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# Alumni and Inauguration Weekend

April 28-May 1, 2011



The inauguration of R. Owen Williams as Transylvania's 25th president will be a unique highlight of this year's gathering of alumni, friends, and faculty.

The event begins a day earlier than usual with racing at Keeneland on Thursday. It concludes on Sunday morning with a special brunch for Robert Barr Society members at the home of President and Mrs. Williams.

All alumni were mailed an invitation in March. Check the Transy website at [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) (For Alumni, News & Events, Reunion/Alumni Weekend) for a detailed schedule and online registration.



## Sweet Home Transylvania

### Program highlights:

#### Thursday

Alumni Day at the Races

#### Friday

Installation ceremony for President R. Owen Williams  
Inauguration celebration brunch  
Inaugural ball

#### Saturday

Alumni celebration luncheon  
All alumni reunion reception  
Class reunion events

#### Sunday

Chapel service  
Robert Barr Society brunch

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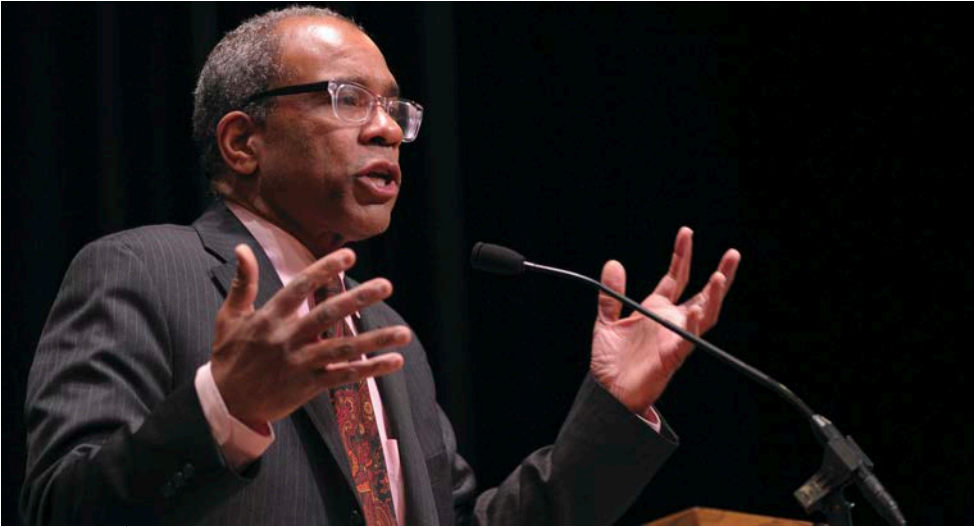
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From left, Spanish professor Jeremy Paden, history professor Greg Bocketti, and anthropology professor Chris Begley team-taught a special topics course entitled Latin America and the Natural World. For a look at how special topics courses enrich the Transylvania curriculum, see story on page 12.

*Photo by Joseph Rey Au*



## Harvard law professor speaks on race and conversation



Joseph Rey Au

**Harvard University law professor Randall Kennedy presented his Kenan Lecture under the title, "Can We Talk? Problems in Race and Conversation."**

**Harvard University law professor Randall Kennedy**, one of the premier scholars on race and ethnicity in America, gave his audience a historical tour of nomenclature related to Americans of African descent during his Kenan Lecture in Haggin Auditorium on February 16.

Kennedy's talk revealed how a range of words and phrases have fallen in and out of favor in the history of African Americans. Black, Negro, African American, Afro American, Americans of African descent, colored, people of color, colored citizens, and oppressed Americans were all discussed and placed in historical and philosophical context.

For instance, Kennedy said that references to African heritage went out of favor with many blacks when the American Colonization Society was formed in 1816 to send free blacks back to Africa. "Negro" was used by prominent blacks such as the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., then gave way to "black" in the 1960s from leaders such as Stokely Carmichael. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, said Kennedy, is given credit for bringing "African American" to prominence in 1988, which he characterized as the most influential recent development in the nomenclature.

In the end, Kennedy said he uses all of

these terms in his writing and speaking. "People have all sorts of views on nomenclature related to race," he said. "It is a subject in which intelligent, well-intentioned people will continue to have divergent points of view."

During the question-and-answer session following his address, Kennedy responded to a query about a new edition of the 1884 novel *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, in which the word "nigger," which appears 219 times in the book, has been replaced with the word "slave." Creation of the edition (NewSouth Press) was overseen by Alan Gribben, an English professor and Twain scholar at Auburn University Montgomery, with the intention of making it more palatable to modern readers. Kennedy felt the editing was well intentioned but wrong-headed.

"We should not repress the inclusion of 'nigger,'" Kennedy said. "Twain put a lot of thought into the words he used. That's what he did—he was a writer. Don't cover it up. Don't deodorize it—let's grapple with it. If we remove the word, we will not know what Twain was trying to get us to see."

Kennedy authored the best-selling book *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word*, which sparked a firestorm of national debate. He is also the author of *Sellout: The Politics of Racial Betrayal* and *Interracial Intimacies: Sex, Marriage, Identity and Adoption*.

The lecture was part of Transylvania's William R. Kenan Jr. Lecture Series and was funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.



**Sophomore philosophy major Kaitlin Hizny and junior philosophy major Nathan Sames** have been accepted for the 2011 Yale University Bioethics Summer Internship. The internship class comprises an international group of undergraduates and graduate students (including medical and law school students) who will investigate contemporary bioethical issues.



Joseph Rey Au

The inaugural class of the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame included three people with Transylvania ties. **Trustee Pearse Lyons**, who founded Alltech; trustee and executive committee member **Warren W. Rosenthal**, former CEO of Jerrico, Inc.; and the late former chairman of the board **William T. Young**, who created Big Top Peanut Butter, now Jif, were all inducted.

**Junior psychology major Remy Miller**, a veteran of the Yale University Bioethics Summer Internship, had her article, "Establishing a 'Duty of Care' for Pharmaceutical Companies," chosen from 195 articles and published in the prestigious bioethics journal, *The Hastings Center Report*.

**Transylvania's admissions viewbook** received an Award of Excellence from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, District III.

