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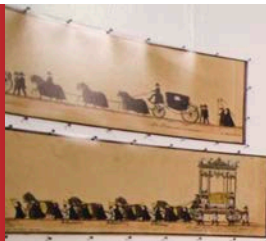


**Campaign a success
Rafskeller renovated
Honor Roll of Giving**



Hunting Fruit, oil and resin on canvas, Lennon Michalski

Ghost Arabian, carved and painted wood, Steve Armstrong



Royal Dandies (above and left), mixed media, Kurt Gohde

In addition to sponsoring a booth at the event itself (see below), Transylvania celebrated the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games through a Morlan Gallery exhibition entitled *The Illustrious Horse: Kentucky Artists Respond to the Clara Peck Collection* (September 15-October 20).

Twelve prominent Kentucky artists and one poet responded to equine images gleaned from the Clara Peck Collection in Transylvania's J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library. They chose from images that varied from photographs to book plates and illuminated manuscripts, and were free to respond in any manner, literal or abstract.

The Clara Peck Collection is a treasure trove of more than 500 exceedingly rare books, paintings, and art objects that demonstrate Peck's interest in all things flora and fauna, and especially her love of horses. Among the highlights are original etchings from horse artist George Stubbs; the personal sketch book of animaliere, artist, and sculptor Rosa Bonheur; and works by horse painter Edward Troye.



2010 Alltech/FEI World Equestrian Games



Pictured in the Transylvania booth at the World Equestrian Games were, from left, sophomores Jessica Obi and Rachel Gilliam, and Betsy Brooks Bulleit '76, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees. The event attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors, many from outside the United States.

Stepfather, painted poplar and metal, LaVon Van Williams Jr.



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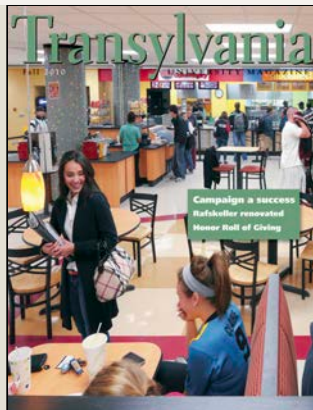
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Junior Aaron Carrithers shows Board of Trustees Chairman William T. Young Jr., left, and his son, trustee Chris Young, a demonstration using a new fume hood in Brown Science Center, installed as part of a \$9.2 million renovation project. For an update on the progress of the renovation and results of the 225th Anniversary Campaign, see story on page 14. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au*

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2009-10 Honor Roll of Giving follows Alumni News and Notes

On the cover:

The Rafskeller, better known as the Raf to generations of Transylvania students, underwent a comprehensive renovation over the summer, the first significant update since 1996. See story on page 7.

Photo by Joseph Rey Au

First Engagements introduces first-year students to college learning

First-year student Brandon Fain has his sights set on a major drawn from the natural sciences and a career aligned with those interests, but he also plans to take advantage of the liberal education offered at Transylvania that will prepare him to appreciate life from many perspectives.

"Being able to work on scientific problems is important and is what I'm going to spend most of my time studying," he said. "But at the same time, if I were unable to communicate with other people and understand the way they think and work, it's unlikely I would ever get in a position to do anything with my abilities."

That's one of the reasons Fain felt his participation in Transylvania's First Engagements program this past September had great value. It fit perfectly with his goal of acquiring a well-rounded education that will allow him to relate to people of many differing interests.

By reading and discussing a common text—this year it was Wendell Berry's novel *A World Lost*—first-year students in the First Engagements program acquire an introduction to the kind of rigorous analysis and collaborative learning experience expected at the college level. Just as importantly, they learn from one another how to appreciate the different perspectives each brings to the Transylvania community.

"In our orientation events, people may not be comfortable enough yet to talk about themselves," said first-year student Emily Novack. "Having this First Engagements experience let us talk about things that aren't necessarily related to you personally. It was nice to have something aca-

demically to kind of kick you off into the new year."

Fain and Novack were part of an eight-student group whose session was facilitated by President R. Owen Williams and senior Shannon Baldo. Even though the topic was primarily academic and not personal, Williams pointed out how the sessions allowed students to take on the challenge of speaking out in front of a new and unfamiliar audience.

"We want our students to know that education is about taking risks and being willing to think aggressively about the topics under consideration," Williams said. "They're not really sure what direction the conversation will go, and they know their thoughts will be judged by a peer group that's new to them, and that's a risky endeavor, no question about it. But it's good training for college. We want them to think critically and boldly."

The very reflective and subjective nature of *A World Lost* proved to be a catalyst for a wide-ranging discussion. The book primarily involves the changing perspectives of Andy, a young boy in the novel's beginning who idolizes a charismatic and impulsive uncle, to the detriment of his relationship with his conservative and responsible father. By novel's end, the adult views of Andy toward both his father and uncle have undergone substantial change. The book is considered to be heavily autobiographical.

"I found myself wondering whether Berry was looking back and trying to thank his father through this book for his patience and for letting him come around in his own time," Novack said. "It also made me reflect

on who brings the most meaning to a novel, the author or the reader putting his or her interpretation on it. I like the idea that you have to meet somewhere halfway."

For Fain, the exercise was one more way of initiating his entry into the serious intellectual community that is at the heart of a liberal arts education.

"You read a lot of literature in high school, but you never really have a conversation between people of equal interest and concern about it," he said. "Literature develops the mind to think about things in a different way. I feel like now at Transylvania I can go back to the dorm and talk about something we brought up in class and have my thoughts taken seriously."

After experiencing First Engagements for the first time, Williams came away convinced it's a valuable program.

"We presented them with a reading of a type they can expect to see many of, and we're engaging them at a high level of discussion," he said. "They learn to be flexible, to think extemporaneously, and to articulate their thoughts in a brief and succinct way. All of that makes you part of a bigger discussion that is a college education."

President R. Owen Williams meets with a First Engagements group in the Beck Center's Hall of Fame room. Clockwise, from his left, are Brandon Fain (partially hidden), Eli Estridge, Evan Sizemore, Alex Rand, Benjamin Overstreet, senior facilitator Shannon Baldo, Erica Noe, and Emily Novak.





Poet Maurice Manning lectures on Wendell Berry's *A World Lost* in Haggin Auditorium.

Tyler Young

Manning challenges students to learn from the past

Maurice Manning, a poet and professor in the creative writing program at Indiana University, spoke at the 2010 opening convocation in Haggin Auditorium September 12. His lecture was a commentary on this year's First Engagements book *A World Lost*, by Wendell Berry.

Manning described the novel, which tells the story of Andy Catlett coming to terms with the murder of his uncle in rural Kentucky, as a story of love, grief, and hope in the context of man's relationship with the world around him.

"It demonstrates that life is continuous, provided the sense and understanding of its continuity are passed on and taught, and provided the recipients of such a lesson are willing to uphold the duties and obligations that come with such powerful knowledge," he said. "The novel makes it clear that the natural world, the very earth underneath our feet, is the greatest gift we have. It teaches ourselves to ourselves, for we are part of its story."

Manning challenged the Transylvania first-year students to not get caught up in the future and the "American way," but

rather to understand the past and learn from it. He said today's generation is growing up without a sense of loyalty or an idea of where they are from.

"They don't feel like they belong to a particular place," he said. "They don't have roots in a town or neighborhood; they don't know their older relatives; they don't know the stories of their own families. Instead they have the shared cultural and economic experience of cell phones, of wires coming out of their ears, of monosyllabic exclams aped from television. They follow the various profits of consumption. From none of those, however, will you learn yourself or your people or the place you are from."

Manning has published four books of poetry, most recently *The Common Man*. In 2009 he was awarded the Hanes Poetry Prize by the Fellowship of Southern Writers. His first book, *Lawrence Booth's Book of Visions*, was selected for the Yale Series of Younger Poets in 2000. Manning is also a regular faculty member for The Appalachian Writers Workshop in Hindman, Ky.

Welcome to four new members of the faculty

The Transylvania faculty has added four new members for the 2010-11 academic year.



Michael Cairo, associate professor of political science, came to Transy from Georgetown College. He earned a B.A. in political science from State University of

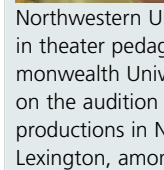
New York, Geneseo, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia. His latest research examines the differences in foreign policies of the two Bush administrations.

Rebecca Fox, assistant professor of biology, earned a B.S. in biology from Arizona State University and an M.S. in avian sciences and Ph.D. in animal behavior from the University of California, Davis. She did her post-doctoral research at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she studied the relationship between group size and composition, memory, hippocampal development, and neurogenesis in chickadees.



Zoë Strecker, visiting assistant professor of art, received a B.A. in English literature from Grinnell College and an M.F.A. in sculpture from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. She has had sculptures commissioned in Kentucky, Colorado, Alaska, and Tennessee, and her work has been exhibited in New York, Minnesota, and Kentucky.

Sullivan Canaday White, visiting assistant professor of drama, comes to Transylvania from Wofford College. She earned a B.A. in theater from the University of Kentucky, an M.A. in directing from Northwestern University, and an M.F.A. in theater pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has written on the audition process and has directed productions in New York, Louisville, and Lexington, among other cities.



Corrections

Faculty update

In the summer 2010 issue of *Transylvania* magazine, Gregg Bocketti, Melissa Fortner, Mark Jackson, and Eva Csuha were incorrectly listed as being promoted to assistant professors. They were actually promoted to associate professors.

Concert date

In the summer 2010 issue of *Transylvania* magazine, the date for the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series presentation of the musical group Anonymous 4 was incorrect. The concert will be held Wednesday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium.

New major created in educational studies

A new educational studies major has been created for students interested in the broad philosophical concepts related to education, as opposed to the more methodology-centered curriculum of the traditional education major, which is intended to prepare students to become teachers.

The major was born of interest shown by students in courses like Schooling in American Culture, often taken by non-education majors to fulfill a general education requirement. This interest originally drove the creation of an educational studies minor, which is still being offered.

"Students would tell us, 'I don't want to teach, but I'd like to take more of these kind of classes,'" said education professor Angela Hurley, chair of the education, physical education, and exercise science division. "The educational studies major is a means of fulfilling those desires while creating a course of study that allows our program to delve more deeply into issues of educational philosophy, the history of ideas, and what it means to be an educated person."

Besides Schooling in American Culture, some other courses offered in the major include Educational Philosophy, The Immigrant Child, Enculturation in Non-Western Societies, and Race, Ethnicity, and Social Class in American Education.

In addition to student interest, creation of the educational studies major was a priority with the program's faculty members.

"All of us in the department felt it would be a great major to offer," Hurley said. "It includes courses where we can really put our intellectual abilities to work and entertain

ideas of what it means to deal with knowledge. With the regular education major, we have to spend a certain amount of time ensuring they can do the job of teaching."

Senior Anna Kristin Lewis will be among the first to graduate with an educational studies major. She is able to complete the degree requirements in the major's first official year because she had already taken many of the needed courses, and will complete the remainder this academic year.

The new major came along just at the

"The major...allows our program to delve more deeply into issues of educational philosophy, the history of ideas, and what it means to be an educated person."

right time for Lewis, who had gone in several different directions during her first two years. She originally declared a Spanish major, then started taking business courses. By the time she realized for sure that she wanted to teach, it was the fall of her junior year and too late to complete a traditional education major in four years. She first changed to a teaching Spanish major, but then had an observing experience at Garden Springs Elementary in Lexington that made her realize she wanted to teach elementary grades, not just focus on teaching Spanish.

"(Education professor) Dr. Amy El-Hindi Trail mentioned that I could go to graduate

school and complete an elementary certification program there while also earning a master's degree," Lewis said. "By coincidence, that was also the point at which they were creating the educational studies major, and that gave me a framework for my goals. I've kept my Spanish major also, which will be very helpful to me. I'm so thankful to the education department for working with me and allowing me to do what I really want to do."

Hurley's doctoral degree is in educational philosophy, which is also the name of a new course designed to support the educational studies major. She feels the major will offer ideal preparation for graduate level studies that could prepare a person to work in educational policymaking in state education departments, to become part of an educational think tank, or to become an education teacher or philosopher, among other outcomes.

It can also be a good second major, she said, supporting a legal career, for instance, that would focus on school law, or a sociology career studying the societal aspects of educational issues.

Hurley is especially pleased with how the educational studies major is an excellent fit for Transylvania's liberal arts mission.

"The major lets us use schooling and educational philosophy and the history of ideas to figure out who we are now and where we might be in the future, and that's part of the liberal arts approach to learning," she said. "I think that's what every academic discipline is trying to do. This major just reflects our particular discipline's angle of vision on ideas that are also considered in other areas of study."



Transy.edu undergoes a facelift

If you have visited www.transy.edu lately, you may not have recognized the place.

The front page of the Transylvania University website got a serious makeover, and more changes are coming soon to the rest of the site.

The front page has a new, clean look to it. The focal point is a panel of sliding photos with captions that link to stories and features of Transylvania. Those photos and links will be changed and updated throughout the year, so check back often to see snapshots of campus.

Under the photo panel are links to the About Us, Admissions, Academics, Campus Life, Athletics, News and Events, and Giving pages. The Athletics and News and Events panels are constantly updated with news, press releases, and sports stories and scores.

Near the bottom of the page is a photo gallery showing the beauty of the Transylvania campus and downtown Lexington. The photos expand with a click into a large photo with a description, and you can scroll through them by clicking the arrows to the right and left.

The rest of the website is in the process of being updated to similar informative, visually appealing pages, so continue to explore the site and find new features as you stay in touch with the Transylvania community.

Women win HCAC All-Sports trophy

For the first time since joining the league in 2001-02, Transylvania claimed the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference's Women's All-Sports trophy for the 2009-10 season.

Transy finished with 49 points to edge second place Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (48) and Franklin College (47), snapping a run of five straight All-Sports awards for Manchester College. Points are awarded based on where teams finish in conference standings.

Transy's women's programs won conference championships in basketball, softball, and tennis, and came in second in soccer. The soccer, softball, and tennis teams qualified for NCAA Division III national championship play.

Transylvania finished third in competition for the HCAC Commissioner's Cup, earned by the school with the most combined points for men's and women's teams. Transy's men's program finished sixth last year with 37.5 points as Rose-Hulman won with 48. The men won conference titles in golf and tennis, and golf, soccer, and tennis all played in NCAA Division III championships.



Joseph Rey Au

The 303 members of the entering class arrived at Transylvania in September as the most academically talented entering class in the university's history, highlighted by their impressive average GPA of 3.79 and average ACT of 27.

The class includes 34 Kentucky Governor's Scholars and Governor's School for the Arts participants and six National Merit Finalists. Students come from 18 states, with 21 percent from outside Kentucky. Four international students hail from South Korea, China, Zimbabwe, and the United Kingdom. Adding 11 transfer students, the 314 new students bring overall enrollment to 1,110.

"This is a class about which we can be very excited, beginning with its outstanding academic quality," said Brad Goan, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions. "We made excellent progress this year in recruiting students from outside Kentucky, and we held onto previous gains in minority and international student enrollment."

Mitchell first Pioneer to lead NCAA category



Transylvania All-American infielder Megan Mitchell became the first Pioneer to lead the nation in an NCAA Division III statistical category since the university joined Division III in 2001-02 when she finished her first year on the Pioneer softball team with a slugging percentage of .977.

For the 2010 season, Mitchell's play also resulted in 17 home runs, 60 runs batted in, 60 hits, 49 runs scored, and a batting average of .492. She reached base at a .588 clip while receiving 14 intentional walks.

Her performance, under the guidance of head coach Michelle Manning, earned her Player of the Year honors in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and third team All-American status.

