYoung, April 19, 2008

**Colmon Elridge '03** and Victoria Lei Hall, June 21, 2008

**Jessica Paige Monthie '03** and Tyrus York, May 17, 2008

**Lindsay I. Cuadros '04** and Michael Tate, June 7, 2008

**Sara Elizabeth Kelley '04** and Barrett Christensen, January 26, 2008

**Lauren Catherine Francisco '05** and **Bruce Joseph Kostelnik '06**, July 7, 2007

**Perry Lee Greer III '05** and Lindsey Heath Mulloy, May 17, 2008

**Kayla Marie Hanser '05** and Joe Steltenkamp, July 5, 2008

**Jason Paul Sankovitch '05** and **Megan Anne Fightmaster '07**, July 19, 2008



## MARRIAGES

**Frank Daniel Mongiardo '82** and Allison Patrick, June 21, 2008



■ **Rachel Worden Zucker '98** and **Joshua Isaac Gould** were married May 25, 2008. In attendance were, from left, Rachele Williams '98, Shana Boyd Hackworth '98, Natasa Pajic '96, Rachel, Joshua, and Alison Moore '98.



## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 18

Join Transy's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2009 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 18, at the University Club of Kentucky. Registration and lunch will be at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Cindy Jacobelli, associate director of athletics, at (859) 233-8663, [cjacobelli@transy.edu](mailto:cjacobelli@transy.edu), or Mark Blankenship '81, director of development, at (859) 233-8402, [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).

### We're looking for prospective student referrals and alumni legacies

Do you have a son or daughter ready to begin his or her college search? Perhaps your neighbors or close friends are getting ready for the college search process? Have you given their names and other pertinent information to Transylvania?

The admissions office would love the opportunity to recruit alumni legacies and other talented students referred by alumni. To ensure that they are on Transy's mailing list, please contact Kim Chaffer, associate director of admissions, at (800) 872-6798 or [kchaffer@transy.edu](mailto:kchaffer@transy.edu). Alumni are also encouraged to request fee-waived applications for admission to give to their children, other relatives, or friends.

### Get your Transy license plate and help support scholarships

Alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends living in Kentucky purchased or renewed 601 Transylvania license plates in 2007—a mere three tags shy of tying Centre College, which eked out its fifth straight win with 604 plates. Georgetown College captured third place with 554 plates. Transylvania has received \$26,090 from the license plate sales for the scholarship fund since the program began five years ago (\$10 from each plate sold).

Vehicle owners who already have a Transy tag can get the redesigned tag any time at the county clerk's office, or in the owner's birth month when the annual registration fee normally comes due. Cost of the new license plate is \$44 the first year and \$31 in subsequent years to renew. Regular issue plates are \$21 the first year and \$21 to renew. Take photo identification, vehicle title, and proof of insurance to the county clerk's office. Vehicle owners with regular issue "Unbridled Spirit" license plates must return the old plate to the county clerk's office to obtain a new Transy plate.

For details and contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System Web site at [www.mvl.ky.gov](http://www.mvl.ky.gov).

### Recommendations sought for awards and Alumni Executive Board

Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations for several awards that will be presented during Alumni Weekend 2009 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 would in most cases recognize 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](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

### Alumni on-line community update

Since its launch in September 2006, over 2,000 alumni have registered for the Transy alumni on-line community, and that number continues to grow. This is a secure, password protected site that alumni can access from [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu). Services include: on-line alumni directory, class notes, events calendar and registration, photo albums, on-line giving, and more. New features added this fall will include career networking and blogs. First-time users will need to obtain their unique ID number from the alumni office in order to register for the site: (800) 487-2679, [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu). For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

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**Margaret Tandy Sutton '05** and **Gregory Luther Repass '06**, July 19, 2008