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## Class of 1967 funds merit scholarships

**Members of the class of 1967** have established an endowed merit scholarship with the aim of bringing to campus students who mirror the intellectual curiosity and range of interests they themselves showed when they arrived at Transylvania nearly five decades ago.

"We were a very diverse group of philosophers, music makers, scholars, writers, athletes, political pundits, and social leaders," said Jan Allinder Anestis '67, who spearheaded creation of the Class of 1967 Scholarship. "Much of our development occurred in the classroom, but perhaps as important were the lessons we learned from each other."

The scholarship (two have already been awarded) is being used to help attract students with exceptional talent or extraordinary leadership skills that will enhance the diversity of the student population. It is awarded in honor of the class and in memory of those who have passed on.

"We are using the word 'diversity' in the broadest possible sense," Anestis said. "Having students from different parts of the country is one possible consideration, as are such factors as particular talents in music or drama, or students with high leadership profiles. We are not limiting ourselves in how we view diversity."

The idea that diversity has a broad positive effect on the student body is captured in a core belief of the scholarship founders, stated in a letter establishing the award: "The exceptional talent or extraordinary skills of one student benefits everyone within that community."

Anestis said the impulse to begin the scholarship can be traced back to the formation of a scholarship at her husband's alma mater, Yale University, in memory of a baby the couple had lost. The couple received letters from student recipients that brought them much pleasure.

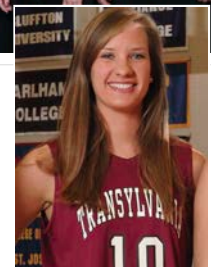
"Years later, it occurred to me that many people do not have the funds or the time to devote to forming an endowed scholarship on their own," she said. "That's when the idea of a scholarship from our entire class was born."

Since beginning the ongoing campaign to fund the scholarship in 2007, the class's 40th reunion year, more than \$90,000 has been raised, including a lead gift from Anestis and her husband. This has been sufficient to award the first two scholarships, but the class has more ambitious plans—to eventually create a full-tuition scholarship.

"It occurred to me that funding a merit scholarship at or near the monetary level of



**Many members of the class of 1967 have contributed to a scholarship named after the class. Shown above at the class reunion during Alumni Weekend 2007 are, front row, from left: John Mansdorfer, Jay Gross, Virginia Neuhoff, Kathy Morris Riestler, Jan Allinder Anestis, Connie Mumford Houston, Brenda Bell; second row: Steve Hombach, Georgia Green Stamper, Grady Lehman, Mac Harris, Chris Leonard Watkins, Wanda Poynter Cole, Bettye Stehle Burns, David McFadden; back row: Bud Fairchild, Ernie Stamper, Steve Merriman, Rich Buchbinder, Jim Wheeler, Larry Webster, Jeff Abele, Bill McDonald. Right: Senior Holly Milburn, a star player on the women's basketball team, is the second recipient of the Class of 1967 Scholarship.**



Transylvania's William T. Young Scholarship (full tuition and fees) might target students who narrowly missed being chosen for the Young award," said Georgia Green Stamper '67, a member of the scholarship committee. "The more we talked about this, the more we realized that it was just about as easy to think big as to think small."

"It's very exciting to imagine that decades from now, a merit scholarship from our class might enable an exceptional young woman or man to attend Transylvania," Anestis said.

In the meantime, the first Class of 1967 Scholarship was awarded to Brittny Congleton '09, a drama major and women's studies minor. She is currently pursuing her dream of being an actor by attending classes at Second City Training Center for Improv and Musical Improv in Chicago. The second award went to senior Holly Milburn, a social justice major and star player on the women's basketball team. She hopes to earn a master's degree in international development and a certificate in humanitarian assistance.

"When I graduate this May, I know that I will be fully prepared to take the next step and offer to others all the wonderful things that Transy has given me," Milburn wrote in

a letter of appreciation to the class of 1967. "For this, I extend my thanks. Your contributions have helped make all of this possible for me."

Wandaleen Poynter Cole '67 is also a committee member and has derived great personal satisfaction from her work on the scholarship.

"Having a class scholarship and contributing to it makes me feel united again with my classmates for a very special purpose," she said. "It's kind of like an ongoing class reunion that refreshes memories and makes me an active part of the Transy community. Jan's incredible generosity, thoughtfulness, and clarity of purpose have given our class something of which we can be very proud."

Echoing the statement from the 2007 letter announcing the scholarship, Stamper said, "I believe the committee feels that if Transylvania is to move forward, attracting the best students is essential. The leavening effect of the best and brightest raises the university experience for all Transylvania students."

Other committee members from the class of 1967 include Brenda Bell, Bettye Stehle Burns, Carl B. Fairchild, Stephen C. Hombach, John B. Mansdorfer, and Ernie W. Stamper.





## Quidditch goes from sport to campus craze

**Quidditch came to Transylvania's** campus in 2009 and hit the ground flying—er—running. Since then, the activity has evolved from a novelty sport to a campus-wide social experience with 200 members and an impact that extends past Transylvania's campus into Lexington and the rest of the state.

The sport comes from the popular book series *Harry Potter*, which imagined wizards flying around on broomsticks and playing a full-contact game in which, at its simplest form, players try to throw flying balls through three hoops. Muggle quidditch ("muggles" referring to non-magical people) was created on college campuses across the country and employed most of the same rules except, presumably, flying is considered cheating.

Transylvania's quidditch team—the Transylvania Animagi—competes against other colleges in the region, and in November, the team went to New York City to play in the Quidditch World Cup with 45 other colleges.

The event picked up major steam around social networks and eventually into mainstream media. The Animagi were one of two teams featured on MTV's *The Seven* when host Kevin Manno suited up with the Animagi and played a match on camera, and Transy was one of the teams featured for *Time* magazine's story on the World Cup.

"*Time* said we were perhaps their favorite team," senior Kristin Grenier, quidditch organizer and team captain, said.