Now a sophomore, Mitchell is from West Lafayette, Ind.

Sophomore Megan Mitchell shows the batting form she used to lead the nation in slugging percentage.

New practice field gets plenty of use

A new practice field is allowing Transylvania to give its three performance fields much needed downtime, keeping them in better shape for intercollegiate contests. The field is located next to William Marquard Field, the varsity baseball venue on Haggard Lane, 2.5 miles north of campus.

"It's getting a lot of use," said athletics director Jack Ebel '77. "Women's soccer and field hockey practice there for a week, then men's soccer uses it the next week, which means Hall Field and Thomas Field are not being used during those times. The baseball team can also work out there. It gives us a chance to repair any damage to the performance fields."

The field measures 270 by 220 feet and is seeded with a new variety of rye grass that stands up well to hard use.

Balles retires from accounting after 31-year tenure

Debbie Balles '79 walked off the stage at her Transylvania commencement and almost immediately into the university's accounting office, where she retired in July after a 31-year tenure that saw her rise from chief accountant to controller.

From her hiring in June 1979 to her final weeks in office this past summer, she witnessed and took part in many changes and improvements to the university's accounting procedures, all from the same Old Morrison office where she started. The best symbol representing the positive changes was the radical shift in the yearly audit process.

"The outside audit staff used to have to stay here for several months to get the job done," Balles said. Beginning early in her tenure, clean audits that took only a week to perform had become the norm.

Balles recalls 1997 as a year of significant change in the computing system that was designed to integrate various sources of data.

"We upgraded the system so we could integrate information from all the various offices, such as the registrar and financial aid," she said. "The driving factor was our student billing—we wanted to provide a better experi-

ence for our students and their families."

At her retirement ceremony in Old Morrison, then-President Charles L. Shearer praised Balles for her professionalism and dedication as well as her cheerful outlook.

"It was always a pleasure to work with Debbie," Shearer said. "She was a very loyal Transylvanian who did an excellent job as controller for the university. She took a very positive approach to her work, and that had a great effect on everyone around her."

When speaking of her retirement, Balles said she looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Pete, and traveling.

"Pete and I don't see it as retirement, but as working for ourselves," she said. "For example, we may be selling our wares at the Farmer's Market. We've already started doing some traveling and just enjoying life."

Whatever her future holds, Balles will retain fond memories of her Transylvania career.

"I cannot think of another place I would rather have been," she said. "Transy is such a special place. I loved it here and feel strongly about what Transy stands for. That will not change. I plan to continue to support Transy as an alum in every way possible."



Then-President Charles L. Shearer presents controller Debbie Balles the traditional Transylvania mint julep cup upon her retirement in July.

Tyler Young

Parents Fund dollars will help secure \$1 million challenge grant

Contributions to the Parents Fund will take on a greater significance this year. Each dollar donated will count toward securing a \$1 million challenge grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation, which in turn supports a \$6.2 million initiative to reinvigorate Transylvania's J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

"The larger campaign to make significant upgrades to our library gives this year's Parents Fund drive a whole new dimension," said Lori Burlingham, assistant director of development. "In addition to providing for our students' immediate needs, everyone who contributes will bring Transylvania that much closer to a very exciting long-range upgrade to our library resources."

The initiative will add \$2 million to the library's overall endowment and allocate \$1.7 million for an expansion project, \$1.5 million for an archivist/historian endowment, and \$1 mil-

lion for an educational outreach endowment.

In the meantime, Parents Fund donations this year will have an immediate impact on providing the resources needed by today's students. The very busy library circulated more than 8,000 items over 10,400 times during the 2009-10 academic year. In addition, students, faculty, and staff downloaded more than 81,500 articles from over 40 databases. The library added 2,900 books to the physical collection and more than 9,500 electronic books.

"We feel the best way to contribute to our daughter's success is through the Parents Fund," said Scott Jagoe, co-president with his wife, Carmen, of the Parents Council. Their daughter, Lindsey, is a member of the class of 2012. "We know that each dollar we give is allocated for library resources available for Lindsey to take advantage of today. We

hope the next time parents visit Transy they'll experience the library for themselves, ask their sons or daughters how they benefit from the library, and then consider a donation to the

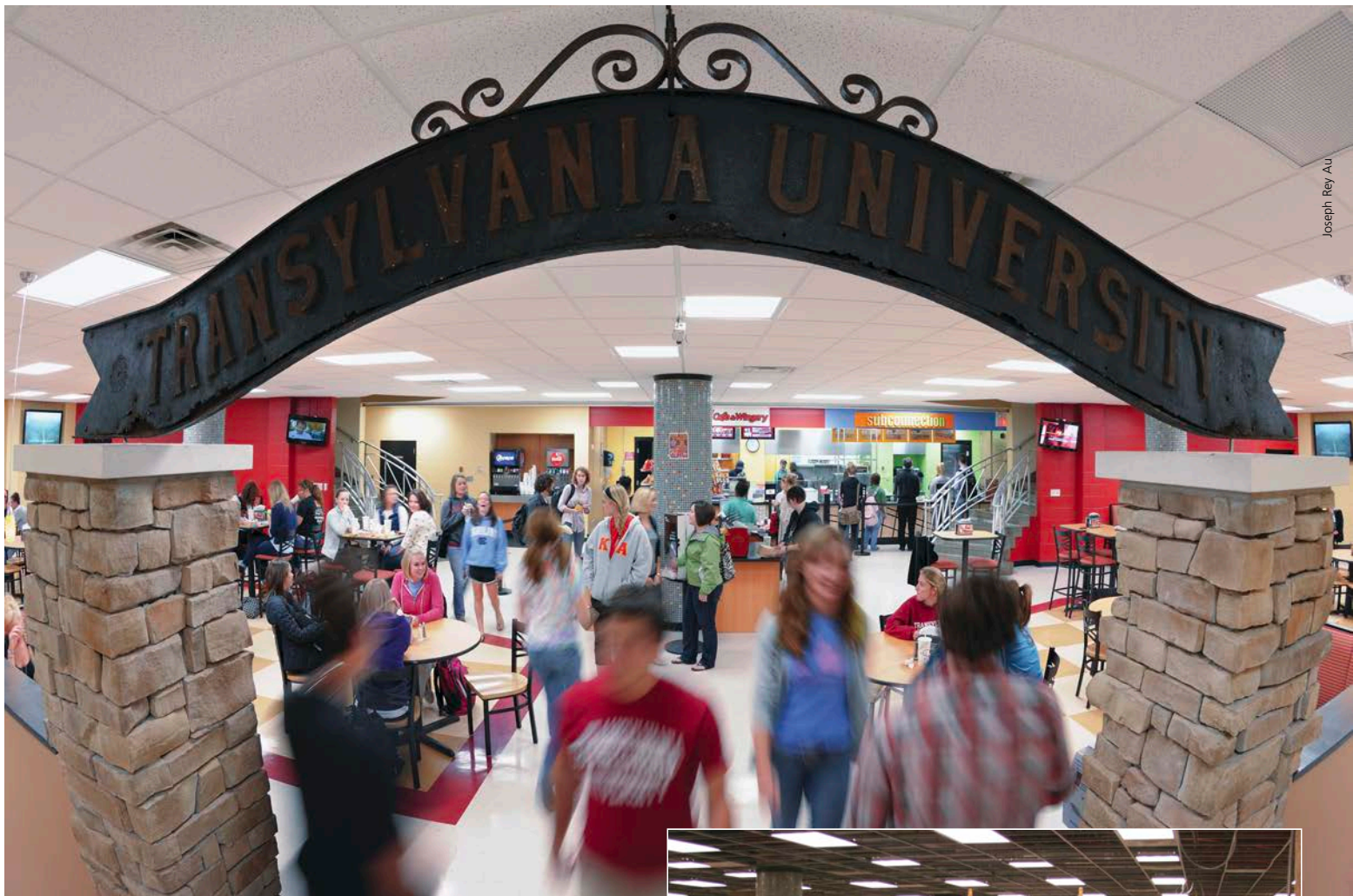
Parents Fund."

A goal of \$100,000 has been set for this year's campaign. Last year the fund reached \$100,595, the first time it had surpassed the \$100,000 mark.



Parents Council members are, front row, from left, Scott Jagoe, Carmen Jagoe, John Cooper, Becky Cooper, Ed Miller, Mary Ann Miller, Sunday Obi, Stephanie Obi, Perry Marshall, Mary Beth Marshall, Jim Drye, Beverly Drye; second row, Mike Anderson, Mary Lou Anderson, Mary Beth Richardson, Brady Spencer, Lisa Spencer, G. D. Hieronymus, Laura Hieronymus, David Heintzman, Jennie Heintzman, David Wynn, Susan Wynn; back row, Tony Ruckriegel, Sally Ruckriegel, Shelby Thacker, Veronica Dean-Thacker, Mac Lacy, Kim Lacy, Bill Hauke, Barbara Hauke, Jack Geil, Pattie Geil.

Joseph Rey Au



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Rafskeller undergoes major facelift

The Rafskeller has been one of the favorite campus hangouts for years, a bond that is shared between Transylvanians young and old. But let's face it—it was a little dark and dreary in there.

Not anymore. The Raf received a major makeover just in time for the return of students to campus in September, and while the nostalgia of the old Raf is missed a little, most students agree that the new one is brighter, more welcoming, and offers much better food.

Sodexho, the company that manages Transylvania's dining services, provided capital funds for the renovation, which involved removing all of the barn wood; putting in a new floor and tables, chairs, and booths; adding flat-panel televisions; and installing new food vendors. The Raf now offers World of Wings and SubConnection, both of which have already been big hits with students stopping in for a meal or a quick bite.

"The food is a lot better," senior Laura Bauer said. "They have more options, and taste-wise, it's still good."

"It's nice, and the food is awesome," senior Katie Martin said. "The veggie burgers are amazing."

Both students said they missed the uniqueness of the old Rafskeller, which was characterized by its signature barn wood and its cellar feel.

"We wrestled with the barn wood because it was historic and traditional," Marc Mathews '80, vice president for finance and business, said. "But it was also in very poor condition. As the workers took it down, most of it disintegrated. So there are places in the Raf where some of the barn wood was put back, paying homage to the past, but we were not trying to recreate the same look."

The Student Government Association had a committee do campus surveys and visit Bellarmine University in Louisville, which also has its food service managed by Sodexho, to see how its campus eateries looked and what foods they offered. They looked at menus to ensure that no food choices would be lost and settled on the two vendors in there now. The look of the Raf was



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Top: The familiar Transylvania University sign serves as one of the focal points of the newly renovated Rafskeller. Above: The Raf was nearly stripped bare during renovation.

approved by former President Charles L. Shearer.

"We're very pleased with the look of it," Mathews said. "It's bright and inviting, which were things we were going for, and it has a modern menu with everything prepared to order."

Mathews said that while the number of students visiting the Raf has been approximately on par with last year, sales are up due to students buying more food instead of just stopping in for a drink or snack.

Alumna draws on Transy days for entry in Horse Mania show



Tyler Young

Jennifer Conrad-Barber '84 poses with Lexington Landmarks, one of her two entries in Lexington's public art project Horse Mania.

As a studio art major at Transylvania, **Jennifer Conrad-Barber '84** used to sit with her easel on Old Morrison lawn, painting the university's historic administration building for a class with art instructor Joe Petro '53.

She could never have known that many years later she would use that student painting as inspiration for an image of the classically styled building that she painted on the neck and chest of a life-size, fiberglass horse. The colorful equine stat-

ue stood on that same lawn from July through October as one of Conrad-Barber's two entries in a Lexington public art project called Horse Mania that saw 82 variously decorated horses placed around the city.

"Having one of my entries placed on Old Morrison lawn was a great honor," Conrad-Barber said. "I'm actually very humbled by it. I tried to do an especially good job of that particular image."

Old Morrison vied with a number of other images on her

horse, sponsored by Transylvania, which she named "Lexington Landmarks." The Christmas tree lighting at Triangle Park, Patterson Cabin, Floral Hall at The Red Mile, trotting horses, traditional rail fencing, and University of Kentucky basketball were other images she chose to depict.

Her other entry, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Equine Initiative, was named "Equestrian" and located in front of the UK Cooper House. It featured images relating to the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games that ran from September 25-October 10 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Her two entries were among those chosen from more than 460 applicants.

Conrad-Barber, who lives in

Winchester, Ky., is a working artist whose abilities range from watercolor to oil portraits, pastels, abstracts, pen-and-ink drawings of historic homes, and murals for such diverse locations as physicians' offices and nurseries.

"I travel around to art shows and fairs like the St. James Court Art Show in Louisville, and I get commissions," she said. "I painted off and on while being a stay-at-home mom, and now I'm trying to make a living at it. I'm kind of a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to art."

Other Transylvania alumni with entries in Horse Mania included:

Christy Buckner '92, "Ashland Stud," sponsored by Chase Bank, and "Cheval D'Etoile," sponsored by Lexington Clinic.

Kimberly Comstock '96, "Teacup," Powell Walton Millward.

Marcia Cone '76, "Goochie-poochieploddapony," Hilton Lexington.

Harold Faulconer '54, "Dark Star," Lexington Public Library.

Polashek selected to present compositions

Music professor Tim Polashek was selected by the Society of Composers to present his compositions "Micro-Coastings" at the 2010 Region V conference at Augustana College and "Kite Sonata For Two Pianos" at the 2010 National Conference at the University of South Carolina School of Music.

Shearer, Mathews win recognition from ODK



Charles L. Shearer, left, receives the distinguished service award from Omicron Delta Kappa.

Former President Charles L. Shearer received the Omicron Delta Kappa Distinguished Service Award for his years of service to the organization. Marc Mathews '80, vice president for finance, also received recognition from the ODK national convention for completing seven years as national treasurer.

Music professor Larry Barnes tours Ecuador

Music professor Larry Barnes did a two-week residency at the Kentucky Partners Musician of the Year 2010 in Ecuador. He visited and presented in four cities, giving concerts of his own music, teaching workshops on songwriting, and lecturing on American popular music history.



Music professor Larry Barnes teaches in Ecuador.

Student painting selected for hospital

Senior studio art major Denise Brown's painting "Beautiful Redemption" was among works selected by jury for Saint Joseph Hospital's new Women's Care Hospital.



Mollie Eblen

Transylvania hosts seminar on liberal education

Seventeen professors from across the country participated in Transylvania's seminar titled *Twenty-First Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept*, in July. Professors and officials taking part in the seminar included, front row, from left, Jane Chaplin, Middlebury College, classics; Michelle Nario-Redmond, Hiram College, psychology; Zhewei Dai, Alma College, mathematics; Michael Dink, St. John's College, Liberal Arts in Great Books Program; Jennifer Holberg, Calvin College, English; Heather Vincent, Eckerd College, classics/ancient studies; Ellen Cox, Transylvania, philosophy; middle row, Adeleri Onisegun, Paine College, psychology; Nina Karnovsky, Pomona College, biology; Jeffrey Freyman, Transylvania, political science; Louis Newman, Carleton College, religion; Nate Eastman, Earlham College, English; Julie Meadows, Presbyterian College, philosophy/religion; Gail Newman, Williams College, German/comparative literature; back row, Randall Bartlett, Smith College, economics; Simon Levy, Washington & Lee University, cognitive science/linguistics/robotics/artificial intelligence; John Seery, Pomona College, political science; Stephen Clements, Asbury University, political science; John Svarlien, Transylvania, classics; Frank Pagano, St. John's College, Great Books Program.

Williams to be inaugurated as president in April

R. Owen Williams will be inaugurated as Transylvania's 25th president in a ceremony on the steps of Old Morrison on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 10 a.m. The event will be followed by a reception and brunch in Haupt Plaza.