**Kelsey Marie Blankenship '06** and Nathan Allen Frazee, June 7, 2008

**Patrick Michael Marsh '06** and **Molly Catherine Eakins '07**, September 15, 2007



## BIRTHS

**Kathryn Jane Grande-Allen '91** and Mike Allen, a son, Sean Alden Allen,

July 3, 2008

**Jennie Scruggs Johnson '92** and Andy Johnson, a son, Andrew "Drew" Price Johnson Jr., April 12, 2008

**Amy Underhill Lang '92** and **James Graeme Lang III '92**, a son, James Graeme Lang IV, August 20, 2008

**Amy Adams Schirmer '92** and Pete Schirmer, a son, Charles Steven Schirmer, August 12, 2008

**Gary A. Weinberger '92** and Rachel Weinberger, a son, Parker Allen Weinberger, July 30, 2008

**Amber Smith Miller '93** and Marc Miller, a son, Jude Crittenden Miller, August 30, 2008

**Ann Baker Phillips '93** and Rip Phillips, a daughter, Baker Elizabeth Phillips, May 21, 2008

**Meredith Kirklin Slechter '93** and Mat Slechter, a daughter, Laurel Elizabeth Slechter, February 18, 2008

**Aaron M. McMahan '94** and Lucy McMahan, twins, Lilly McMahan and Owen McMahan, February 8, 2008



**Cathryn Richardson Rehmeier '95** and John Rehmeier, a daughter, Vivian Jean Rehmeier, June 12, 2008

**Brook A. Stahley '95** and Kimberly Ikeda Stahley, a son, Ellis Alfred Saneatsu Stahley, December 17, 2007

**Falguni Amin-Zimmerman '96** and **M. Jason Zimmerman '97**, a son, Deven Jeremy Zimmerman, August 6, 2008

**W. Justin McDonald '96** and Andrea McDonald, a son, Campbell Allen McDonald, June 28, 2008

**Tara Shrum Peffer '96** and Shane Peffer, a daughter, Ann Marie Faith Peffer, May 16, 2008

**Kristina L. Peters '96** and Caleb Olin, a son, Adam Spencer Olin, April 3, 2008

**Jason T. Bitsoff '97** and **Katherine Fugazzi Bitsoff '98**, a son, Jackson Thomas Bitsoff, August 25, 2008

**Mary Kay Pendley Kasiborski '98** and John Kasiborski, a son, Nicholas Robert Kasiborski, April 5, 2008

**Jennifer Davis Keefe '98** and Kelly Keefe, twin daughters, Anabel Lily Keefe and Sophia Eden Keefe, May 20, 2008



**J. Robert Pearman '98** and **Julie Staton Pearman '01**, a daughter, Jenna Marie Pearman, July 5, 2008

**Amy Lewis Bates '99** and Chad Bates, a daughter, Mia Caroline Bates, May 22, 2007

**Molly Gluth Lang '99** and Jarred Lang, a daughter, Leah Helene Lang, July 20, 2008

**Emily Korfhage Monarch '99** and **J. William Monarch '99**, a daughter, Lucy Ann Monarch, May 3, 2008



**Tammy Hammond Natof '99** and Paul Natof, a daughter, Emma Paige Natof, May 16, 2008

**Claudia Lee French '00** and Warren French, a daughter, Arwen Elizabeth French, May 3, 2008. *(Pictured with her uncle, Matt Lee '97.)*