But the sports side of Transylvania Quidditch is only a small part of the student organization. The campus involvement aspect has seen quidditch players throw a Yule Ball dance and deliver chocolates to dorm rooms on broomsticks. During a Sorting Hat Ceremony in which students were placed into Harry Potter houses, President R. Owen Williams surprised everyone by dressing up in full headmaster garb and delivering a taped introduction. Chemistry professor George Kaufman has played the role of Golden Snitch (the elusive player whom both teams try to catch to win the game), and Diane Fout, director of student activities and Campus Center, and Karen Anderson, coordinator of community service and civic engagement, have donned Harry Potter garb to participate in quidditch functions.

Even with all the iterations of Transylvania

***The Transylvania Quidditch team played in the Quidditch World Cup at DeWitt Clinton Park in New York City.***

Quidditch, it's community service that gives the members the most fulfillment. The main focus of the International Quidditch Association (yes, it exists) is to promote the love of literature to youth, and Transy has joined right in.

The team organized a book drive in the fall that collected more than 650 books for underprivileged people in Lexington and participated in Read Across America Day in March. This summer and fall, the team will work with the Seventh Street Kids' Café to do reading programs.

"We will encourage kids to read books for rewards like T-shirts and the chance to have us come play an exhibition match for them," Grenier said. "It's a way to promote literacy to these kids."

The team has helped start quidditch teams at other schools in the area, including Henry Clay High School in Lexington and Harrison County (Ky.) High School, and it will host the Tri-State Tournament with teams from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio in the spring. Transylvania will also host the Kentucky Cup featuring college and high school teams in the state, and over spring break the traveling team played exhibitions at college campuses across Kentucky.

"There are so many things for people to latch onto in quidditch," Grenier said. "We want to see it remain a fun thing for students to participate in and not see it take itself too seriously."



***The Quidditch team delivered chocolate Golden Snitches to students in their dorm rooms as a fund raiser.***



## Jagger named associate vice president and associate dean

**Kathleen Jagger** was recently named to the full-time position of associate vice president and associate dean of the college. She was formerly in a half-time

position as associate dean of the college while continuing her teaching as a full professor of biology.

"Kathleen has brought enormous energy and creativity to her work as associate dean of the college," said William F. Pollard, vice president and dean of the college.

"Although this position was originally created as half-time, her efforts have always been full-time. I am pleased that her new position will provide her with greater opportunities to work on behalf of the college and our students."

Jagger's responsibilities, which officially began January 1, include the development of new initiatives in such areas as student advising, faculty mentoring, and curriculum development. She will also teach one course per academic year.

Enriching Transylvania's already extensive program of student advising will be a primary focus for Jagger in her new role. She views advising as something that goes far

beyond the essential task of helping students choose a course schedule.

"When I speak to entering students in the fall, I tell them that our purpose as advisers is to have you imagine what would be the most fulfilling life, and then help you create the possibilities that will let you realize your dreams," she said. "We want our advisers to help students become intentional about their overall academic plan and to develop the habits of becoming a scholar in a community of inquiry."

Among the specific areas students will be encouraged to explore more fully, said Jagger, are planning ahead for study abroad and looking into internships and shadowships that put them in a working environment to help them with career choices.

"We want to be sure that students appreciate all the opportunities here at Transylvania that are relevant to their goals," she said. "To me, that's the most precious part of advising. Every time you meet with your students, you want to continually expand their knowledge of themselves and the possibilities in their future."

Jagger will also work to enhance the process of acclimating new members of the faculty to their responsibilities.

"We have to bring everybody into the fold, not just students," she said. "We have

to help our new faculty members understand the culture of Transylvania and what's expected of them. We want them to become the best teachers, researchers, and scholars they can be."

In the area of curricular development, Jagger said a faculty task force has proposed a new outline for the curriculum that includes a three-week August term for entering students.

"The purpose of this course is to help students make the adjustment from high school expectations to college expectations," she said. "A lot of students, even the very good ones, struggle in their first semester because of that adjustment. This non-graded course will give them an idea of the depth of investment in academics that will be required of them."

Jagger takes both a specific and a very broad view of her role, and sees her new position as giving her the opportunity to impact many areas of the university's academic life.

"I consider myself to be a person who's nurturing the advancement of our institution through our faculty members and our students," she said. "I like to work with peoples' ideas, their imaginations, to take the best of those ideas and make them happen."

## Sustainability House stresses living in community

**As a culture of sustainability** continues to spread around the Transylvania campus, some students decided to make that culture a lifestyle. They started the campus Sustainability House, committing themselves to living sustainably and in community.

The idea sprung from some members of TERRA, the Transylvania environmental rights club. Ten students got together and decided to get a house where they could practice sustainability together. A house on Upper Street opened up, and they moved in at the beginning of the school year.

"When we moved into the house, we had to set our own rules for what we wanted to see happen throughout the year," junior Julia Peckinpaugh said. "There wasn't a faculty member in charge; this was just a bunch of students trying to figure out what we as a group wanted to do. We decided early on that we were going to try to live as eco-friendly as possible and buy as much local food as we could."

The group took several measures, including hang-drying clothes, riding bikes around Lexington, rarely using the dishwasher, eating meals together, and using the heat and air conditioning as little as possible. They volunteered cleaning up watersheds around the community and picking up trash, went on nature hikes, and attended a conference on mountaintop removal mining in Washington, D.C. They also created a blog to keep the Transy community up on their efforts, and they organized a party where they baked pies with local ingredients to serve to visitors.

Those activities taught the residents about the benefits of living sustainably and, more importantly, living with others.

"It changed our outlooks on sustainability," Peckinpaugh said. "We realized as the term went on that sustainability is more than just being eco-friendly and trying to use natural ingredients. It's a community. It's depending on and drawing from the community and creating that aspect of sustainability."

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**The members of the Sustainability House held a Pie Night to raise awareness about the work the students are doing.**



## See exhibits online at Morlan Gallery Web page

Transylvania's website, [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu), is a great resource for information about the college, and new pages are added frequently to keep the community up-to-date on campus and alumni activities. You may not know that Morlan Gallery has a page on the site; it has a wealth of information about exhibits that are presented at the gallery.

The exhibitions page tells not only what exhibits are currently in Morlan Gallery, but it shows photos of some of the artwork so that even those outside the area can view some of the amazing paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photos, and more that come to the gallery. Visitors can also look at archives of past exhibitions to check out what they may have missed. There are currently 28 past and current exhibitions on display on the

website.