Among the other events surrounding the inauguration, which takes place during Alumni Weekend 2011, is a black tie inaugural ball Friday evening at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. An opening on-campus reception is planned for Wednesday evening, which will include entertainment by students and faculty. On Thursday afternoon a symposium will be held on *19th-Century America*, and a concert by music professor Greg Partain will follow that evening.

Williams officially began his duties as president on August 1, 2010, following the retirement of Charles L. Shearer, who served the university for 27 years as president and four years prior to that as vice president for finance.

Williams makes staff changes, creates advisory group

President R. Owen Williams has announced three appointments to his cabinet, implemented other staff changes, and created an advisory council to better serve the needs of Transylvania as he works collaboratively while introducing strategies to move the university forward.

Joining the cabinet are Jason Whitaker '97, director of information technology, and faculty members Veronica Dean-Thacker, professor of Spanish, and Meg Upchurch, professor of psychology. Dean-Thacker and Upchurch were appointed on a two-year, rotating basis.

Whitaker joined the staff in April 2008 when his position was created. His department sets up, troubleshoots, and manages computer and Internet services for faculty, staff, and student computers.

Williams has stressed technological savvy as a priority for the Transylvania community. "Jason has done great things as IT director, and he is a valuable addition to the cabinet as we continue to move forward as leaders in technology in higher education," he said.

Whitaker said enrollment is a key area where technology can help Transylvania move forward in its new student recruitment goals. "Being ahead of the technological game is attractive to prospective students," he said. "Some students are

coming out of high school with technology that rivals what we have here, so we have to stay on top of it."

Enrollment was the focus of a reorganization that Williams announced involving the admissions office and financial aid office.

"These two offices will now operate under an enrollment umbrella charged with advancing Transylvania's goals of increased diversity, class size, and academic standards while better integrating the functions of admissions and financial aid," he said.

Along with the realignment, Williams announced the new titles of vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions for Brad Goan, formerly director of admissions, and associate vice president for financial aid for David Cecil, formerly director of financial aid.

In other staff areas, Williams named Sarah Emmons, director of public relations, as associate vice president of communications and public relations, and Mark Blankenship, acting vice president for development, as associate vice president for alumni affairs.

To add to the efficiency of his own office, Williams reached into the admissions office and named Deana Ison, formerly senior associate director of admissions, as his executive assistant. A 15-year Transylvania veteran, Ison was also formerly admissions

counselor, assistant director, associate director, and interim director of admissions.

"Deana was very successful in Transylvania's admissions efforts and has brought her incredible work ethic to my office," Williams said. "She is not only a great liaison, but she contributes to the management and administrative process as well."

Ison cited her work with President's Advisory Council chair and art professor Nancy Wolsk, and presiding officer of the faculty and religion professor Paul Jones, as among her more rewarding assignments so far.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to work with the faculty in this collaborative capacity," she said. "Every day has been new and exciting, and I learn something different each day."

A title change that was announced earlier by then-President Charles L. Shearer named Mike Vetter, formerly dean of students, as vice president and dean of students.

The President's Advisory Council is a group of 16 faculty, staff, and a student representative that will advise Williams on issues important to the campus community. The director of public safety, the presiding officer of the faculty, and the director of the physical plant are standing members, while others serve a three-year term on a rotating basis. The council meets once a month.

Sustainability workshops inspire green thinking on campus

One of Angela Dossett's goals when she came to Transylvania in January was to help the campus care about the importance of being sustainable. She can probably go ahead and check that off her list.

Sustainability was the topic of the annual faculty workshop June 7-11 and the staff workshop August 24, and both Dossett, who is the campus sustainability coordinator, and chemistry professor George Kaufman, who organized the faculty workshop, said they were thrilled with not only the participation, but the eagerness with which the faculty and staff tackled the subject.

The staff members were divided into tables of approximately eight people each, and they were asked to come up with sustainability goals for Transylvania to accomplish over the next five to 10 years. Each table wrote down the goals they came up with, possible barriers to achieving those goals, and how they could get past the barriers. They then presented their lists to the group, and Dossett collected them to compile a master list.

"It exceeded my expectations," Dossett said of the results of the workshop. "I got a lot of great ideas. I knew that people were interested in sustainability, but I was surprised at the enthusiastic response, generally. That was good to learn."

Many of the staff's suggestions had to do with paper use on campus, an issue that Dossett did not know was so important to the staff. Many of the groups endorsed reducing paper consumed at Transylvania, but President R. Owen Williams, who was a part of his first staff workshop at Transy, took it a step further and announced that his goal was for Transylvania to become a paperless institution by the end of the



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2010-11 academic year.

"He's really excited about the initiative, and I am also," Dossett said. "He's been in communication with me and the IT department to see what we need to do to make that happen. Right now we're in the process of talking to all of the offices and departments across the university to see what they're doing to reduce their paper use, what resources they're going to need, and asking them to lay out a plan for how they're going to reduce paper in their office."

The faculty spent five days studying the concept of sustainability and its importance to our world. Rather than find ways to enhance efforts on campus, they came up with ways to incorporate sustainability into their curricula.

"Instead of just saying, 'There was the dust bowl that tied into people having economic loss; now we're going to read *The Grapes of Wrath*,' you can talk about why that happened and some lessons that we learned from it," Kaufman said. "Now we

Junior Danny Woolums, far right, gives faculty members a tour of Transylvania's community garden during the faculty sustainability workshop.

can look at Arizona and the Colorado River basin and see if we've learned lessons from history in what we're doing there now."

During the five-day workshop, the faculty heard guest speakers, discussed readings, and took tours around Lexington to see what other groups are doing, all the while thinking of ways they could infuse those ideas into their courses.

"They had the whole summer to think and reflect on the workshop, and by August, they individually came up with a way to change a class or come up with a new class or something that they could test over the course of this fall term or the winter term," Kaufman said. "We're going to get back together in the winter to see how it worked."

There have already been some visible changes on campus since the workshops. Several printed forms that students used to fill out have been put online, and work-study students can opt to be paid in a paperless way if their bank supports it.

"Our faculty, staff, and students have been thinking about some things, and this is the excuse to go ahead and do it," Dossett said. "It's making a difference that people are really thinking about sustainability all the time now, and that conversation is going on out there."

Keep up with the school's efforts to go green by visiting the sustainability website at www.transy.edu/sustainability/index.htm.

Sustainability coordinator Angela Dossett addresses the Transylvania staff in the William T. Young Campus Center gym during the staff sustainability workshop.




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DRUGGED AMERICA

Psychology professor MEG UPCHURCH's Bingham-Young Professorship examines a wide range of issues involving both legal and illegal drugs

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



When psychology professor Meg Upchurch began her Bingham-Young Professorship entitled Drugged America more than two years ago, her stated goal was "...to cause members of the Transylvania community to look drug use in the face, to see how widely it affects their local institutions and their world, and to introspect on whether a future in which drugs play such a wide role is truly desirable."

After a well-planned series of presentations by Transylvania faculty members and outside speakers, seminars, film screenings, and classroom discussions, it's safe to say that for those who took advantage of the opportunities her professorship offered, Upchurch's mission was accomplished. The professorship concluded with the end of the 2009-10 academic year.

"There is probably not one person on campus who has zero experience with drugs, so we all have something to say," Upchurch said. "I wanted to hear from a variety of viewpoints, and that's just what happened. I was very pleased with the participation by the Transylvania community, especially the summer seminars where we involved faculty and staff talking together."

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The wide-ranging professorship included such issues as the accuracy of research funded by pharmaceutical companies, how international relations and economics are affected by illicit drug trade, the beneficial effects and potential drawbacks of psycho-active drugs, and the role of drugs in the treatment of mental illnesses in children.

“Drugs can be discussed at every level of analysis, from their molecular effects on the body to their impact on global trade,” Upchurch said. “They are so pervasive at all levels of society, which makes them an important common topic that touches on many areas.”

The point of her professorship was to examine and shed light on issues regarding drugs. Conclusions to be drawn were both positive and negative, since the proper medical use of drugs has meant great health benefits to millions of people, while the abuse of drugs has brought suffering to others.

“The way Meg handled her topic was very appropriate for a liberal arts college because it wasn’t all about bashing the drug and pharmaceutical industry, it was pointing out the complexity of the situation,” said physics professor Jamie Day, who took part in several of the events. “Like any commodity, pharmaceuticals are a mixed issue—there are great benefits and great abuses.”

The professorship is an outgrowth of the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching. The Bingham-Young Professorship includes a stipend and an appointment of one or two years. Its purpose is to stimulate curricular enrichment and/or enhancement of the art of teaching at Transylvania.

A variety of viewpoints

Upchurch’s definition of drugs was broad enough to cover licit substances like alcohol and tobacco, illicit drugs like cocaine and heroin, and prescription medications that range from painkillers to anti-hyperactive drugs.

One of the ways Day took part in the topic was to co-teach a May term course with psychology professor Mark Jackson entitled Health Studies Seminar that was open to discussing drug use in its broadest perspectives. At the time, Day was chair of the Pre-Health Committee, and many of the students in the class were headed for careers in healthcare.

“We wanted to pull students away from looking only at chemistry and physics and biology and make them look at health in a different light,” Day said.

Upchurch arranged for an epidemiologist from the National Institutes of Health to visit the class. “He applied his specialty to our subject by looking at how drug addiction can spread through society in a similar way to an infectious disease,” Day said. “It was great to have someone in such a prominent position speak to our small group of 15 students.”

Along with attending several other professorship events, Day felt teaching that class helped him realize some of the benefits Upchurch was aiming for.

“I certainly know a lot more about the controversies and the benefits of drug use now than I did previously,” he said. “I’ve thought about it much more deeply than I had before.”

Education professor Amy El-Hindi Trail presented a *Frontline* documentary entitled “The Medicated Child” that looked at the issue of the diagnosis and use of medications for mental illnesses in children. Drugs such as Ritalin have been increasingly used in recent years to calm children and allow them to take part in normal classroom settings.

“The prevalence of children on medication for bipolar disorder is quite controversial,” Trail said. “Whether or not they should be diagnosed and treated in that way is a big issue, and we cover this in a survey class I teach on instructional and learning theory. One of our discussion points during the presentation was to ask what might prompt a parent to overmedicate a child, such as possibly too much structure in our schools.”

Trail also took part in a summer seminar sponsored by the professorship during which alcohol on the Transy campus was discussed.

“We talked about accessibility and drinking age,” she said. “I feel less access is a powerful deterrent. It was great to have faculty and staff in the same room talking about that issue. As professors, we’re in the classroom, but staff members see the other side of the students in campus life situations.”

Speaking from experience

As a native of Peru, French and Spanish professor Martha Ojeda has personally experienced some of the issues surrounding the drug culture in her own country and, more significantly, that of neighboring Colombia and Bolivia. She tells of how cocaine is but one of 13 alkaloids in the coca leaf and that the leaf’s benign uses, such as tea and medicinal and religious applications, are often overlooked when discussing the cocaine problem and the war on drugs.

For her part in the professorship, Ojeda screened a documentary film entitled *Coca Mama* that probes the war on drugs and the efforts of the United States government, in conjunction with Bolivia and Colombia, to diminish or eradicate coca leaf production.

“The film shows how if we try to eliminate coca plantations in these countries, the issue becomes complex because in the Indian communities and in the Inca religion, the coca leaf is used in its natural form,” Ojeda said. “There is a great distinction between the plant itself and cocaine, which is a processed substance. Are we doing the right thing when we jail local growers, but don’t go after the traffickers? The president of Colombia is pushing for the legal growth of coca for legitimate purposes. He wants to regulate it, not criminalize it.”

Art professor Jack Girard attended a summer seminar in the program and used the information to have more in-depth discussions with his wife, who is a pharmacist.

Drugged America Film Series Spring 2009

THE INSIDER
Monday, February 23, 7 p.m. // Cowgill 102
See this award-winning film about Jeffrey Wigand, former vice president of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and whistle blower about the industry's disregard for health and safety—then plan to hear Wigand in person when he lectures in Haggin Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on March 3.

COCA MAMA
Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m. // Cowgill 102
Spanish professor Martha Ojeda will introduce this documentary about the effects of U.S. cocaine interdiction efforts on subsistence farmers in Latin America, which shows how spraying of coca crops also destroys legitimate crops.

THE METH EPIDEMIC
Monday, March 16, 6 p.m. // Cowgill 102
A documentary on the efforts to control methamphetamine manufacture and use in the U.S.

Food and discussion after each film.
For more information: mupchurch@transy.edu

Drugged America
BETTER THAN YOUR NEXT HIGH

“The seminar and the readings gave me a broader, more sophisticated perspective on treatments our students may be experiencing,” he said. “My wife feels that doctors may be too quick to solve kids’ problems with medication. I took the college-campus view we were given in the seminar and expanded it to other parts of our culture, partly through conversations at the dinner table.”

Girard also took a leading role in organizing the screening of *The Narcotic Farm*, a documentary film about Lexington’s former federal research, treatment, and prison facility for drug addicts. He also arranged to host the film’s creators on campus for a multi-media event about the facility and its history, and a presentation on gender factors in the images of drug addiction. (See *Transylvania* magazine, spring 2010, page 8.)

The marketing of drugs

Campus nurse Laina Smith participated in two summer seminars that she felt were beneficial in terms of her relationship with students and their use of prescription drugs, and her general awareness of how drugs are marketed.

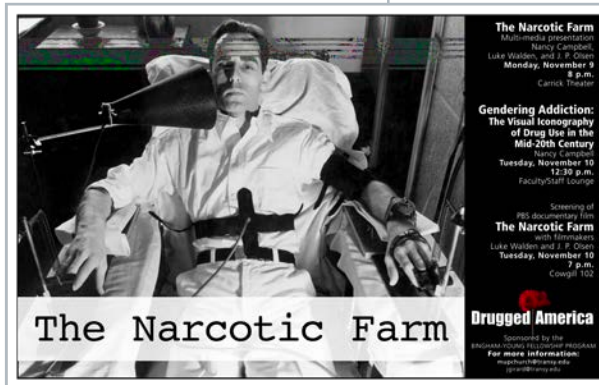
“When I see a new drug being advertised, I have more of a question mark now,” she said. “I want to know who paid for the research. It’s made me a little more skeptical.”

Smith is aware that some Transylvania students were diagnosed with attention-deficit tendencies and arrive on campus with medications such as Adderall. The proper use of those medications can be very helpful, she feels.

“There are some students who would not be able to function in an academic environment were it not for such prescribed medications,” she said. “Are some of those overprescribed? Probably. But in most cases, I feel the benefit outweighs the risk. Most students take them short-term, get involved in therapy, deal with their issues, and then move on.”

Ashley Hinton-Moncer, director of wellness and fitness, also attended both summer seminars. She includes a session on drugs in her Lifetime Fitness course.

“I feel the drug industry has done a lot of wonderful things, but I also feel we use drugs as crutches at times,” she said. “Before your doctor just hands you the prescription pad, why not try eating right and exercising? Meg’s professorship helped me understand the industry better and realize that not everything a company tells you is true. It also reinforced my belief that you can do many things for your health without using drugs.”



Outside speakers contribute

Among the presentations by outside speakers were these three:

David Courtwright, a history professor at the University of North Florida and a specialist in the history of drug use and policy, spoke on “Forces of Habit: Why We Make War on Some Drugs but Not Others.” He contended that we don’t regulate drugs in accordance with their actual danger, but rather in response to social or political pressures associated with minority groups or the size of the industry producing them.

Jeffery Wigand, a former vice president for research and development at Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, gave a presentation entitled “Insider’s View of the Tobacco Industry.” He discussed his decision to reveal information to the public on Brown & Williamson’s research involving nicotine and its effects on addictiveness in smokers.