**Marni Rock Gibson '00** and J. P. Gibson, a daughter, Campbell Lainey Gibson, February 12, 2008

**Natalie Gray Ballash '01** and Adam Ballash, a son, Andrew Park Ballash, November 25, 2007

**Shelly C. Ferrell '01** and **Elizabeth Stafford Ferrell '03**, a son, John Raphael "Jack" Ferrell, May 20, 2007

**Avery Edwards Garner '01** and **R. Lance Garner '02**, a son, Ryan Isaac Garner, January 29, 2008

**Eugenia Calkins Harrison '01** and Todd Harrison, a daughter, Violet Elise Harrison, July 31, 2008



**Timothy J. Majors '01** and Kristin Majors, a son, Luke Robert Majors, April 26, 2008

**Molly Dean Stevens '01** and Wayne Stevens,

a daughter, Piper Reagan Stevens, June 12, 2008

**Kim Lowman Sutton '01** and **Aaron M. Sutton '02**, a son, Baker Matthew Sutton, March 2, 2008

**Emily Turner Weatherholt '01** and **Timothy J. Weatherholt '01**, a son, John Turner Weatherholt, August 5, 2008

**Mary Bruno Engola '02** and Paul Engola, a son, Tyler Rufino Engola, July 20, 2008

**Kelly MacDonald Cheney '03** and **Daniel M. Cheney '03**, a son, William Harrison Cheney, May 1, 2008

**Tiffany Hague Martinez '03** and Evaristo Martinez, a daughter, Sofia Elena Martinez, September 3, 2008

**Tara Cox White '05** and Mark White, a son, Teagan Jameson White, March 26, 2008

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed*

**Mary Hyden VanWinkle '25**, Lexington, died July 27, 2008. She was retired from the Lexington Signal Depot and was a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Lillian H. Dale '35**, Paris, Ky., died August 8, 2008. She was a retired elementary teacher for Paris Independent Schools, where she taught for 31 years. She did graduate work at the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa national honorary sorority for teachers. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, past regent of Jemima Johnson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and past president of Bluegrass Garden Club. At Transylvania, she was a member of the History Club and sang in the choir.

**Viola Lowry Guggell '36**, Paris, Ky., sister of **Joyce Lowry Witt '58**, died July 26, 2008. She was a retired teacher for the Bourbon County and Paris Independent school systems. She was a member of First Christian Church, Lioness Club, and Tender Harris Circle. At Transylvania, she was a member of the Glee Club and the YWCA.

**Ollie Laudeman Clark '39**, Lexington, died June 8, 2008. She was a retired social worker and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. At Transylvania, she was a member of the International Relations Club.

**Jack Ellis '41**, Lexington, died June 20, 2008. He was a retired pharmaceutical sales rep-



representative for Hoffman La-Roche. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and retired as a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. A long-time member of Southern Hills United Methodist Church, he also held memberships with the Lexington Lion's Club and Central Kentucky Senior Men's Golf Association. At Transylvania, he played on the football team and was a member of the Chemistry Club.

**Ann Moore Medaris '42**, Hazard, Ky., mother of **Thomas M. Medaris '82**, died July 18, 2008. She was a retired social worker for the state of Kentucky and a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Wilderness Road Council of the Girl Scouts of America, Hazard Perry County Community Ministries, Hazard Perry County Performing Arts Series, and a tutor at Roy G. Eversole Elementary School. She was active with the Transylvania Alumni Association. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Helen McKenna Anderson '43**, Stockton, Calif., wife of **George O. Anderson '43**, died June 1, 2008. She graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton and taught kindergarten for 20 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and played the flute in the band and orchestra.

**Harry B. Partin '47**, Durham, N.C., brother of **Charles P. Partin '51**, died June 10, 2008. He earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago and was a professor of history of religions at Duke University for 30 years. He was a long-time member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Durham.

**William O. Allen '48**, Lexington, father of **Billie Jean A. Hurt '69**, died June 16, 2008. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville College of Dentistry. He was a retired dentist and practiced mostly in Pikeville, Ky. He was past president of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, past president of Pikeville Rotary Club, and member of the Prestonsburg and Pikeville United Methodist Church. He was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