For those who may be visiting the campus in the future, there is a calendar of exhibits posted for each school year. The calendar is updated each academic year.



Can't remember which exhibit you saw last time you were here? The calendars are also archived for reference.

The community outreach page outlines some of the efforts that Morlan Gallery is making to be involved in the downtown Lexington community. Past projects have included the Empty Bowls Project, which raised money to feed the hungry in Lexington, and North Limestone Gathers, an exhibit that displayed interesting collections, objects, and stories from the neighborhoods around Transy's campus. For more information, questions, or to view some of the exhibitions that have been on display at Morlan Gallery in recent years, visit [www.transy.edu/morlan/index.htm](http://www.transy.edu/morlan/index.htm), or contact Andrea Fisher, Morlan Gallery director, at (859) 233-8142.

## Pollard receives Chief Academic Officer award



**William F. Pollard**, Transylvania vice president, dean of the college, and professor of English, was honored by the Council of Independent Colleges with its 2010 Chief Academic Officer Award. The award recognizes his contribu-

tions to colleagues at independent colleges and universities across the country.

As a member of the CIC's Chief Academic Officers Task Force (2006-09), Pollard helped develop programs and chaired sessions at the annual institute for chief academic officers. For over 15 years he has been an evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa national honorary societies, the American Conference of Academic Deans, and has served as president and secretary of the Association of Chief Academic Officers of the Southern States.

"Bill Pollard exemplifies the purpose of the CIC Chief Academic Officer Award," said Ginny Coombs, CIC vice president for annual programs. "He has always made himself available to colleagues and generously shared his time and expertise without regard for personal gain or public accolades."

Transylvania President R. Owen Williams said, "Dean Pollard is very deserving of this national honor. He is an active scholar and is well respected by his colleagues. His appreciation for the liberal arts is remarkable."

Pollard, who came to Transylvania in 2004, has published on medieval English literature and is co-editor of *Mysticism and Spirituality in Medieval England* with Robert Boenig and *Vox Mystica: Essays on the English Mystical Tradition Honoring Valerie Lagorio* with Anne Bartless, Thomas Bestul, and Janet Goebel.

Prior to coming to Transylvania, he was provost and dean of the college at Georgetown College and vice president, dean of the college, and professor of English at Huntingdon College.

"I appreciate the opportunities given me by the CIC to work for the past 16 years with my fellow chief academic officers from across the country," Pollard said. "I have also been blessed to work on behalf of faculty and students at Huntingdon, Georgetown, and now Transylvania."

The CIC is an association of more than 600 independent, liberal arts colleges and universities and higher education affiliates and organizations that work together to strengthen college and university leadership, sustain high-quality education, and enhance higher education's contributions to society.

## Hall retires from DPS with 27 years of service

**Buddy Hall's** best memories of his 27-year tenure in the Department of Public Safety at Transylvania center on his involvement with students.

"The most rewarding thing about my job was the relationships you build with students," said Hall, who retired in December 2010. "Occasionally they would even send me thank you letters."

Hall also played a role in admissions by helping to facilitate campus visits by prospective students and their families. "I would help them with directions around campus or with knowing where to find promotional materials," he said. "I probably helped bring a lot of students to Transylvania."

Hall, who retired with the rank of lieutenant, was mostly assigned to night patrol, except for his final two years when he was a dispatcher. His supervisor upon retirement, Director of Public Safety Richard Cook, had nothing but praise for Hall's service to the university.

"Buddy was a valuable asset to the Department of Public Safety," Cook said. "His years of experience and his ability to use that experience in a positive way made him a leader in our department and well respected by faculty, staff, and students. He will be missed not only in DPS, but throughout the Transy community."





## Appiah urges students to learn from other cultures

Princeton University philosophy professor **Kwame Anthony Appiah** delivered the fall Kenan Lecture October 20 in Haggin Auditorium.

Appiah is one of the world's leading scholars on cosmopolitanism, a philosophy of universal ethics. His book, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*, won the 2007 Arthur Ross Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

Appiah explained that cosmopolitanism says people ought to

view morals and ethics in an increasingly global society. He described cosmopolitanism as the idea that everyone is "a citizen of the world," and only when we understand other cultures in the world can we approach those cultures ethically.

Appiah, who was born in London and raised in Ghana, has a Ghanaian father and an English mother. But, as he noted humorously, heritage was not what defined his parents.

"Many people told them that their mixed marriage was going to be difficult," he said. "And my parents agreed because my father was Methodist and my mother was Anglican."

The lecture encouraged audience members to branch out and study other cultures and develop real relationships, not just be content with American people and ideals. Only then, he pointed out, can we truly be citizens of the world.

"There is a magic power in crossing boundaries wherever you are and whatever your vocation," he said.

The lecture was part of Transylvania's William R. Kenan Jr. Lecture Series and was funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.



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**Kwame Anthony Appiah meets one-on-one with students after his Kenan Lecture in October.**

## Gathering space named after retired art professor

**An outdoor gathering** space has been created in the rear of the Charles L. Shearer Art Building adjacent to the kiln. It's named in honor of art professor emeritus Dan Selter, who retired in 2010 after 35 years on the faculty and whose area of expertise was ceramics.

"Dan was always an advocate for the development of stimulating and alternative gathering spaces on campus," said art professor and fine arts division chair Jack Girard, whose 30-year tenure on the faculty overlapped most of Selter's. "The Dan Selter Outdoor Garden is very consistent with his vision."

Faculty members and students use the space for informal meetings, social interaction, and some small studio classes. The garden includes benches and landscaping featuring azaleas. In warm weather, the area is sunlit in the morning and shaded in the evening. It was completed over the summer of 2010 and dedicat-

ed in September.

Girard said it was appropriate to name the space after Selter because of the role he played in advancing the university's art program during his tenure.

"Dan was the driving force behind the evolution of Transylvania's art and art history programs," he said. "During the 1970s, it was Dan who steered the program during its early years in the Mitchell Fine Arts building when many courses were partial-unit activity classes.