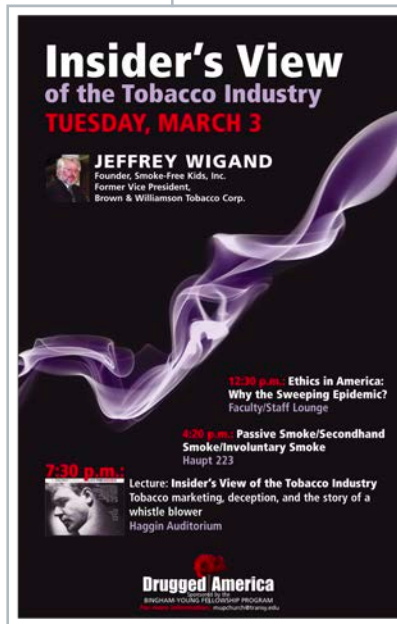
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Biology major Sara Waddell, whose goal is to attend medical school, attended a dinner for Abramson the evening before his presentation.

“I read his book as part of a voluntary discussion group made up mostly of members of Phi Delta Epsilon (pre-health honorary),” she said. “I was pleased with how well he laid out the issues involving drug companies.”



Putting it in perspective

Looking back on her program, Upchurch values the experience and feels the Bingham-Young Professorship plays an important role in the academic life of Transylvania.

“Since I started here in 1990, I’ve seen an increasing interest in making our campus an intellectual community, providing more and more opportunity for cross-disciplinary discussion,” she said. “I think this professorship, regardless of who holds it, has done well with that.”

Trail, who has taken part in the three previous professorships on race, liberal arts, and liberty, security, and justice, also appreciates their value in her academic life.

“These professorships are one of the best features of my professional development,” she said. “I’ve enjoyed every one of them. It’s a profoundly positive effect.” **n**

A resounding success

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Transylvania's 225th Anniversary Campaign surpasses its goal by raising \$47.3 million to fund many improvements to the university

New buildings, significant new endowment funds for scholarships and academic chairs, and renovated, state-of-the-art science laboratories are among the many benefits of Transylvania's recently completed 225th Anniversary Campaign that members of the university community are already enjoying.

The five-and-a-half-year campaign, launched in the fall of 2004, ended successfully on June 30, 2010, with a total of \$47.3 million, which surpassed the original goal of \$32 million as well as the revised goal of \$42 million.

"Once again, Transylvania's many supporters came through in grand fashion," said William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees. "It is especially gratifying that our donors pushed us far beyond our campaign goal in a time of financial uncertainty. When the economy began to falter in the fall of 2008, Transylvania's donors really stepped up. They continued their strong support of the 225th Anniversary Campaign right up to the very end."

Mark Blankenship '81, acting vice president for development, noted that the components of the campaign encompassed all the significant areas of the university, from academics to residence life, student life, and athletics.

"Virtually all members of the Transylvania community are realizing the positive effects of the generosity displayed by everyone who supported the campaign," he said. "The living and learning environment of the university is measurably better than it was before the campaign began."

A new three-court complex was part of the tennis facilities upgrade made possible by the 225th Anniversary Campaign.



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New buildings appear

Two new buildings made possible by the campaign have greatly enhanced student life and residence life. A spacious bookstore, complete with a café and lower level expansion space for the library, and a residence hall with all-suite accommodations were both made possible by generous lead gifts and the support of many others.

The \$2 million Glenn Building, a 10,000-square-foot, two-level structure, features an attractive bookstore and Jazzman's Café. It was dedicated in the fall of 2005 and was made possible by a \$1.4 million lead gift from the late trustee James F. Glenn. It allowed relocation of the bookstore from its former out-of-the-way location in the lower level of the Mitchell Fine Arts Center to its present high-visibility position on Old Morrison circle. Jazzman's Café has become a very popular spot on campus for socializing among students, faculty, and staff members.

The \$5.5 million, 28,000-square-foot Thomson Residence Hall, opened in the fall of 2008, houses 61 upper-class students in 31 suite-style accommodations. Funding was sparked by a substantial lead gift from trustee Joe Thomson '66 and his wife, JoAnn. The building includes the expanded 1780 Café on the ground floor, two spacious lounges, and an 80-person-capacity meeting room on the lower level.

Both buildings illustrate Transylvania's emphasis on sustainability. The Glenn Building uses an efficient and environmentally friendly geothermal heating and air conditioning system that the U.S. Department of Energy has designated clean and sustainable technology. Thomson Hall earned the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR rating, the first such recognition for a residence hall in Kentucky.

The largest capital project in the campaign is the \$9.2 million renovation of laboratory space in the Brown Science Center, opened in 1970. This comprehensive renovation and refurbishing initiative has transformed nine of the 11 lab spaces into bright, attractive, state-of-the-art facilities that are having a dramatically positive effect on the students and faculty members using them.

New fume hoods, and an increase in their numbers, have made chemistry labs much more efficient. The elimination of high dividers on lab tables and the addition of moveable furnishings have made the labs more flexible, allowing professors to combine lecture and experiments in one session and students to work in a more collaborative way.

The project also included a new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system that greatly improves the fresh air atmosphere throughout the building. Two new large fan units on the roof recycle the captured energy in the heated or cooled air, creating a much more sustainable energy system. New windows throughout the center add to the building's energy efficiency.

Projects enhance campus

Other construction and renovation projects include Haupt Plaza, the Career Development Center, and tennis courts.

Haupt Plaza, the crossroads of the campus, was extensively renovated and rebuilt to include more seating, historically themed lampposts, new trees and shrubbery, and an environmentally friendly drainage system.

The Career Development Center was relocated from its former position in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center to a more accessible and larger facility in Mitchell. Highlights include a more sequestered conference area and improved computer work stations for students to use while preparing résumés and researching companies, organizations, and graduate programs.

The tennis complex was completely redone, with three new courts being constructed behind Poole Residence Center and three more new ones replacing the old ones adjacent to Davis Residence Hall. Three other courts were demolished to make way for Thomson Hall.

Endowment surpasses goal

One of the real success stories of the 225th Anniversary Campaign is the outpouring of support for the endowment. Donors almost doubled the goal of \$9 million by contributing nearly \$17.3 million to provide endowments for scholarships and academic chairs.

“If you look at the dollars given in various areas of the campaign, the amount for scholarships and endowed chairs really stands out,” Blankenship said. “It tells you how grateful our graduates are for the support they received when they were Transy students. It’s a good harbinger for the future, because we know that continuing to build our endowment is going to be a critical goal of any future fund-raising efforts.”

Funding for three \$1 million academic chairs is now in place. The first to be occupied is the Lucille C. Little Endowed Chair in Theater, funded by a \$500,000 challenge grant from the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation and \$500,000 raised through the campaign. Drama professor Tim Soulis became the first Transylvania professor to occupy an academic chair when he received the honor in 2007.

Funds for two additional chairs will be derived from the \$2.9 million bequest of Margaret J. Lewis ’37, the second largest estate gift in the history of the university. Lewis was an English major at Transy who harbored a lifelong desire to endow a professorship or named scholarship at her alma mater.

Needs remain

As is the case with many capital campaigns, donor support may exceed the goal in certain areas while falling short in others. Although Transylvania’s 225th Anniversary Campaign has officially ended, fund-raising efforts continue for two components of the initiative—lab renovations in Brown Science and new residence hall space.

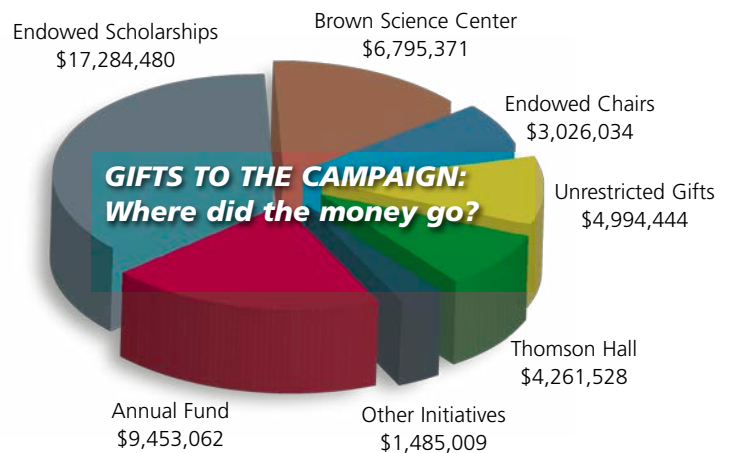
It will take just over \$1.5 million to complete renovation of the two remaining lab spaces, a microbiology lab and



Thomson Residence Hall opened in 2008 and offers suite-style accommodations for 61 upper-class students, the 1780 Café, and an 80-person meeting room.

an analytical/inorganic chemistry lab.

The remaining need for residence hall development is approximately \$5.5 million to fund innovative new living environments different from the large, traditional dormitories with common bath areas. Smaller units, such as Thomson Hall, that provide more privacy and can be adapted to a particular theme are the current trend in student housing.



In spite of those ongoing needs, the overall campaign was the most successful in Transylvania’s history and has markedly improved the living and learning environment for the entire university community.

“I want to thank each and every one who made our campaign such a resounding success,” Young said. “I am especially grateful to (President Emeritus) Charles Shearer for his tireless leadership without which we could not have reached the record 225th Anniversary Campaign results that we have seen. As chairman, it is so gratifying to know that when Transylvania makes its case for what it needs to ensure the quality of its future, the support is always there.”

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Paying His

Real-life study of war memorials was experience Tommy Stephens will never forget

BY TYLER YOUNG

Tommy Stephens has been fascinated with history, particularly military history, since he was a young boy. He grew up consuming any stories and depictions he could get his hands on. From reading books on military heroes to watching war films like *Saving Private Ryan*, Stephens has devoted a lot of his time to learning about war history. But there was something different about actually getting a first-person experience in Europe and seeing all of the history himself.

Tommy Stephens stands with a Canadian World War II veteran at Juno Beach Centre, one of the landing sites of the D-Day invasion of Normandy.



British schoolchildren stand on the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France, which is dedicated to soldiers killed in World War I.

Respects

25 days from May 31 to June 27 traveling through Europe and staying in bed and breakfasts to observe and study war memorials and cemeteries from World War I and World War II, primarily looking at Canadian memorials between the two wars. He was interested in learning whether or not Canada's memorials moved in a direction of a more pronounced nationalism after the country's identity was cemented following World War I.

"I wanted to see if there was a reflection of that in the memorials, and ideally if the designs moved away from the more British expressions," he said.

The trip was paid for through a \$3,000 grant from the Kenan Fund for Faculty

and Student Enrichment. The combined support from the Kenan Fund and the David and Betty Jones Faculty Development Fund sent 11 students all over the world on faculty-directed research projects this past summer. Stephens, who was directed by history professor Frank Russell, had never been outside the United States, and the grant enabled his first experience to be an impactful one.

Stephens flew into London and took a train and ferry to Caen on the Normandy coast and saw the American Cemetery and Memorial and Pointe du Hoc. From there he spent five nights in Bayeux on the English Channel and then went to Albert, a town in northeastern France before rounding out his excursion in Belgium, where he stayed in Bourges and Ieper.

He took a tape recorder, camera, and a notebook to each of the monuments to document his observations. He picked up pamphlets and spoke to folks working at visitor centers. Because of the huge amount of information he gathered, he decided to narrow his focus to the military cemeteries he came across. One of the more interesting features he observed was the difference between the Commonwealth (British, Canadian, and Australian) cemeteries and the American and French cemeteries.

"In America, individualism is highly prized, but I found that in the cemeteries, that wasn't expressed at all," Stephens said. "In the massive cemetery on the Normandy coast, you have these plain, white crosses that just have the name, rank, and date of death of the soldier. In the Commonwealth cemeteries, they have the name, rank, unit crest, age at death, and quote or saying picked out by the parents or loved ones. It's a much more personal experience being in those cemeteries, and a lot more moving."

While he had read plenty about these places, visiting the memorials in person and seeing the towns from the textbooks was a whole different experience.

"Pretty much everywhere I went, it was weird and moving seeing these places I'd read about," he said. "I'd seen the names in books, and now I'm seeing them on road signs. Even watching movies, the places they mentioned, you're there, and

it's just surreal."

Nothing he read could have prepared him for what it was like standing on the storied battlefields themselves, sometimes just a couple of acres of land where tens of thousands of men were killed in a matter of hours. He found it an unlikely mash of reverence and normality.

"It was pretty shocking how normal the battlefields were," Stephens said. "But you knew that in certain areas, everywhere you were stepping, someone had died. There are people living there, and they're still turning up shells and bodies. It was strange that everything seemed so normal."

The highlight of Stephens's trip came on June 6, the 66th anniversary of the first day of the Allied invasion on the beaches of Normandy, also known as D-Day. He scheduled his itinerary to make sure he would be able to go to the memorial on that day. But when the day came, he was not able to find transportation to take him to the beach, and it was too far to walk. He was upset—after all, it is one of the most important



The Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial in France commemorates the Newfoundland soldiers killed in World War I.



Stephens visited the Bayeux War Cemetery in Bayeux, Normandy, on June 6, the anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

places in military history.

He went to another cemetery to observe a memorial service held by some British veterans who had served on D-Day. There, he struck up a conversation with the wife of one of the veterans, and through the conversation, he told her of his disappointment at not being able to go to the beaches. She told her husband about Stephens' predicament, and he offered Stephens a ride to the beach with him and some of his friends.

The scene when he got to the beach surprised him. Instead of a solemn, tearful memorial as he expected, the veterans and their families were jovial, choosing to spend the time celebrating instead of mourning.

"A lot of them had been there several times before, and I guess they had made peace with what had gone on," Stephens said. "Most of them were pretty chipper and confused as to why an American was interested in this stuff. But they were incredibly friendly and very helpful."

Now that he is into the book-work portion of his research, he's seeing that the in-person observations were much more meaningful than he knew even when he was there. He found that in many books and articles, the writers shucked details for the more intriguing writing, like the battles and strategies. Stephens said he was just as interested in learning about the scenery and the weather and what surrounded those battles.

"I feel like I'm more critical about what

people are saying rather than just accepting it," he said. "They want to talk about the exciting parts. It's rare that historians get to write things that can be really exciting to the normal reader, so some of them skip over the things that I'm more interested in. Having been there clears things up—monument designs, things like that."

Stephens is looking to get his paper published. He is exploring regimental magazines, specifically in Canada, to see if any of them would be interested in the topic.

Along with the hands-on learning Stephens did, the Kenan grant provided him with another significant benefit. Because it was his first time out of the country, he was nervous about how he would fare not speaking the languages and being by himself in a foreign land for 25 days. Now that he's back, he said he's more confident to take on similar projects and opportunities down the road.

"It was a massive boost to my self-reliance and even my self-esteem," he said. "I see, yeah, I can do this; I don't even need to speak the language. It's something that I had never done before. Going over on the ferry to France, I was like, 'Oh no, I don't speak the language.' I had my phrase book, but there were times when it was just really hard. Overcoming that was pretty awesome. It was also a new experience being alone for such a long time. I didn't have anyone. It was hard, but I learned I was able to do it." **n**

Jones, Kenan funds benefit students

Transylvania students are fortunate to have two significant endowed funds to draw from when contemplating research projects. The David and Betty Jones Faculty Development Fund and the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment combine to offer substantial support for faculty-directed student research projects that greatly expand students' out-of-class learning experiences.

The Jones Fund was created in 1989 as a complement to the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching. It originally provided only faculty grants but was expanded in 1999 to include student research proposals. It has funded a total of 64 student proposals.