**Bernard C. Meece '49**, Lexington, father of **Jeannine Meece May '78** and **Jacqueline Meece Summers '84**, died June 28, 2008. He was a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary and obtained his doctorate of ministry from Drew University. In 1980, he received an honorary doctorate of theology from Transylvania. He served as a minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Michigan and Florida and retired as the

regional minister of the Christian Church (DOC) in North Carolina. He was a member and elder of Twin Pines Christian Church. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Joseph S. Henderson '50**, Palm City, Fla., died May 24, 2008. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in engineering and served in the U.S. Navy. He was active in the Shriners organization, Barn Theater, Sailor's Club, and the Old Eagle's Club. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Jean Willcox Westerfield '51**, Jeffersonville, Ind., died May 24, 2008. She was a retired registered nurse. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**George C. Vaughn '52**, Irons, Mich., husband of **Sue Oakes Vaughn '56**, died September 22, 2008. He was a retired physics teacher, having taught for over 36 years in Grand Rapids, Mich., public schools. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa honorary, and was the "leader" of the TransyNetters e-mail group.

**James C. Maddox '53**, Lexington, died September 12, 2008. He was president and owner of Masterbuild Homes, Inc. In his retirement, he raised thoroughbreds and was a prolific gardener. He served in World War II in the Pacific Theater and was awarded three Bronze Stars for bravery. He was a member of the Lexington Jaycees, Oleika Shrine Temple, and Master Mason for more than 60 years, and a Kentucky Colonel. He was a deacon at Tates Creek Christian Church. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**John C. Hendricks '54**, Cynthiana, Ky., husband of **Mary Ruth Sabel Hendricks '51**, died July 5, 2008. He was a retired farmer and member of Cynthiana Christian Church and a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Donald Eugene Witt '56**, Lexington, husband of **Joyce Lowry Witt '58**, died August 11, 2008. He earned his master's degree from the University of Kentucky and served with the U.S. Air Force stationed at Hamilton Field, Calif. He was an educator for 31 years and retired as director/coordinator of the Fayette County Adult Education Center. A long-time member of Woodland Christian Church, he was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the Retired Teachers Association. At Transylvania, he played on the baseball team.

**Homer E. Bates '58**, Versailles, Ky., died Sep-

tember 23, 2008. He worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 31 years, and retired as a regional manager in sales for Glaxo-Wellcome. He was a member of the Jaycees and the Woodford County school board. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

**Colin Drew Simpson '64**, Cohoctah, Mich., died June 24, 2006.

**Robert H. Rollison '66**, Prompton, Pa., died June 29, 2008. He was employed at MRI Prompton Tool as senior buyer and was the mayor of Prompton Borough for the past 11 years. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association and Trout Unlimited.

**Patricia Selvage '67**, Chatham, N.J., died July 7, 2008. She received her master of social work from the University of Pittsburgh and went on to become a licensed marriage and family therapist and licensed clinical social worker. She volunteered and worked at Morristown Memorial Hospital while maintaining a private practice. She was a long-serving board member of the Cheshire Homes Inc. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and Young Republicans.

**Susan T. Miller '69**, Atlanta, died October 1, 2007. She earned an MBA from Emory University and was a commercial real estate investment banker with Travelers, First Chicago, Cushman & Wakefield, and First Union/Wachovia, where she was a senior vice president. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**James E. Biven '75**, Bardstown, Ky., died September 2, 2008. He taught high school in North Carolina before entering military service as a paratrooper. At Transylvania, he was on the basketball team and accumulated 1302 points, ranking him 22nd highest scorer in the basketball program.

**William K. Gaines '77**, Paris, Ky., died August 20, 2008. At Transylvania, he played on the basketball team, and after graduation, played basketball in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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## Lila Boyarsky dies at 87

Beloved biology professor emeritus Lila Boyarsky, who was known as “Dr. B” to her students, died at her home in Lexington on October 8, 2008. She was 87.

One of Transylvania’s longest tenured and most honored professors, Boyarsky taught from 1955-57 and 1958-91 and was one of the first recipients of the Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1988.