Course offerings tripled, and Morlan Gallery became a professional-grade exhibition space during Dan's years."

**Below: Morlan Gallery director Andrea Fisher speaks during a dedication service for the Shearer Art Building gathering space. Left: Art professor emeritus Dan Selter and his wife, Kay, pose beside a self-created ceramic interpretation of Selter that now resides indoors over the entrance to the ceramics area of the art building.**



## Shearer awarded Henry Clay Medallion

**Transylvania President Emeritus Charles L. Shearer** was awarded the 2010 Henry Clay Medallion for Distinguished Service from the Henry Clay Society during a black tie dinner at the Kentucky Governor's Mansion in December.

A committee of the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation selected Shearer for the honor in recognition of his personal and professional achievements that reflect Clay's principals of statesmanship and compromise for the good of mankind. Shearer retired from the presidency of Transylvania in July 2010 after a 27-year tenure, the longest such service in the university's history. His tenure was marked by enhancement of the academic culture, rising enrollments, endowment growth, and many new campus facilities.

"Whether it was his relationship with the chairman of the board and other trustees, or with faculty, staff, and students, Charles's use of diplomacy has always been most evident," said Warren W. Rosenthal, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, in introducing the honoree. "For 27 years President Shearer was highly respected, deeply appreciated, and loved by all."

Noting the many illustrious individuals who had preceded him in receiving the Henry Clay Medallion, Shearer said the award was a signal honor. Among the previous winners are Sandra Day O'Connor, Edward Kennedy and Nancy Kassebaum-Baker, and Mitch McConnell and Elaine Chao.

"I am honored to be included in such extraordinary company with Henry Clay," Shearer said in accepting the award. "This is an evening and an honor that I will always remember and cherish."

Joseph Rey Au



Paul Atkinson

**Charles T. Ambrose, right, receives congratulations from Transylvania President R. Owen Williams on his Outstanding Community Honoree award.**

## Ambrose honored for service to Transylvania

**Charles T. Ambrose**, a champion of Transylvania's heritage as a pioneer in medical education in the nineteenth century, received a 2010 Outstanding Community Honoree award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Bluegrass Chapter at a National Philanthropy Day luncheon in November.

The program celebrates those who have made a significant contribution of time and resources to nonprofit agencies, thereby enhancing the quality of life in the community. Ambrose, a professor of microbiology, immunology, and molecular genetics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and a widely published expert on medical history, was nominated by Transylvania.

Soon after his first visit to Transylvania in 2007, Ambrose embarked on a mission to tell the world about the books and instruments used in the old Transylvania medical department from 1799-1859 that are housed in the university's Special Collections. His first act was to conceive and sponsor a symposium on Transylvania's role in early medical education. Held in the summer of 2007, the event attracted historians, physicians, teachers, and others, including a Smithsonian Institution curator who studied Transylvania's collection of surgical instruments.

To continue the conversation among symposium attendees and make others aware of Transylvania's unique holdings, Ambrose offered to underwrite a publication, *Transylvania Treasures*, that would tell the story of the school's rich past. Eight issues have been published since 2008, and Ambrose is a frequent contributor.

*Transylvania Treasures* has been extremely well received and has won numerous awards, including the 2009 Gold Award—the highest available—in a competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, which has 3,400 members in 61 countries.

"Dr. Ambrose has raised awareness of Transylvania's rare books, documents, scientific artifacts, and portraits, but more importantly he is helping to ensure that these treasures are properly preserved and that students and scholars continue to have access to them," said Mark Blankenship '81, acting vice president for alumni and development. "The university is very fortunate to have him as a benefactor."

## Parents fund pushes to meet 2011 goal

**The parents fund** is trailing where it was at this point last year. As of February 15, it had raised \$55,000 of its \$100,000 goal with a June 30 deadline looming. This year's goal is the highest ever for the fund.

"I remain hopeful that we will get there," Lori Burlingham, assistant director of development, said. "The fall appeal had an excellent return rate, and the fall phonathon numbers were up. So there are some good pledges out there; the phonathon team has been fabulous."

The parents fund goes to support Transylvania's J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library, which has embarked on a \$5.2 million fund-raising campaign. If the library meets that goal, it activates a \$1 million grant that will bring the total to \$6.2 million to enhance the library and its collections and staffing. The parents fund counts toward that \$5.2 million.

"Parents and grandparents have really been stepping up in recent years to give for this fund, and we are excited to see that continue," Burlingham said. "Every one of our students benefits greatly from our library, and we want to make it an even better experience."

Carmen Covert, mother of alumna Lauren Covert '08, said she continues to support the parents fund because of how special the school was to her daughter.

"I love Transylvania," she said. "It's a quality education, and the way it challenges the students and develops them is great. The library is a wealth of information and has lots of resources to open doors for students to do things they didn't think they could ever experience."

## Board member elected

**Jeffrey P. Williams** was recently elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees. A native of Cincinnati, he holds a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Cincinnati and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is president of Jeffrey Williams & Company, LLC, and has over 30 years of experience in investment banking, private equity, and corporate management.





Joseph Rey Au

## Volleyball wins HCAC for first time

By any measuring stick, the volleyball season was one for the record books. Winning the program's first-ever regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, hosting the HCAC tournament for the first time, and finishing with a sparkling 26-8 overall record and an 8-1 mark in conference play all set standards the program had long been aiming for.

The Pioneers were also the surprise of the conference as league coaches had picked them to finish seventh in a pre-season poll.

"Going into the season, we thought we had the kind of team that could move us to the next level," said second-year head coach Casey Dale, who played at NCAA Division III powerhouse Juniata College, where he was a part of four national championship teams. "Our players had the physical ability, but just as important, they had the right mental outlook. They were determined to be a better team."

Since beginning NCAA Division III and HCAC play in 2002, the team's best showing before this season had been a 15-17 record (4-4 in the conference) in 2007.

Transy fashioned a 13-5 pre-conference record that included winning marks in invitational tournaments at Washington & Lee

University (3-1), Transylvania (4-0), and the College of Mount St. Joseph (3-1).