The Kenan Fund was established in 1999 to support faculty research and professional development, faculty-directed student research, and distinguished visiting professors. Since its inception, it has funded 57 student projects.

This past summer, these funds combined to provide \$35,000 for students to use in their faculty-directed research projects. In addition to the military history research completed by Tommy Stephens, here are highlights of projects pursued by 10 additional students last summer:

Seniors Ashley Stafford and Leah Merchant, directed by music professor Larry Barnes, researched music in Dakar, Senegal. They studied the relationship, connection, and influences between political events and musical composition in the region. An integral part of the research involved hip-hop artists, who not only express their opinions of political events in their lyrics, but write many candidates' speeches for elections. In addition to attending concerts, they spent time taking part in cultural tours and interviewing natives, professors at the local university, and one of the hip-hop artists.

Senior Sidney Crawley, directed by chemistry professor George Kaufman, did a 10-day field study on the epidemiology of Myxoma Virus and Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus. Her research took her to various locations including the Australian Animal Health Laboratory and the University of Canberra, investigating methods employed by Australian scientists to ensure the continued success of RHDV as a population control mechanism for rabbits. In Australia,

the Wild European Rabbit is an extremely destructive pest, competing with sheep and cattle for food, and causing irreversible damage to native vegetation. Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) was deliberately released in Australia in 1995.

Junior Josh Edge, directed by Spanish professor Jeremy Paden, researched attitudes toward gender and sexuality in Cuenca, Ecuador. He examined the question of machismo in a twenty-first-century context and investigated Ecuadorians' views on homosexuality, utilizing his research experience within the country and a survey he conducted.

Senior Abigail Dority, directed by former sociology professor Marta Rodriguez-Galan, studied ageism by working with students at Picadome Elementary School in Lexington. She compiled a selection of fictional stories written by fourth-grade students, who were asked to use several characters of various ages in their stories so that she could study how they perceived age roles, particularly that of the elderly.

Senior Grant Buckles, directed by women's studies professor Simona Fojtová, researched aboriginal women in Ottawa, Canada, with the Canadian Parliament. He worked from the office of a member of Parliament and observed the Canadian political system, but his main focus was the political rights of Canada's aboriginal people, particularly the women of Canada's First Nations. He spoke with national and regional First Nations chiefs, leaders of aboriginal women's organizations, members of Parliament, and legislative experts. He presented his research at the National Women's Studies Association annual conference in Denver in November.

Senior Rebecca Goncharoff, directed by women's studies professor Simona Fojtová, participated in a three-month internship through the Educational Network for Global and Grassroots Exchange. Her research compared the context and organizing strategies of mine-affected communities in central Appalachia and the Loei Province in northeast Thailand. She had spent time in Na Nong Bong village in Thailand, where a gold mine was built six years ago, during a previous study-abroad program. Over the summer, she worked in eastern Kentucky compiling a report on the people-driven economic transition in the region.

Junior Kate Bussell, directed by biology professor Sarah Bray, studied plant diversity

in a controlled field plot subject to a new mowing schedule at Floraciff Nature Preserve in Lexington. She compared the impact of two different mowing times on the diversity of plants in the fields and goldenrod growth and density, which directly affects arthropods being observed.

Senior H. B. Elam, directed by art professor Kurt Gohde, documented through captioned photos the quilting project for the Lyric Theater in Lexington. People from many different parts of Lexington made squares that were put together to create a 6-by-15-foot quilt, which revolves around the African American community and the reopening of the Lyric Theater, using the guiding words "Spirit, Vision, Challenge, Triumph and Love" to inspire attendees. The project culminated in a photo exhibition in the mayor's office.

Junior Anderson Salinas, directed by economics professor Alan Bartley, researched the economics and law of child support by fathers. He focused on whether the practice of issuing jail sentences to fathers who were behind in their payments worked to give them an incentive to make regular payments or impeded their ability to pay over time. He constructed economic models and collected data and running regressions. He presented his findings at the Kentucky Economics Association's annual conference in the fall.

Grant Buckles stands in front of the Canadian Parliament building in Ottawa, Ontario.



Women work on quilts commemorating the reopening of the Lyric Theater in Lexington.



Rebecca Goncharoff, pictured in Thailand, researched mine-affected communities in Thailand and in Appalachia.



THE COST OF HEALTH

Marcus Osborne '97 is tackling healthcare the Walmart way

BY TYLER YOUNG

If you're one of those people who make a stop into their local Walmart Supercenters for groceries, clothes, an oil change, bank deposit, and a new DVD player, you probably know that Walmart also offers health and wellness services, which include pharmacies, health clinics, and vision centers. You may not know just how extensive those services are, however.

Marcus Osborne '97 is senior director of

healthcare savings programs and health and wellness global sourcing for Walmart, a title that, while maybe not well suited for a business card, gives an idea of just how wide ranging his job is.

"I'm part of the overall health and wellness business unit, which includes our pharmacies, our vision centers, a number of retail health clinics that we do in partnership with hospitals, and other health services such as hearing and lab services that we offer, and it includes all of our health and wellness products like over-the-counter products," Osborne said.

Explaining all of those duties in detail would be difficult, but, generally, Osborne's two primary roles are running a team focused on working with companies to help lower their healthcare costs and ensuring the quality of the pharmaceutical

products that come into Walmart pharmacies.

There are more than 2,800 Walmart Supercenters in the country, according to Walmart's corporate office, and most of them have pharmacies, health clinics, and vision centers. As people around the world think more and more about affordable healthcare, Walmart's health and wellness offerings have grown, thanks, in part, to Osborne's work.

"Given the escalating costs of healthcare in the U.S., and given some of the fears that exist around the health reform changes, and given all of the health challenges facing Americans, one of the big challenges is, 'How do you improve access to affordable healthcare?'" Osborne said. "I'm right at the center of that. Our focus is lowering the cost of healthcare

and making it easier for people to get access to what they need.”

Osborne works with companies of all sizes to help them partner with Walmart’s pharmacies and clinics. For example, in a deal with the Caterpillar construction and mining company, Walmart gives Caterpillar employees low prices on pharmaceuticals, and, in return, Caterpillar gives its employees incentives to use Walmart pharmacies, like no co-pay on generic medicines.

Some companies are also cutting their vision benefits and steering their employees toward partnerships with Walmart vision centers for glasses and contact lenses. The centers can give the employee an eye exam and sell him or her frames and lenses for affordable prices without insurance.

“Instead of seeing their pharmacy costs escalate, which most employers are seeing growth of 7-10 percent per year, Caterpillar has been able to see its costs really get managed and even decline in some segments,” Osborne said. “And Walmart’s happy because we picked up a bunch of volume, and I may be making less money per purchase, but it’s sort of the Walmart way that we benefit by volume.”

Adding that service to the \$4 generic prescription program Walmart launched in 2006 means more people are coming to its pharmacies for inexpensive health and wellness services.

“It’s been almost frightening how much traffic they’ve generated and the benefit they’ve accrued in the market,” Osborne said. “There is actually a role for Walmart in healthcare. I don’t think anyone would have assumed there was one, but lately we’ve been allowed to do, and are doing, a lot more.”

One of the next issues Osborne is tackling is getting these pharmacies into areas that need them the most. There are stores in several countries including China, India, Mexico, Brazil, and Chile, but they aren’t in some of the United States’ troubled regions.

“Walmart isn’t in Harlem, New York, and we’re not in the south side of Chicago, and we’re not in northern Washington, D.C., and those are places that would benefit enormously from getting access to things like the \$4 program or low-cost vision services, retail clinics, or vitamins and supplements,” he said. “If you’re an expecting mother, and you should be taking a pre-natal vitamin, those are very expensive. And if it takes you an hour and a half to get to one of our phar-

macies, that’s not reasonable. So we’re continually looking at ways to expand that access.”

The other facet of Osborne’s job is supervising the quality control of the products that come into the pharmacies and clinics. With the level of global sourcing in the pharmaceutical industry, that can be a big job. Raw materials can come from one country and go somewhere else to be processed before they’re formed in a third country and packaged in a fourth.

“As you think about wanting to ensure that you’ve got a consistent, quality, safe, low-cost product, that essentially demands, even as a retailer, that we play a big role in having an influence over that supply chain,” he said. “Whether you’re on Lipitor or Viagra, that product didn’t just get made in a single factory in New Jersey. And you can’t just sit at the New Jersey level and watch what happens.”

When he’s dealing with other companies and other countries, particularly poverty-stricken countries, sometimes ethical questions arise, whether it’s child labor or sub-standard working conditions. Osborne, who was a political science major at Transylvania before heading to Harvard business school, where he completed an M.B.A., said he felt well-prepared to make some of those decisions.

“My Transylvania degree was preparing me to do a lot of stuff; it taught me strong analytical skills, influence skills,” he said. “It really was a liberal arts degree, because

you went from philosophy to statistics to everything in between. It was one of the best general educations you could get. I felt like I got an enormous breadth of education, that I wasn’t just specializing in one thing.”

On top of that, the leadership aspect of his position is very much influenced by his political science education.

“One of the great skills in political science you learn is you’re really constantly thinking about politics and the political process and influence and power,” he said. “Fundamentally, everything is about influence, and everything is about power. From a startup in Silicon Valley to Walmart to the White House, you’re always having to manage. It’s always about influence and how you use your influence to drive some goal or vision. I look at that and think, that is the absolute perfect degree for anybody ever wanting to get into business.”

While Osborne was at Transylvania, he embraced the liberal arts education he received. Although he is a successful businessman, he didn’t take business courses. Instead, he took an education course on children’s literature and an art course in sculpture.

“It’s funny how I can remember drawing on classes like those,” he said. “They were completely different from everything else I was doing, and I felt that they would expose me to whole new areas.”

He is mentoring some of the younger associates on his health and wellness team, having them read *The Prince* by Machiavelli, a book that he was assigned at Transylvania 15 years ago. He still uses some of those texts not only in his teaching, but for himself.

“My professors probably would take great pleasure in knowing that I’m making some of my mentees read that book,” he said. “I still pull out those books they made me read and force them on some people that I’ve been given the opportunity to help develop as leaders.”

Osborne lives in Bentonville, Ark., with his wife, Cara Caskey Osborne ’99, and their sons, Max, 5, and Tate, 3. Cara earned a master’s degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University and a master’s and doctor of science degree in child health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a faculty member at Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. **n**

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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.

'51 Conley G. Wilkerson and JoAnn Bruce Wilkerson's historic Sugar Bush Farm in Boyle County, Ky., contains a Revolutionary War graveyard. In 2009, the U.S. Geological Survey officially named a creek that runs for at least a mile on their land "The Sergeant Hart Creek," commemorating a Civil War skirmish that took place on the site.

'52 Dianne Fischer Seymour, Fresno, Calif., visited with her dear Phi Mu sister **Marion Spears Lacker '50** in Hanover, Va., while attending her grandson's wedding nearby.

'57 Lavern W. Altemeyer and **Barbara Schwier Altemeyer '50**, Indianapolis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20.

Joanne Ralston McNeil, Garden City, Idaho, cruised around South America earlier this year with her husband, Jon, and visited with 25 Ralstons in Rio de Janeiro, where some immigrated 160 years ago.

'58 Gayle H. Rees and his wife, Charlotte, Winchester, Ky., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31 with a party given by their children and grandchildren at Spindletop Hall in Lexington.

'60 Donald R. Philpot, Frankfort, Ky., retired from Investors Heritage Life Insurance in July.

'61 Patsy Amburgey Trautner and her husband, Paul, Lexington, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in October.

'62 Judith Thomas MacDuffee, Lexington, and her husband, David, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

'66 Karen Rice Ramirez, Houston, traveled to China during the summer to help teach a three-week educational session for teenagers.

'69 Patrick L. France, Charlottesville, Va., has been named headmaster and president of Miller School in Charlottesville. He has worked in independent schools for 42 years, during which time he has sent many students to Transylvania.

Gayle Purple Hutcherson, Lexington, has

retired after 20 years of teaching and is looking forward to time with her grandsons and on the golf course.

'71 Janet Roush Gemma, New Richmond, Ohio, retired after 30 years of teaching in the New Richmond School District and hopes to be able to visit her daughter and her husband in Lexington and her son in Chicago more often. She is pictured with, from left, her son, Tony Gemma, and her daughter, Stella Gemma Loveland, and son-in-law, Andrew Loveland.



L. Clark Taylor Jr., Chattanooga, has been named chief executive officer of Hospice of Chattanooga. Previously, he served as the chief executive of Ephraim McDowell Health system in Danville, Ky.

Ann Updegraff Spleth, Indianapolis, has joined The Columbia Partnership as a ministry associate concentrating on

developing resources and transforming congregations.

'72 Janet Greenburg Massey, Vevay, Ind., retired from Convergys as a business analyst. Since receiving a divinity degree in 2008, she has been serving as minister of the Caladonia Presbyterian Church in Vevay.

'74 John N. Williams Jr., Indianapolis, has been named dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, located on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

'75 Kenneth R. Fenster co-edited *The National Pastime: Baseball in the Peach State*, published by the Society for American Baseball Research. He also published an article in the anthology, "The 1956 Dixie Series."

Kemper receives Yale award

Nancy Jo Kemper '64, pastor at New Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Woodford County, Ky., received the William Sloane Coffin Award for Peace and Justice from the Yale University Divinity School in a ceremony at Yale in October.

The prestigious award is named for the former chaplain of Yale and one of the twentieth-century's most significant religious leaders. Coffin (1924-2006), a Yale graduate, was a Christian clergyman who became a leader in the civil rights and peace movements of the 1960s and '70s. Recipients must share Coffin's devotion to the dignity and worth of all persons and make notable contributions to the work of peace and reconciliation. Kemper was the first woman to receive the award.

Kemper has served six congregations in her 42 years of ministry. Concurrently, she was executive director and spokeswoman for the Kentucky Council of Churches from 1991 to 2009. In her role at the KCC, she wrote and spoke about issues that included, among others, child abuse prevention, economic justice, peacemaking efforts and nuclear disarmament, gun control, and opposition to the death penalty and the genocide in Darfur.

She earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Yale and received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Transylvania in 2001, when she also gave the commencement address.

"As the director of a state council of churches, I had a unique platform from which to speak for a Christian perspective on the public good that is rarely heard in cultural contexts where fundamentalism predominates," Kemper said. "I am glad that I could follow—albeit far afield in midwestern churches and in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—the pattern and scope of ministry of William Sloane Coffin Jr."



Nancy Jo Kemper, shown speaking at commencement 2001, was honored for her work toward peace and reconciliation.

Jen Day Shaw '88

A LIFETIME OF STUDENT LIFE

Jen Day Shaw '88 enjoyed her involvement in student life activities while at Transylvania so much that she decided to make a career of it. She is now assistant vice president/dean of students for student affairs at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

"Most people seem to go into my field because we have such a fabulous time during our undergraduate experience and never want to leave college," Shaw said. "We usually are very involved in student life and with the professionals doing that kind of work."

At Transylvania, Shaw was a resident assistant and a member of the Student Government Association. She was vice president of her Delta Delta Delta sorority pledge class and was listed in *Outstanding College Students of America*. She even found time for two seasons of varsity tennis.

The student life professional at Transy who had by far the greatest influence on Shaw in terms of career choice was sociology professor emeritus Richard Thompson, who retired in 2008 following a 31-year tenure in the classroom and in administration. In 1987 Thompson became dean of students, a position he would hold until returning to the classroom in 1997.

Shaw was considering law school, but the more she got involved in student life and came into contact with Thompson, the more she felt drawn to that type of work.