“She was a wonderful example, a remarkable instructor, and one who never stopped touching the lives of those she met,” said Lee Rose ’58, who was a student in two of Boyarsky’s biology courses. Rose, a volunteer for the non-profit group Forward in the Fifth, continued, “How lucky we were to have her attend our 50th class reunion dinner this year and let us shower her with our love and affection.”

In 2006, Boyarsky received the Irvin E. Lunger Award, which is named in honor of Transylvania’s 21st president and honors special service to the University. At that time, President Charles L. Shearer announced that Boyarsky would be the first to have a room named in her honor in the renovated Brown Science Center. Nearly 200 alumni and friends responded to a \$100,000 challenge grant by Joe Coons ’73, a former student of Boyarsky’s and member of the Board of Trustees. The outpouring of support raised \$250,000 for the creation of the Lila Boyarsky Science Laboratory.

“Dr. Boyarsky led generations of Transy students through the intricacies of genetics and other biological mysteries,” said Shearer. She also maintained a famously large hamster colony, which gave students a chance to perform genetic experiments. At one time it grew to 500 hamsters.

Ed Zuroweste ’71, chief medical officer at Migrant Clinicians Network in State College, Pa., was one of many students who had the opportunity to work with the hamster colony.

“Dr. B had full confidence in my ambition to become a physician,” he said, “and I often wonder how my life would have turned out without her always present enthusiastic belief in my abilities.”

In 1960, Boyarsky’s dedication to students led her to establish the Holleian Society. Named for Horace Holley, Transylvania’s president from 1818-1827, the society recognizes and encourages students for superior achievement

in liberal arts studies.

“She typified the heart of Transylvania: professors whose commitment to and interest in students went way beyond the classroom,” said Tim Steinemann ’79, ophthalmologist at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland and professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University.



Boyarsky’s commitment to Transylvania was further illustrated by her support of several initiatives. A member of the Third Century Founders-Benefactors donor group, she provided financial support for the Brown Science Center laboratory renovation project, the Transylvania Women’s Club Endowed Scholarship Fund, and Alternative Spring Break.

Her contributions both in and out of the classroom are evidenced by the students she inspired.

“She was one of my very favorite professors, and I’ve often tried to copy her enthusiastic style of breezing into the

classroom full of energy about what she was about to teach,” said Carolyn Henry ’73, mathematics teacher at Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Ind.

“She swept away any semblance of green by her no nonsense approach to a new crop of Transyites,” said Bruce Florence ’59, chief campus officer at Maysville Community and Technical College, Licking Valley Campus in Cynthiana, Ky. “She startled us, challenged us, coaxed us, pushed and prodded, and in slow steps we began to see biology through different eyes. It has stayed with me these many years. How fortunate I was to have been in her class.”

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Boyarsky received a doctorate in genetics from the University of Wisconsin.

“Dr. Boyarsky was extremely dedicated to Transylvania,” Shearer said. “Her enthusiasm and genuine concern for students made her one of Transy’s most popular professors, and she was a dear friend to many of us. She will be greatly missed.”

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*Memorials are suggested to the Dr. Lila Boyarsky Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Development Office, Transylvania University, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508. For more information, contact Mark Blankenship ’81, director of development, at (800) 487-2679 or [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).*





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## A class with Chanticleer



Members of the world acclaimed male chorus Chanticleer, standing at left, gave a master class for the Transylvania singing group TBA (Transylvania Boys A Cappella), standing at right, to which the campus community was invited. Chanticleer presented the second annual performance in the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series later that evening, November 14, to a capacity crowd in Haggin Auditorium in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center. Now in its 30th season, Chanticleer is a Grammy Award-winning ensemble that has been





**THOMSON HALL DEDICATION**  
Joe and JoAnn Thomson pose in front of Thomson Residence Hall at dedication ceremonies on October 4 for the suite-style facility with accommodations for 61 students. Joe, a member of the Transylvania class of 1966 and of the Board of Trustees, and JoAnn provided a generous lead gift toward the project. See story on page 8.  
*Photo by Joseph Rey Au*