The Pioneers opened HCAC play with a 3-2 victory at Hanover College before dropping their only conference contest, a 3-2 decision at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. A highlight came when they defeated HCAC kingpin Mount St. Joseph, an 11-time conference champion, on the Lions' home floor. Transy won 11 of its last 12 matches, including nine in a row.

Hosting the HCAC tournament in the Beck Center, Transy blanked Hanover 3-0 in the semifinals but could not prevail against Mount St. Joseph for a second time, dropping a 3-2 contest in the finals and missing out on a chance to represent the league in NCAA championship play.

Senior middle hitter Jordan Geisen, senior libero Sarah Sams, and first-year outside hitter Katie Ash were named to the All-HCAC first team. Geisen finished as Transy's all-time leader in kills while Sams was the all-time digs leader and was also HCAC Defensive Player of the Year. Ash was second in kills to Geisen for the season.

"We've had a taste of success," said Dale, "and now we want to take that next step and qualify for the NCAA tournament. I think we are well positioned to have a strong volleyball program for years to come."

**Senior middle hitter Jordan Geisen was named to the All-HCAC first team.**

## Women's golf is second in HCAC tournament

The women's golf team capped off a successful season with a second-place finish in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament under head coach Mark Turner '77. Highlights of the regular season included a win and a second-place finish against strong fields in the two iterations of Transylvania's own invitational tournament, both played at the University Club.

Transy kicked the season off in high style with a 27-stroke victory in the first Transy Fall Invitational. The Pioneers' team score of 354 easily outdistanced second-place Bellarmine University (372), the College of Mount St. Joseph (423), and Spalding University (471). Transy junior Megan Foley was medalist with an 80, while senior Sarah Slattery added an 85 and junior Janca Millett an 86.

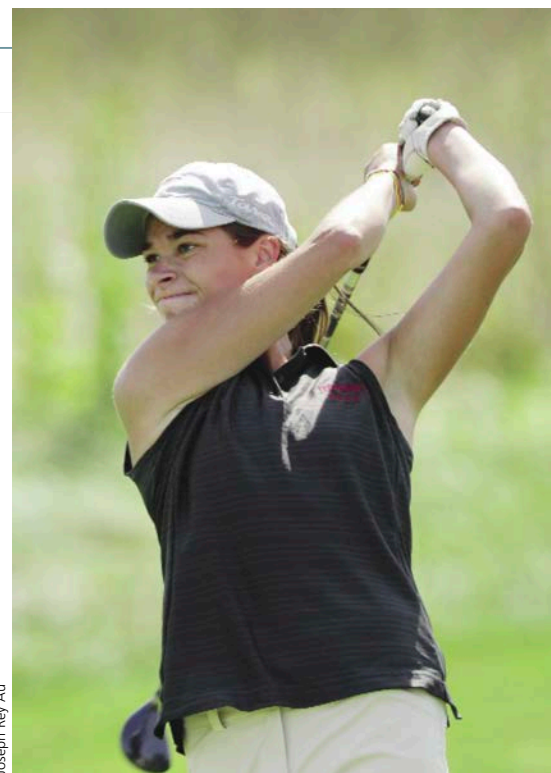
The Pioneers came back in the Transy Fall

Invitational II to finish second with a team score of 337, just three shots back of winner Hanover College. Bellarmine (353), Franklin College (369), Mount St. Joseph (412), and Spalding (456) rounded out the field. Transy's Foley again took medalist honors with a 75, the only player in the field to break 80.

Hanover also won the HCAC tournament, played at the Anderson Country Club in Anderson, Ind., with a 16-stroke (667 to 683) win over Transy. After Foley (82-79) and Hanover's Molly Burpo (78-83) finished tied at 161, Burpo took medalist honors by defeating Foley in a one-hole, sudden-death playoff.

Both Foley and Millett, who finished third in the HCAC medalist competition at 164 (84-80), won All-HCAC first-team honors, which go to the top eight finishers.

**Junior Janca Millett joined junior teammate Megan Foley on the All-HCAC first team.**



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## Men's soccer wins HCAC titles, competes in NCAA championship

The men's soccer team completed one of its finest seasons with a 16-3-2 record that included regular season and tournament championships in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The stellar year ended with a first-round loss in the NCAA Division III national championship.

Transylvania concluded the pre-conference portion of its schedule with a 2-1 loss to Maryville College for a 4-2-1 mark. That was the last loss for the Pioneers until the NCAA tournament as Transy then went on a 12-0-1 tear, which included an 8-0-1 HCAC record. The only conference blemish came in a 2-2 overtime tie with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Transy hosted the HCAC tournament on Thomas Field. The Pioneers dispatched Manchester College 3-2 in overtime in the semifinals, then defeated Anderson University 2-0 in a tough defensive battle for the conference title. The Pioneers had beaten Anderson 1-0 in overtime just one week earlier to clinch the HCAC regular season crown.

Playing in the NCAA champi-

onship for the second straight year and their sixth overall appearance, Transy journeyed to Lynchburg, Va., to take on Lynchburg College in an NCAA first-round contest. The Pioneers gave up two goals within a three-and-a-half-minute span in the second half to let a tight game get away from them.

Transy swept the top three

HCAC individual honors, with senior forward Brian Williams taking Offensive Player of the Year, senior defender Zach Lange Defensive Player of the Year, and head coach Brandon Bowman Coach of the Year for the fourth time. Williams was also named to the All-Great Lakes Region second team.

In addition to Williams and

Lange, first-team All-Conference recognition went to senior defender Kevin Jones, junior midfielder Peter Mikhail, and first-year forward Kyle Smith, who also won Co-Freshman of the Year.

**Senior forward Brian Williams was named Offensive Player of the Year in the HCAC.**



Joseph Rey Au

## Women's tennis wins HCAC flighted tourney

The women's tennis team finished second in regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play, won the HCAC flighted tournament, and finished second in the HCAC tournament on the way to a successful 8-3 season record under head coach Chuck Brown.

The Pioneers dispatched five HCAC foes in a row to begin the season, then fell to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 6-3 in a home match. The only other loss before the conference tournament was to Centre College by a 6-3 score on the Colonels' home courts.