"Dean Thompson was such a huge influence on my career decision," Shaw said. "He took part in so many events with us and was so wonderful. We had some really good conversations about collegiate life and involvement and that sort of career. The role model he set made me determine that I wanted to be a dean of students."

Shaw's testimony as to the value of her Transy days in establishing a foundation for career success is often heard from other graduates. However, her encounter with what amounted to a scaled-down version of her Transy experiences two years after graduation is not as common.

In a remarkable coincidence during her first full-time position in the early 1990s at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, where she became dean of students, Shaw found herself surrounded with Transylvania graduates in key leadership positions.

The staff of SCAD at that time included Nancy Holt Weber '80, vice president of student services; Gwen Williamson Mathews '88, director of career services; Erin Patterson Roberson '88, assistant director of admissions; and her husband, Roy Roberson '89, director of residence life.

"It was extraordinary that so many of us were in those leadership positions at SCAD at the same time," Shaw said. "As Transy folks, we did very well. We were a great office family. We went through a lot of crisis issues, which laid the groundwork for me being able to deal with the kind of issues I see at Florida."

Before landing at SCAD, Shaw had earned a master's degree in college student personnel services at Miami University. She completed her Ph.D. in higher education (minor in research methods and statistics) at Florida State University in 1998. Prior to her University of Florida position, she held administrative and teaching positions at Florida State, St. Petersburg Junior College, the University of South Florida in Tampa, Davidson County (North Carolina) Community College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

At Florida, the state's flagship university, Shaw works on a campus with more than 50,000 students and 950 student organizations. Her responsibilities range from new student programs to



Jen Day Shaw, center, is pictured with students at the University of Florida, where she works in student life.

academic integrity, disability resources, student conduct, and a 24-hour crisis/emergency system.

In addition to dealing with troublesome issues such as alcohol abuse, sexual assault, and illegal drugs, Shaw takes part in conflict resolution sessions that use a variety of means to solve thorny disputes.

"Mediation is probably our most popular method," she said. "It may be informal with a staff member, or more formal with a certified mediator. We also use restorative justice techniques, where we bring in both the victim and the accused, and the accused must make up to the victim in some compensating way."

It is in the process of solving problems and seeing students make better choices that Shaw finds her greatest professional fulfillment.

"You get to help support people when they're in trouble and have a positive influence on their lives," she said. "I show them their options and how to use our resources, and then help them get back on the path to success. That's what originally drew me to this field."

Lending a helping hand is also a theme of an important part of Shaw's and her family's personal life. She and her husband, Andy, and now their children, Carolyn, 12, and Jack, 10, are all involved in greyhound rescue and adoption. The program serves greyhounds who are retired from racing, many of whom were formerly euthanized.

"It's a labor of love for the family," she said. "People always think greyhounds are going to be hyper, but they're as calm as couch potatoes. Andy and I have done some fostering, but that's too hard—I cry every time we have to give one up."

As she looks back on her Transy days, Shaw still values those experiences as being key to her personal and professional development.

"I met lifelong friends, learned a lot about myself and others, started honing leadership skills, and got a world-class education in a friendly, supportive environment full of opportunities," she said. "I loved my Transy experience."

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



Teresa A. Isaac '76 received an award from Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear in July for her leadership with the Lexington Fair Housing Council. In attendance at the Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service event were, from left, Martha Gehringer, director of Transylvania's Writing Center; Isaac; Karen Anderson, Transy's community service coordinator; Beshear; **Angela Baldrige '04**, Family Resource and Youth Services Center AmeriCorps program director; Ashley Gutshall, AmeriCorps Vista volunteer; **Colmon Elridge '03**, governor's executive assistant and director of the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives; and **Aaron Anderkin '07**, chairman of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service.

'78 C. David Morrison, Bridgeport, W.Va., has been inducted into the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. His election as a fellow is the highest recognition by one's colleagues of sustained outstanding performance in the profession.

'79 Debra Compton Balles, Salvisa, Ky., retired after 31 years as controller of Transylvania University. She hopes to travel and spend more time with her family and

friends. (See story on page 6.)

William H. McCann, Lexington, produced a 10-minute play called *There is No Wrigley Field*. It has been selected for production in November as part of the Kentucky Festival of New Plays, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Playwrights Workshop, Inc., and The Bards Town Theatre.

'81 Jeffrey S. Reeves, Hilton Head, S.C., has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer for Arts Center of Coastal Carolina.

'84 Billy D. Taylor, Louisville, is the nursing home administrator for Presbyterian Homes of Louisville. He lives with his wife, Freda.

'86 Elizabeth C. Lucas, Lexington, has been named vice president of strategic markets for VeBridge, an international document management and litigation support firm.

'87 P. Gene Vance, Lexington, was elected president of the Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation for a two-year term. ODK moved its headquarters from Transylvania to Washington & Lee University in July.

Billy F. Van Pelt, Lexington, was elected in January to a three-year term on the vestry at Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, where he serves as the junior warden. In May he graduated from the Midway College MBA program, and in June he was elected to the LexArts board of directors.

Robert T. Watson, Louisville, has been named



partner in charge of the Louisville office of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie and Kirkland. His practice will focus on insurance defense, civil rights, municipal law, civil litigation, real estate, and corporate law.

'88 Clifton R. Freeman, Louisville, has been named director of client service for Resources Global Professionals' Louisville office.

'89 Neil W. Lerner, Davidson, N.C., has been promoted to professor of music at Davidson College. He is contributing editor of a new book titled *Music in the Horror Film: Listening to Fear* (Routledge, 2010), the first book in the Routledge Music and Screen Media series, for which he is the series editor.

'91 John T. Alexander and **Holly Creamer Alexander** live in Glasgow, Ky., with their three boys, Tipton, Sims, and Depp. Holly is a Montessori teacher and an exercise instructor, and John is a district judge over Barren and Metcalfe counties.

'92 Trevor Martin, Chicago, represented Transylvania at the inauguration of Wheaton College president Phylip Graham Ryken.

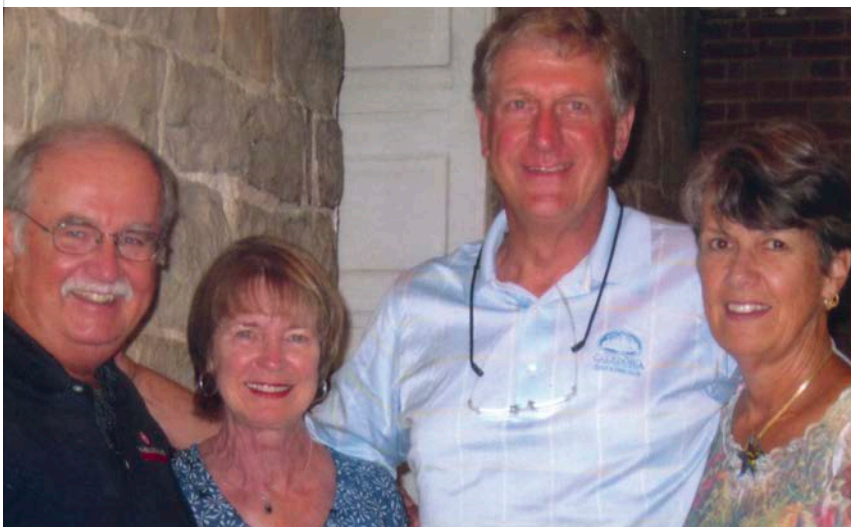
Haley Ammon Taylor, Burlington, Ky., is president of The Yearlings, Inc., a nonprofit women's organization in greater Cincinnati. Its Fall Gala to raise funds for charities and scholarships was held in November at the Marriott RiverCenter in Covington. For more information, contact Haley at haley.taylor@insightbb.com.

'94 Shannan Stamper Carroll, Lexington, is an attorney with Brown & Hill, PLLC, practicing throughout central and southeastern Kentucky.

Leigh Ann Finley McLaughlin, Lexington, has been named principal at Southern Elementary School.

'95 Marion E. Hambrick, Louisville, graduated in May from the University of Louisville with a Ph.D. in sport administration and teaches sport finance and sport marketing at U of L.

Rebecca Williamson Shaw lives in Lexington with her husband of 10 years, Colby, and their children, Riley, 3, and Eli, 5, and two golden retrievers. Becky is a pediatric occupational therapist specializing in sensory processing disorders at On The Move pediatric therapy, which is her dream job.



Some members of the class of 1966 met up for a fun reunion at Talbott Tavern in Bardstown, Ky., in August. From left are Billy Reed, Louisville; Kelly Lannum Zaeh, Roswell, Ga.; Larry Langan, Bardstown; Steph McGann Gardner, Lexington.

'96 **Nelson N. Parker**, St. Louis, has been named head of development for Hard Rock Hotels & Casinos.

'98 **Chasta A. "Nikki" Williams** is a full-time professor at Georgia State University College of Law as a member of the research, writing, and advocacy faculty. She lives just south of Atlanta in McDonough, Ga., with her husband, Tom, and their two children, Anna, 5, and Liam, 2.

'01 **Holly Brooke Elswick-Robinson** lives in Catlettsburg, Ky., with her husband, Brad, and their new son, Reed Douglas. Brooke is a prevention specialist with the Pathways Regional Prevention Center and is self-employed with Holly B's Jewelry & Gifts and HB Elswick Outdoor in Ashland, Ky.

'02 **Megan Hoffman Boone**, Lexington, is a career counselor at Morehead State University.

William C. "Billy" Bradford, Lexington, has been named principal of Covington Independent School District's Sixth District Elementary School in Covington, Ky.

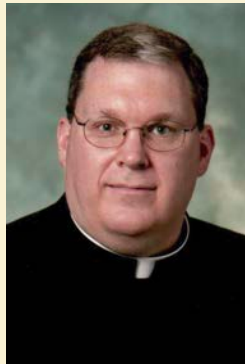
Elizabeth Duncan-Vaidya, Parkville, Md., was selected the fourth recipient of the Jess and Mildred Fisher Endowed Chair in Biological and Physical Sciences at Towson University.

Holly Gurren Trenkamp, Burlington, Ky., has been named the 2010-11 Northern Kentucky Elementary Music Teacher of the Year.

Amber Cason Wingfield lives in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., with her husband, Isaac, and son, Keenan. She received her master of arts in English from the University of South Alabama in December 2009 and is a freelance writer and translator. She has also enrolled in the translation studies program through the University of Toronto's continuing studies division.

'03 **Christopher H. Reitz**, New York, has joined Fortune Business Transfers and Acquisitions as merger and acquisition adviser. In this role, Chris advises privately owned businesses by providing systems and business process consulting, exit planning, and business valuation services, as well as marketing businesses for sale.

'04 **Katharine L. West**, Des Moines, was ordained into the Christian ministry of Word and Sacrament in September 2009



Roberts's Roman adventure gave him an enhanced perspective on human life

As a priest and a medical doctor, **Steve Roberts '85** has a lot of reasons to pay attention to contemporary trends in bioethics and their implications on both of his careers. That's why he was so excited to get started when he heard he was being commissioned by Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington Ronald Gainer to study bioethics at the Regina Apostolorum, a pontifical university in Rome.

The Harlan County, Ky., native studied at the university for two years, doing coursework on bioethics and moral theology. His courses covered several different religious issues, including beginning-of-life issues, end-of-life issues, the Christian notion of sexuality, aspects of the relationship between doctors and patients, and the concept of health. A big part of his studies was researching Christian and secular theories and stances on bioethical issues, particularly abortion and prenatal testing, a practice that attempts to identify genetic defects such as Down syndrome in fetuses. Both of those are hot-button topics in religious and secular politics and morality.

"My approach is to look at the bioethical issues from the secular bioethics literature," he said. "To look at what types of ethical issues there are with prenatal testing from a secular standpoint, and there are many. Most of the things we test for have no cure, and most of these babies are being aborted."

The Christian stance on abortion is that humans have "infinite dignity," Roberts said, so many Christians believe abortion, at its roots, is wrong. Roberts is taking Catholic moral principles and applying them to abortion and prenatal testing issues that do not have implicitly religious undertones.

"For example, there is lots of literature in the secular world from disability rights people," Roberts said. "With prenatal testing and a high rate of selective abortion, what does that say of our culture's view of those who are disabled?"

Roberts returned from Rome in 2009, and he now lives in Lexington and works as director of vocations at the Diocese of Lexington. As he finishes his Ph.D. from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, he is using his research to write his dissertation. He was surprised in his studies at how much research and scholarship has already been put into bioethical studies. When he was in medical school at the University of Kentucky and doing his residency, he said, there was a very limited amount of bioethical conversation and instruction.

"To see that was a real positive," he said of all the existing literature. "Bioethical education definitely needs to be brought more into healthcare training."

One of the hang-ups involved with teaching bioethics extensively is that there is a wide range of opinions in the medical world that do not seem to be reconciling anytime soon. There is no one authority on prenatal testing or abortion.

"There's a paradox in bioethics in that it has become more and more prominent and more and more influential," Roberts said. "But, at the same time, there is no agreed-upon universal foundation or methodology with which to make bioethical decisions."

That is one of the reasons Roberts cherishes his Transylvania education. He was exposed to such a variety of discussion and research that he was prepared to tackle an assignment involving so much opinion. He earned a chemistry degree, but that was just part of his learning.

"I loved my years at Trans," he said. "It's where I first learned to think in a critical and analytical way. Had I not gone to a liberal arts college, I think I would have focused almost exclusively on the science aspect, but the fact that it exposed me to the humanities and social sciences, it really gave me a foundation to study theology and other things."

Trevor Martin '92

THAI FOOD, MORTICIANS, AND FISH TANKS: LEARNING ABOUT ART BY SHOWING IT



When **Trevor Martin '92** was in the fourth grade, a teacher called him out in front of his classmates because he colored the bars on his graph wrong. Who would have thought that student would grow up to be the director of exhibitions at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago?

Martin would never have guessed it himself. When he came to Transylvania from Taylorsville, Ky., in 1987, he planned to major in English. He had no visual art leaning until he began noticing some of the student and faculty

artists on campus, and they intrigued him.

"I never, ever envisioned being an artist," Martin said. "But I was really inspired by the people I kept bumping into. I was interested to see how their minds work."

He began taking sculpture courses, and he declared studio art as his major to go along with English literature and a Spanish minor. He began working at the Morlan Gallery and in the theater, and when it came time to graduate, he took a leap and went to SAIC for graduate school, still hesitant about whether he wanted to make it a career path. After receiving his MFA in performance art in 1998, he took an entry-level job at the SAIC gallery.

"I really wasn't sure about going on to grad school in art, but I needed to find out," he said. "Years later, I'm still finding out."

As exhibitions director, Martin and his team organize exhibits in the gallery. They have student shows each spring, exhibiting approximately 250 BFA and 150 MFA shows each year. In the summers, they have design shows from architecture, fashion, and designed objects students. They also get exhibits from guest curators and faculty members, and they occasionally have commissioned pieces to show.

As a result, Martin sees a wide variety of pieces each year, and he's learned more about the expression of art through that experience. He's had some very unusual exhibits, like one from Jun Nguyen-Hatsushiba, a runner who had film crews document him running a distance equivalent to the diameter of the earth as a memorial to refugees who are constantly running. In Chicago, he had several people run through downtown while being filmed by the Art Institute. One exhibit by Rirkrit Tiravanija involved the artist preparing Thai food for the viewers. Another featured a documentary about morticians in Chicago

and New York City.

"I find so much of contemporary art touches on materials and ideas that I wouldn't have anticipated years ago," he said. "And it's not just paintings. It's the tank of goldfish we have in the gallery right now. It's running through the city streets. I'm running into all these interesting questions about the limits and definitions and suppositions about what art is. It's an interesting meeting place between minds living in the world, approaching the world, and conceiving the world."