Transy took first place in the HCAC flighted tournament, played at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis. This meet determines individual singles and doubles winners among all nine conference teams. The top four teams advance to the HCAC

tourney. Transy winners were junior Kelsey Fulkerson (No. 1 singles), senior Sarah Ridley (No. 3 singles), junior Stephanie Townsend (No. 4 singles), and sophomore Kaitlyn Hizny and senior Abby Newcom (No. 3 doubles).

In the HCAC tournament, also played at the West Indy Racquet Club, Transy easily eliminated Franklin College in the semifinals 5-0, then fell to top seed Rose-Hulman 5-2 in the championship match. For the Pioneers, Fulkerson won in No. 1 singles, then teamed up with Ridley to take the No. 1 doubles match.

Fulkerson, who was a perfect 14-0 in league matches (16-0 overall), was named HCAC Player of the Year, the first Transy woman to win that honor. She was joined



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**Senior Sarah Ridley was named to the All-HCAC first team.**

on the All-HCAC first team by Ridley, Townsend, and senior Katie Boone. Brown shared Coach of the Year honors with Manchester College's Eric Christiansen.



## Women's cross country fifth in HCAC championships

The women's cross country team finished fifth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championships, the best showing in the history of the program. Transylvania hosted the event for the first time, at Falling Springs Park in Versailles, Ky.

Transy's Betsy Heines led the way for the Pioneers with a 20th place overall finish in a time of 25-minutes, 5.17 seconds over the 6,000-meter course, good enough for All-HCAC honorable mention team honors. Manchester College won the event.

A highlight of the women's regular season came in their first outing when they won the R. J. Corman A. J. Special, hosted by Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky. Transy finished ahead of second-place Georgetown College, followed by Berea College, Asbury, Kentucky State University, Indiana University East, and Midway College. Heines again paced the Pioneers with a time of 22:18.27 over the 5,000-meter course, good for second place overall.

The men's team finished ninth in the HCAC meet, led by first-year

runner Dylan Stearman in a time of 30:26.94 over the 8,000-meter course. Manchester also won the men's meet.

Jason Moncer is head coach for both the women's and men's teams.

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**Junior Betsy Heines was Transy's top runner in the HCAC championship.**

## Field hockey team gets home win over Earlham

The field hockey team started out the season with a new coach and high hopes, but found the going tough in a 1-14 season highlighted by a 2-1 home field victory over Earlham College that reversed an earlier loss to the Quakers.

Under head coach Tiffany Underhill, the Pioneers were 0-4 before hosting Earlham on Hall Field in late September. Junior forward Alexis Schuman and sophomore back Brittany Rebalsky each scored a goal for Transy while senior forward Annie Donelan had both assists. The Pioneers outshot Earlham 35-4, led by first-year forward Sydney Katz with 13 and Donelan with six.

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**Junior forward Alexis Schuman (rear) led the Pioneers over Earlham College.**

## Women's soccer wins HCAC title, plays in NCAA championship

The women's soccer team was co-champion of the regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, then won the HCAC tournament and represented the league in the NCAA Division III championship, both for the second straight year. The Pioneers' outstanding season featured a 16-4-1 overall record and an 8-1 mark in conference play under head coach Michael Fulton.

The Pioneers breezed through their pre-conference schedule with a 6-1-1 record, the only loss coming against Denison University in a 1-0 decision on Hall Field. Transy then hosted Maryville College and battled the Scots to a 2-2 overtime tie.

In HCAC play, Transy's lone defeat was a 1-0 decision against Earlham College on the Quakers' home field. The only other loss of the regular season came when the Pioneers stepped out of league play to visit Wittenberg University and went down 3-2 in overtime.

Transy hosted the College of Mount St. Joseph in an HCAC tournament semifinal game and easily outclassed the Lions 5-0

to advance to the finals, hosted by Earlham College. The Pioneers prevailed 2-0 in the rematch against the Lions to win the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA meet.

Waiting for Transy at host Emory University in Atlanta was Lynchburg College. The Hornets scored just 12 minutes into the first-round NCAA contest, then made that goal stand up for a 1-0 victory and an end to Transy's season.

Transy players won two of the HCAC's top awards when senior defender Sarah Zembrodt was named Defensive Player of the Year and midfielder Amy Ghibaudy won Freshman of the Year. They led four other Pioneers in being named to the All-HCAC first team: sophomore midfielder Natosha Boden, junior goalkeeper Kara Hansel, junior midfielder Elizabeth Schmitt, and senior forward Kristin Tenhunfeld. Zembrodt and Tenhunfeld were also named to the All-Great Lakes Region first team, and Zembrodt was selected as a second-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

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**Senior forward Kristin Tenhunfeld was one of six Transy players named to the All-HCAC first team.**

# Special Delivery

Special topics courses prepare Transylvania students for real-world issues



**Senior Stamatis Kandris presents part of a student group project about brain-to-computer interfaces from the *Mental Organs* special topics course with professors Jack Furlong and Kenny Moorman.**

BY TYLER YOUNG

Many outsiders looking in to Transylvania are intrigued by some of the more unusual courses in the curriculum. These kinds of classes are known as special topics courses, and while some may seem odd, they offer Transylvania students opportunities to tackle real-world issues using the knowledge they've obtained from Transy's liberal arts curriculum.

Special topics courses are meant to be taught once, or at least not regularly. The faculty Committee on Programs and Curriculum (CPC) does not have to be presented the courses unless they are under consideration to be included in the regular course schedule rotation.

"These courses are usually developed because of current student or faculty interest, and they are often



"This is where the important questions are being asked, in an interdisciplinary course. If you're going to graduate school or you're going out to make policy, there is no way you can put your philosophical blinders on or your biological blinders and solve a problem. For example, these days, any biomedical innovation immediately comes with ethical and political concerns, so we would be remiss in our duties if we did not offer courses that are interdisciplinary."

—Philosophy professor Jack Furlong



interdisciplinary, or reflective of a professor's special expertise or interests," Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard said. "We look for courses that will be likely to complement the regular course-catalog courses that a student takes. We want the courses to have substance, depth, and meaning."