One bonus to Martin's job is that he gets the opportunity to practice his own performance art. He met Kym Olsen in 1995 and collaborated with her for several years on projects, including a film called *A Heretic's Primer on Love and Exertion*. Currently, he is working on a Halloween performance lecture with another artist, Laura Oppenheimer, called "The Trickster," which is a study on the trickster character in literary and mythological history.

He is also an instructor at SAIC, where he teaches classes in the performance art department; film/video/new media; and art history, theory, and criticism. In 2004, he was recognized with the Faculty Member of the Year award, which was selected by the student body. And he continues to work alongside those artists like the ones who intrigued him in college.

"It's really interesting," he said. "That's one thing about the job—every day is different, and you're surrounded by students and colleagues. I'm still interested in how their minds work."

Martin lives in Chicago and remains very involved with the group of approximately 80 alumni who make up the Transylvania alumni chapter there. In fact, he credits Transylvania with helping him develop many of the skills that allowed him to be successful in his field.

He mentioned several professors, including Jack Girard (art), Dan Selter (art), Ann Kilkelly (English), and Cara Richards (anthropology and sociology) who had a major influence on his thinking and worldview. He learned about professional development and organization through working with art professor Nancy Wolsk in the Morlan Gallery and Devon Query '75 and Sue Garrison '75 in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center.

"I always think back on Transy that I learned quite a bit in the classroom, but I also learned a lot outside the classroom," he said. "I laugh with my Transy friends—it's like we grew up together. That's a really formative time. What's interesting is that Transy really was this threshold for me into a wider understanding of the world."

—TYLER YOUNG

by Capitol Hill Christian Church and the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest.

'05 Emily A. Harding, Louisville, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in May.

Krysta Forry Manning, Louisville, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in May.

Sasha D. Mulvaney, Madison, Ala., won the women's field in the Summer Motion 10K distance run on July 3 in Ashland, Ky.

J. Ryan Turner, Pikeville, Ky., has joined the Pikeville law firm of Gary C. Johnson, P.S.C., as an associate.

'06 Bethany A. Loader, Cincinnati, graduated in June from the James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati with a doctor of pharmacy degree. After being promoted to captain in the U.S. Air Force, she completed a month of commissioned officer's training in Montgomery, Ala., before transferring to Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., as a pharmacist.

'07 A. Dillon Lawson, Louisville, has been named assistant baseball coach at Morehead State University.

Matthew D. Pliskin, Cincinnati, has received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Akron School of Law.

Jared Prewitt, Lexington, wrote a self-published novel titled *The Lunacy Saga: Destiny*. He returned to the Transylvania campus October 13 for a book signing in the bookstore.

Alyssa N. Rice, Frankfort, Ky., has finished a year in Madrid, Spain, in the M.A. program at St. Louis University's Madrid campus. While in Europe, she visited her family in Barbados for the first time, traveled around Spain, and took a trip to London.

Amanda E. Wakefield, Indianapolis, received her M.A. in clinical psychology in May from the University of Indianapolis and has begun working on her Psy.D. in clinical psychology. She plans to pursue a concentration in health psychology.

'08 W. Corey Maggard, Lexington, has been named head men's golf coach at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.

Marriages

Billy Duane Taylor '84 and Freda Fannin, July 10, 2010

Elizabeth C. Lucas '86 and Patrick Thomas

Colwell, December 12, 2009

Leigh Ann Finley '94 and **B. Michael McLaughlin '93**, May 30, 2009

Benjamin Campbell Ward '00 and Meredith Katherine Mays, May 22, 2010

Taylor Codell Coates '03 and Amy Lynn Lundergan, May 8, 2010

Benjamin Thomas Miller '04 and Vanessa Dawn Greene, January 23, 2010

Elizabeth Anne Ralston '04 and Jason Boyle, August 10, 2009

Drew Michelle Slone '04 and Dan Millman, May 8, 2010

Krysta Elizabeth Forry '05 and Ryan Patrick Manning, September 12, 2009

Jennifer Nicole Methvin '05 and Tyler Lee Schilling, January 2, 2010

Woodson Chapman Hopkins '06 and Ashley Crafton Owens, May 20, 2010

Brittany Nichole Osborne '07 and Kyle Wolfe, July 31, 2010

Kristyn Michele Dorpinghaus '08 and Jayson Michael Milthaler, May 15, 2010

Sandra Nichole Elliott '08 and James Preston, August 21, 2010

Willmara Shay Little '09 and **Marshall Allen Jolly '09**, June 26, 2010

Brooke Nicole Bell '10 and Madison Alexander Cox, July 20, 2010

Katherine Amanda Murphy '10 and Karl Andrew Leonard Smith, June 26, 2010

Births

Rebecca Groh Platt '93 and Darren Platt, a son, Oliver August Platt, August 5, 2010

Benjamin Mackey '94 and **Andrea Jones Mackey '96**, a son, Silas Robert Mackey, July 6, 2010

Jennifer Caroland-Shaw '96 and Jim Shaw, a son, John Gordon Shaw, July 21, 2010

Kira Munson Campbell '96 and **Robert C. Campbell '98**, a daughter, Iris Sophia Campbell, June 6, 2010

McRae Stephenson Pennington '97 and Christopher T. Pennington, a son, Elliott Wade Pennington, July 23, 2010

Mary Ann Miranda '97 and Kristian Klaene, a son, William Emerson Klaene, January 15, 2010

Georganna Speer Wheatley '97 and **Shawn**



P. Wheatley '98, a daughter, Leila Elizabeth Wheatley, January 4, 2010



Angela Key Fox '98 and Brian Fox, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Fox, December 3, 2009

Rachel Zucker Gould '98 and Josh Gould, a son, Elijah Zev Gould, May 13, 2010



Gayle Galloway '78

married John Grimshaw on June 19,

2010. Other

Transylvania alumni

pictured are: front

row, **Milly Lowe**

Mullins '80 and **Lisa**

Black-Hawkins '78;

kneeling behind the bride, **Gwen Mayes '78** and

Amy Black Cross '81; standing, **Paula Lenox '79**

and **Mary Vaughn Redmon Smith '78**.



Turner West '03 and **Yajaira Aich '04** were married August 6, 2009. Transylvania alumni and friends pictured are, from left: **Andy Barrick '03**, **Katie Barrick**, **Sam Weinzimmer**, **Danielle Weinzimmer '04**, **West**, **Aich**, **Catherine Ford '04**, **Tom Claycomb '05**, **Bimal Patel '02**.

Sara Burbick

'04 married

Abe Ambroza

on December

17, 2009.

Transylvania

alumni and

friends

pictured are:

front, **Abe**

Ambroza, **Sara Burbick**

Ambroza, **Kristin**

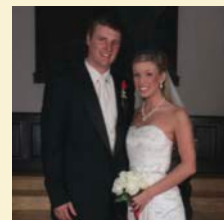
(Bradley) Shattuck '04;

back from left: **Sam**

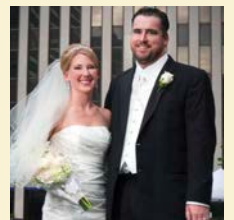
Meyer '00, **Bryan Conrad '02**, **Lori (Anderson)**

Conrad '04, **Bart Meyer**, **Lindsey Rankin '04**, and

Nick Meyer.



Angela Michele Davidson '07 and **Stephen L. Gabbard '08**, December 19, 2009



Holly Brooke Elswick '01 and **Bradley Charles Robinson**, July 11, 2009

Kathryn Jo

Shirley '07 and

David Anthony

Akers '10 were

married June 26,

2010. Also

pictured from

the wedding

party are, back

row, from left,

Heidi Akers, **Rachel Wilson '07**, **Katie Ouellette**

Pridemore '08, **Rebecca Williams '08**, **Kelly**

Herbolich '07, **Emily Shirley '13**, **Kate Shirley**

Akers '07, **Ian Akers '14**, **Andre Faul**, **David**

Bachert '09, and **Nick Ledgerwood '10**; front

row, **Philip Zaring**, **Maggie Keith**, **Kayla Westfall**,

and **Mason Shirley**.



Sweet Home Transylvania



Alumni Weekend 2011 April 29-May 1

Presidential inauguration will add to the festivities

All the warmth and nostalgia of returning to one's alma mater to savor college memories are captured in Sweet Home Transylvania, the theme for Alumni Weekend 2011. A full schedule of activities awaits alums who return to Lexington to catch up with classmates and favorite professors.

Adding a uniquely exciting aura to the weekend will be the inauguration of R. Owen Williams as Transylvania's 25th president on Friday (see page 9). A black-tie ball that evening will cap the event.

The Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony, normally held on Friday evening of Alumni Weekend, will take place on Sunday, May 22.

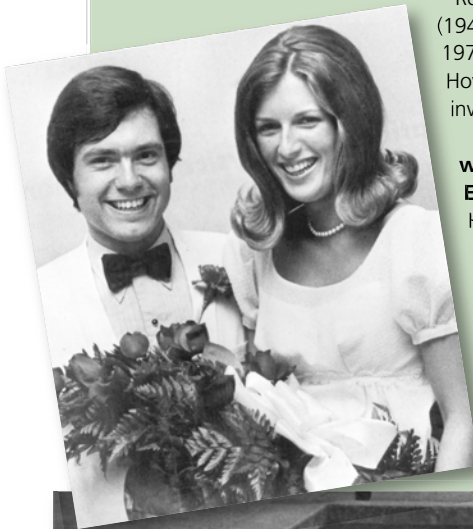
Saturday's traditional schedule remains unchanged and includes the Alumni Celebration Luncheon with Williams as the featured speaker. Class receptions and dinners held that evening are always highlights of Alumni Weekend. The Barr Society breakfast and chapel service in Old Morrison chapel on Sunday morning bring the weekend to a close.

Reunion classes include the Robert Barr Society (1941, 1946, 1951, 1956), 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006. However, all alumni, regardless of class year, are invited to participate in Alumni Weekend.

To view the reunion website, visit www.transy.edu (select **Alumni, News & Events, and Reunions/Alumni Weekend**).

Here you may complete the online questionnaire, obtain hotel information, and make a contribution to your class gift.

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



Angela B. Moore '98 and Michael Schnuerle, a daughter, Vivian Mary Schnuerle, October 7, 2009

Stephanie Gooding Pepper '98 and **Brian Pepper '02**, a son, Eli Owen Pepper, June 11, 2010



Robert L. Shrader '98 and **Christie Herring Shrader '00**, a daughter, Lydia Anne Shrader, August 25, 2010

Taufika Islam Williams '98 and **Joseph B. Williams '99**, a daughter, Reyna Islam Williams, June 7, 2010



Tracy Pervine Shumake '99 and Phillip Shumake, a daughter, Abigail Leighanne Shumake, July 14, 2010

Julie Rambo Vinton '00 and Scott Vinton, a son, Bryce Alexander Vinton, November 6, 2009

Holly Brooke Elswick-Robinson '01 and Brad Robinson, a son, Reed Douglas Robinson, May 27, 2010

Christina Farris Gordley '01 and William Gordley, a son, William Lee Gordley IV, May 11, 2010

Jessica McCarthy Lotz '01 and **Craig Lotz '02**, a son, Ryan Jamison Lotz, July 28, 2010

Kelly Wales Napier '01 and **Wade T. Napier '01**, a daughter, Allyson Audrey Napier, May 31, 2010

Shana Spitzer Page '01 and Steven C. Page, a son, Steven Wilson Page, August 18, 2010

W. Joseph Jenner '03 and **Katherine Griffin Jenner '04**, twin daughters, Mary Grace Jenner and Jane Katherine Jenner, February 8, 2010



Marianne Lodmell

Young '04 and Jay Young, a son, Thomas Jay Young, February 26, 2010



John M. Sallee '05 and **Katherine Jacobs Sallee '06**, a son, Benjamin Wilson Sallee, February 22, 2010



Heather Riffle Sizemore '06 and Drew D. Sizemore, a daughter, Harper Lee Sizemore, January 12, 2010

Hayley Castle Trimble '06 and Ben Trimble, a son, Patton Pratt Trimble, July 30, 2010

Mandy May Joseph '08 and David Joseph, a son, Jaxon Kyle Joseph, August 30, 2010

ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

Alumni travel in 2011

The alumni office continues to promote trips to interested alumni and friends. For a trip brochure or more information on trips mentioned below, contact Natasa Pajic '96 or Tracy Dunn '90 in the alumni office at (800) 487-2679 or at www.transy.edu/alumni/crimson/travel.htm.

Trains of the Colorado Rockies—nine-day tour departs August 6, 2011, and includes 12 meals (eight breakfasts and four dinners). Highlights are: Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park • Georgetown Loop Railroad • Grand Junction • Colorado National Monument • Durango & Silverton Railroad • Durango • Mesa Verde National Park • Royal Gorge Railroad • Colorado Springs • Pike's Peak Cog Railway • Garden of the Gods. Per-person cost based on double occupancy of \$2,399 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington, Cincinnati, or Louisville. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but before March 6, 2011.

Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park—



eight-day tour departs September 10, 2011, and includes nine meals (six breakfasts, three dinners). Highlights are: Waterton Lakes National Park • Glacier National Park • Going to the Sun Road • Banff • Columbia Icefields • Athabasca Falls •

Jasper • Calgary. Per-person cost based on double occupancy of \$2,499 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington, Cincinnati, or Louisville. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but before April 10, 2011.

Beijing City Stay—nine-day tour departs October 25, 2011, and includes 15 meals (seven breakfasts, four lunches, and four dinners). Highlights are: Beijing Zoo • Peking Duck Dinner and Opera • The Great Wall • Temple of Heaven • Rickshaw Tour. Per-person cost based on double occupancy of \$2,499 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but before May 26, 2011.



Travel with professors—Chemistry professor Jerry Seebach plans to take alumni on a California Wine Country tour June 3-10, 2011. Interested alumni and friends should contact him directly at gseebach@transy.edu.

For the adventurous types, you can go rafting in Honduras or mountaineering in Peru with anthropology professor Chris Begley '88. For more information, e-mail info@explorationfoundation.org.

Transy Golf Classic set for May 23, 2011

Join Transy's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2011 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 23, 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 Jack Ebel '77, director of athletics, at (859) 233-8548, jebel@transy.edu, or Mark Blankenship '81, acting vice president for development, at (859) 233-8402, mblankenship@transy.edu.

Strong finish needed to retain title in Battle of the Bumpers

The Crimson faithful came through big in 2009 in the Battle of the Bumpers as Transylvania supporters living in Kentucky purchased or renewed 735 Transy license plates, widening our lead over second-place Centre College and third-place Georgetown College. It will take a strong finish for the university to win this contest for the third straight year.

The Battle of the Bumpers is an annual competition among Kentucky's 20 independent colleges and universities to put the most campus license plates on Kentucky highways, and in turn raise the most money for student scholarships; each Transy license plate generates \$10 for the general scholarship fund. The competition is sponsored by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities.

The 2010 contest began January 1 and ends December 31. For more information and for contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System website at <http://mvl.ky.gov/MVLWeb/>.

Ways to stay connected

www.alumni.transy.edu — Alumni online community where you can register for alumni events and browse the alumni directory for the latest news on classmates.

www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=3021249 — If you're interested in professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn.

www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni

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Recommendations sought for awards and Alumni Executive Board

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

Recommendations are sought for the Pioneer Hall of Fame (separate ceremony on May 22), 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.

Obituaries

Only alumni survivors are listed.

Marjorie Leaverton Falkenstein '30, Laguna Hills, Calif., died January 11, 2008. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega fraternity. After college, she was a schoolteacher briefly.

Edward C. Britt '35, Newark, N.Y., cousin of **Mary Ellen Nichols Johnston '45** and uncle of **Carryl J. Britt '65**, died May 24, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Lampas, Sigma Upsilon, and the glee club. He was a business owner in his professional life after Transy.

Evelyn Burke Griffin '38, Evansville, Ind., died July 2, 2010. At Transylvania, she majored in religious education. She worked as executive secretary to the general manager at the Evansville Country Club for more than 30 years. She also served on the board of directors at the East Side Christian Church and the Evansville Association for Retarded Citizens and volunteered with several other organizations.

Robert H. Jones '38, Lexington, died August 5, 2010. He majored in music and was a member of the Transylvania orchestra, where he played violin. After Transy, he was an electrical engineer for several Lexington television stations and served with the U.S. Army in Japan; Papua, New Guinea; and the Philippines.

Woodrow J. Braddy '39, Lakeland, Fla., died December 25, 2008. At Transylvania, he served as president and vice president of the Chemistry Club. He went on to attend officers' training school at Northwestern University and served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander in World War II, after which he became a chemist.

Willard A. Guy '39, Coshcoton, Ohio, died July 20, 2010. At Transylvania, he was president of A.W. Fortune and a member of Stagecrafters, Koinai, and student preaching. After graduating from Transylvania, he received a master of divinity from the College of the Bible, which is now Lexington Theological Seminary. He served as a preacher for various churches in Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and was a chaplain in the U.S. Army, during which time he was stationed in Germany and received a Bronze Star, ETO Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon.

Ethel Estill Seitz '39, Kokomo, Ind., died August 18, 2010. At Transylvania, she studied English and history and was a member of the YWCA cabinet, A.W. Fortune, and Koinai. After graduating, she earned master's degrees from Lexington

Theological Seminary and Ball State University. She went on to teach English for 30 years until her retirement in 1986.

Lester Leroy Butcher '40, Lexington, died May 31, 2010. While at Transylvania, he made his tuition money by riding his bike around Lexington and picking up menu copy from local restaurants. He also was a member of Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity, the *Rambler* staff, the *Transylvanian* staff, Sigma Upsilon, and the Camera Club. After college, he served in World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps/Signal Corps and was stationed in Amchitka, Alaska. He retired from an office supply company in 1984.

Mildred Wadley Fish '40, Merritt Island, Fla., died September 4, 2009.

Dorothy Lewis Knox '40, Cincinnati, mother of **Susan Fay Knox '69** and grandmother of **Emily Knox Moon '89** and **David B. Knox '92**, died July 3, 2010. After Transylvania, she received a master's degree in geography from the University of Kentucky and taught for several years in Kentucky schools. She also served as president of the Scott County Historical Society.

Werdie S. Van Arsdale '40, Jeffersonville, Ind., died August 2, 2010. At Transylvania, he studied philosophy, religion, sociology, and economics. He went on to earn degrees from the Lexington Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the latter of which awarded him a doctor of ministry degree. He worked as a minister in six states and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. He was inducted into the Robert Barr Society.

Juanita Hanson Vice Webster '45, Pensacola, Fla., wife of **Clifford J. Webster '42**, died June 26, 2010. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Decatur, Ala., for 40 years and the First Christian Church of Pensacola, where she served as church secretary and co-leader of Girl Scout Troop 264.

Velda Oppenlander Beavans '48, Marinette, Wisc., died July 15, 2010. At Transylvania, she majored in religion and philosophy. She was a member of Lambda Omega sorority, president of Lampas, and was on the student council. She went on to earn a master's degree at the University of Chicago School of Social Science, where she received the Edith Abbot Fellowship. She worked for 34 years as a psychiatric social worker and school social worker. She was also a field work instructor for several



universities. She was inducted into the Robert Barr Society.

Frank V. Firestine '49, Lexington, died December 12, 2009. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and majored in economics. He went on to earn a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Kentucky and was a former administrator with the Russell Independent School System and Woodford County Schools. He was inducted into the Robert Barr Society.

Embrey B. Howson '49, Columbus, husband of **Janet Pinch Howson '49**, died July 8, 2010. At Transylvania, he majored in history, was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, and sang in the a cappella choir. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in France, Germany, and Austria, where he was awarded the Silver Star. After graduating, he taught in Guam and Maine before earning a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. He taught at Pikeville College for 21 years before his retirement.

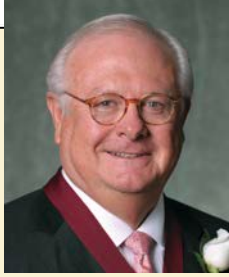
Betty Lou Schafer Pieratt '49, Tempe, Ariz., and Mt. Sterling, Ky., died June 8, 2010. At Transylvania, she majored in religion and was a member of the Independent Women's Club and the Drama Club. She worked as a curator for the Cane Ridge Preservation Project in Paris, Ky.

Samuel Howe Shout Jr. '49, Fairfield Glade, Tenn., died August 25, 2010. At Transylvania, he majored in secondary physical education and social studies. He went on to earn a master's degree in school administration from the University of Kentucky and an Ed.D in school administration from Auburn University. He spent his career in education as a teacher, coach, principal, and assistant superintendent in Alabama public schools, after which he served as an administrator and teacher at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Joan Lambert Burgin '50, La Grande, Ore., died August 24, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of the Playmakers, Wigs, Phi Beta, and the YWCA. She received an education degree from Transylvania and was a schoolteacher for more than 50 years in Kentucky, Ohio, and California.

Nelle Penick Lewis '52, Memphis, died August 10, 2010. She worked as budget director for the state of Kentucky, the first woman to hold the position in any state. She was a successful child's advocate and a deacon and board member of the Christian Church.

James M. Seale '52, Hopkinsville, Ky., husband of **Dudley Harrod Seale '52** and father of **W. Alan Seale '77** and **Lynn Seale Hazelrigg '79**, died June 27, 2010. At Transylvania, he majored in history and was a



Noted trustee, Lexington philanthropist, dies

Samuel G. Barnes Sr., a longtime trustee and friend of Transylvania, died unexpectedly July 20, 2010, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Barnes, 63, was president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank, Central Kentucky, where he had worked since 1993. He was elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees in 1995 and served diligently on the board's Student Life Committee and Finance Committee. He generously supported several capital campaigns over his 15 years on the board. In April 2008, Barnes was awarded Transylvania's Irvin E. Lunger Award, which is presented to a non-graduate for unique and exceptional service to the university.

"Sam was a very kind man; he always expressed a genuine concern for the welfare of others," president emeritus Charles L. Shearer said. "He earned the trust of everyone with whom he had contact. In many ways, he was the quintessential banker, who had a personal touch and commitment to his community."

Transylvania was one of several organizations that Barnes supported; he also lent his time and resources to the United Way of the Bluegrass, the Lexington Philharmonic Foundation, the World Equestrian Games Foundation, the Downtown Lexington Foundation, LexArts, Commerce Lexington, the Bluegrass Community Foundation, and the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation. He received numerous awards and recognition for his service, including the Volunteers of America Commonwealth of Kentucky Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004.

"Sam served so many organizations in central Kentucky that enhance the quality of life in our community," Shearer said. "When Sam became involved in an endeavor, he gave his full attention to that institution or organization. He was thoughtful, and his top priorities always revolved around what was best for Lexington. He was a true contributor and outstanding leader in every sense of the word."

Barnes grew up in Cleveland and earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Westminster College, an MBA from Baldwin Wallace College, and he completed the ABA School of International Banking at the University of Colorado. He had also served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and senior vice president and regional manager of Barclays Bank in London.

Survivors include his wife, Sue, and two children, Sam Barnes Jr. and Bryan Barnes.

member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. After Transylvania, he became an ordained minister and served at several churches and boards. He received his master of theology and doctor of ministry from Lexington Theological Seminary and worked for 12 years as president of Disciples of Christ Historical Society. He was presented with Transy's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2002.

Patricia Osborne Staley '54, Emery, S.D., died May 17, 2010. At Transylvania, she majored in sociology and music. She was also a member of Chi Omega sorority and sang in the choir. She went on to work with the Girl Scouts and traveled the country.

David M. Williams '57, Paris, Ky., father of **Lynn L. Williams '89**, died June 10, 2010. At Transylvania, he majored in religion and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. After graduating, he continued his education at Lexington Theological Seminary.

John C. Pedley '58, Princeton, Ky., father of **Grace Pedley Johnson '81** and **Martha J. Pedley '78**, died May 10, 2010. He was a business and personnel major at Transylvania and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He went on to work as a distributor for Chevron Oil and served as president of the Princeton Golf and Country Club and on the board of directors of Farmers Bank and Trust Company.

Robert L. Faulkner '59, Dorset, Vt., husband of **Betty Jean Gartin Faulkner '58**, died July 2, 2010. Before enrolling in Transylvania, he served four years with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. He was inducted into the Robert Barr Society.

Julia Cline Newton '59, St. Louis, died December 20, 2009.

Frederick G. Beyea '63, Vineland, N.J., died May 28, 2010. At Transylvania, he played on the baseball team and was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He went on to work as director of sanitation and quality



Beck Center donor and horse breeder dies

Graham Beck, a 19-year trustee and friend of Transylvania, died July 26, 2010, in London, England.

Beck, 80, was known in the Lexington area as a renowned horse breeder. He was born in 1929 in Cape Town, South Africa, and began his ties with central Kentucky through the horse industry. But his relationships, both business and personal, expanded throughout the world. He owned a coal mining business, a South African winemaking business, and an English boat manufacturing company.

"Graham was an interesting person to be around," William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, said. "He was a successful businessman and had tremendous enthusiasm—he was seemingly up for anything. He was a very nice man who loved his family and was generous to Transylvania."

He and his wife, Rhona, made a \$4 million gift for the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. The building, which opened in 2002, is named for the couple's late son, who was an avid sportsman and enjoyed cricket and rugby.

Beck owned Gainesway Farm, a historic horse farm in Lexington that he purchased in 1989, and Highlands Farm, the top breeding farm in his native South Africa. Gainesway produced several notable horses under Beck's management, including Birdstone, which sired the winners of both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes in 2009, and celebrated racehorses Tapit, Careless Jewel, Joyeux Danseur, and Timber Country.

"Our industry mourns the loss of Graham Beck," Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing and Sales president Nick Nicholson, a Transylvania trustee, said in a statement. "He was a wonderful human being who fostered great devotion and admiration among those who were associated with him. His generosity touched many and will be a significant part of his legacy."

Beck was buried in Jerusalem, where he had championed a \$35 million science center that bears his name and where he owned a residence.

His survivors include his wife, Rhona, and his son, Antony, a member of the Transylvania board.

control for Farmer Jack food stores. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and was a member of Sons of the American Revolution.

Nancy Johnston Butler '63, Lexington, died May 22, 2010. She worked with the anti-poverty programs in eastern Kentucky and South Carolina. She also worked on Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign and was a volunteer for Handgun Control, Inc.

Susan Fisher Hillock '63, Georgetown, Ky., wife of **H. Donald Hillock '62**, died May 29, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority. After Transy, she became a sales representative with Lee Wayne Company.

Sarah Frances Meng '64, North Middletown, Ky., died July 24, 2010. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority at Transylvania and served as marshal. After graduating, she became a teacher and coach at Bellevue High School, where she was inducted into the Northern Kentucky High School Athletics Directors Hall of Fame, Sports Hall of Fame, and Bellevue High School Hall of Fame.

Mary Caroline Dickson '66, died February 22, 2010, in Westport, Conn. At Transylvania, she was a member of the tennis team, a cheerleader, bridge player, and powder puff football running back. She was an accounting major and went on to work at Spindletop Research in Lexington.

Nancy Proscheck Butterfield '67, Severn, Md., died December 7, 2009. She majored in physical education and sociology at Transylvania. She went on to become an office manager at Fire-Mak, Inc.

John Hunt Alexander '70, Wichita Falls, Tex., died July 4, 2010. He received a doctor of education from the University of Kentucky and worked for the state government in Kentucky and Texas. He also worked in education as a middle school teacher in Lexington and college instructor at Vernon College in Wichita Falls.

Thomas P. Rankin '71, Louisville, father of **Tyler E. Rankin '06** and brother of **Harry D. Rankin '75**, died May 20, 2010. At Transylvania, he majored in biology and was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He

went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1975 and was a respected cardiologist in Louisville for more than 30 years.

Jane Chancellor Moore '73, Frankfort, Ky., wife of **Larry W. Moore '74**, died May 20, 2010. She graduated from Transylvania with an English degree and worked for 33 years as a writer, analyst, and adviser in information technology for the commonwealth of Kentucky. She also worked in publishing and was curator of a Frankfort, Ky., art gallery.

Patricia Jeanne Weinstein '73, Englewood, N.J., died July 20, 2010. She had jobs with a bank, the New Jersey Lottery, and ShopRite.

Lynn M. Nickell '74, Lexington, died August 12, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a business major and member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He went on to become regional director of field service for Multiband, Inc.

Barbara Constance Ballmann '75, Waukesha, Wisc., daughter of **Lacey Tandy Ballmann '49** and niece of **Constance Ballmann Chambers '48**, died June 26, 2010. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Lampas, and the band, and she graduated from Transylvania with a degree in music and humanities. She went on to earn a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and became an elementary music teacher. She also volunteered with Friends of the Library and the Humane Animal Welfare Society.

Kathryn Martin Thompson '79, Portage, Wisc., daughter of **Randel O. Martin '52** and niece of **Ben C. Hobgood '50** and **William C. Hobgood '58**, died July 19, 2010. At Transylvania, she majored in sociology and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Most recently, she worked as coordinator for David Hoffmeister, a traveling minister.

Robert A. Lemire '86, Lexington, brother of **Tina M. Lemire '92**, died June 16, 2010. He graduated from Transylvania with a degree in biology and went on to earn a degree in wildlife management from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree in entomology from the University of Kentucky. He was a member of the Ken-

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Let the sunshine in



Pat Hocker Riddle '72 still has the 1965 Ford Mustang convertible she drove as a Transylvania student, now lovingly restored. It's become a physical reminder of a heartfelt connection she has maintained over the years with her alma mater.

"When I decided to attend Transylvania in 1968, little did I know how much that decision would influence my life. Transy was the only school I applied to, and it was a perfect fit from the beginning. I am constantly reminded of those roots through the Transylvania network, and I am proud to be a part of it. I still drive my Mustang, and my most valued friendships to this day were made at Transy.

"When it came time for estate planning, it was not difficult to know that I wanted to include Transylvania. What a wonderful opportunity it is to be able to give back to the place that has meant so much to me. I would encourage you to also include Transylvania in your will. Our giving will allow other young people to experience what we already know is a very special place."

Now a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, Riddle was awarded the Morrison Medallion in 2005 in recognition of her extensive support of the university. She was a varsity athlete at Transy in basketball and field hockey, and was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1996. She has also served Transylvania as president of the Alumni Executive Board.

For more information on including Transylvania in your estate plans, contact Mark Blankenship '81 in the development office at (800) 487-2679, (859) 233-8402, or mblankenship@transy.edu.



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Rockin' Euripides



Sophomore Paul Brown appears in the lead role of Dionysus in Transylvania University Theater's new rock opera production of the Greek drama *The Bakkhai* by Euripides, directed by drama professor Tim Soulis. Presented in the Lucille C. Little Theater November 4-13, the performance featured an original adaptation, lyrics, and music by Khalli Anna Mossi and arrangements for keyboard, bass guitar, and percussion by sophomore Alex Yaden. Senior Ashley Stafford choreographed the songs. The play dramatizes a clash between liberty and control as Dionysus, the god of wine, tries to prove to the people that he is, in fact, a god. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au.*