Many of the classes are team-taught, with two or more professors either in a classroom at the same time or taking turns teaching. These professors are almost always from different disciplines, so students are able to look at topics from a stimulating variety of angles and methods.

"In some ways the biggest benefits come from allowing a student to investigate a subject reflective of personal interest but connected to the broader curriculum," Pollard said. "These can lead to significant undergraduate research. The courses often help students to understand that disciplinary boundaries are meant to be crossed and are often artificial to begin with. These courses either show connections between and among disciplines, or they allow a student to pursue a narrow area of emphasis. So they go both ways and can speak to depth or breadth."

"This is where the important questions are being asked, in an interdisciplinary course," philosophy professor Jack Furlong said. "If you're going to graduate school or you're going out to make policy, there is no way you can put your philosophical blinders on or your biological blinders and solve a problem. For example, these days, any biomedical innovation immediately comes with ethical and political concerns, so we would be remiss in our duties if we did not offer courses that are interdisciplinary."

### **The science of how we think**

Mental Organs is a course that has now been taught twice, in fall 2007 and fall 2010. Furlong and computer science professor Kenny Moorman began talking about consciousness, free will, language, and related issues that researchers of artificial intelligence have with philosophers. The idea intrigued them, and they decided to try to turn the issues into a special topics course.

"In one sense, it was going to be a study in an area of science called cognitive science, something that Jack

and I are both very interested in," Moorman said. "We decided to focus on the two areas we love. Mine was language, and his was consciousness. We got an on-campus grant, got resources, and spent the whole summer planning it with wide-eyed wonder."

One of the roadblocks that surprised the professors was the amount of time they had to devote to compiling the vocabularies specific to philosophy and computer science and what was meant by certain terms.

"The vocabulary that is used in cognitive science these days is still in flux," Furlong said. "The problem early on was that when Kenny said words like 'process' or 'programming' and I said terms like 'mental processes,' we weren't on the same page with what we meant by the word 'process,' and we didn't even know we weren't on the same page."

They taught the course in 2007 as a 2000-level course and continued to work out the kinks even as they were well into the term. At the end of the course, both professors considered it a success and continued to work together on the cognitive science topic, constantly sharing articles back and forth and having discussions on the evolving trends in the complex field.

When they decided to do the course again in fall 2010, they bumped it up to a 3000-level to ensure the students had a firm foundation of the various subjects. They picked different texts, and they tightened the focus to explaining consciousness from a narrative perspective, using works of narrative to understand what people are thinking.

The professors moved through the term team-teaching from the textbook, then alternated presenting journal papers. The course culminated in group projects where the students would become experts and teach the class about one topic from the course. The groups presented on non-human intelligence, brain-to-computer interface, artificial intelligence in video games, and moral machines.

"These are all topics that have incredible relevance in the world," Moorman said. "One of the things we brought up in class with the moral machines is we do a lot of our killing now with predator drones. They're

## **Transylvania offers variety of unique courses**

Transylvania professors teach a wide variety of special topics courses each term. Some are unique May term courses that involve travel, and some are courses in the fall and winter terms that tackle issues not normally explored in traditional classes. The following are some interesting courses that have been offered lately or are being offered this academic year.



### **Interactive Music and Multimedia** Music Professor Tim Polashek

This music course, which was taught in fall 2010, explored a new wave of music that has evolved from the digital revolution. The class focused on the idea of "interactive" multimedia, including interactive musical performance, interactive video capture and rendering, interactive multimedia installations, and interactive dance technology. Students used computer programs to design multimedia projects that had some degree of interactivity with the user. The students could program sounds and video to create a whole new medium to enjoy music and video.

### **The Qur'an** Religion Professor Carole Barnsley

The Qur'an is a religion course that looks at the Muslim holy book and the different ways of reading it. Students learn about the Qur'an in the context of revelation and prophecy and about the prophet Muhammad. They also study ways the Qur'an has been interpreted and used by Muslims in various cultural contexts.

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## More unique courses

### Health Studies

Psychology Professor Mark Jackson  
Physics Professor Jamie Day

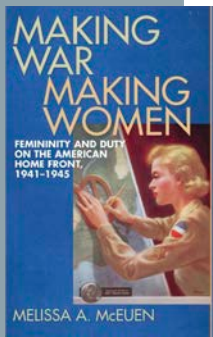
This interdisciplinary May term course studies health care issues and is aimed at students who are looking to become health care providers, health care administrators, health care economists, researchers, writers, and medical anthropologists. Some of the issues discussed include public health, ethics, economics, business, education, popular culture, the role of the media, and the role of scientists. As bioethics becomes a widely discussed topic, the course pairs medical science with psychology to tackle the medical field from varying levels and angles.



### American Women and WWII

History Professor Melissa McEuen

This history seminar, scheduled for May term 2011, will look at the experiences and roles of women during World War II. McEuen recently published a book on the subject, entitled *Making War, Making Women: Femininity and Duty on the American Homefront, 1941-1945*. She will use her research to help students analyze first-person texts from the time period and conduct independent research. The course will explore some of the sacrifices women made and opportunities they enjoyed during the war, how women were depicted in the media, and the cultural movement that resulted.



always controlled by a human sitting back in relative safety. That changes the dynamics of war quite a bit if you're able to kill the enemy and there's no fear in your mind that you're going to die."

Now that the other side has learned to jam those signals, it creates a new wrinkle in the debate. There is work being done that will allow those drones to autonomously target enemies rather than shut down when they lose those signals. In essence, the drone learns to "choose" whether to attack.

"The term 'autonomous' is a heavy moral term," Furlong said. "It is wrought with all kinds of responsibility. It is possible to program a machine to follow a set of rules, but whether you can get the rules to be a matter of choice and a 'moral' choice is a good question."

The idea that special topics courses explore real-world subjects in the classroom is what draws both professors to teaching these kinds of issues. Then there's the added bonus of getting to learn from each other as scholars in very different disciplines at the same time as the students are learning.

"As a professor, you're not the boss anymore," Furlong said. "Students learn to think at a much more complex level when they don't have a sage on the stage saying yes and no. You have two people, and they're both sweating."

"I'm having to justify things that a student may not call me on, but Jack will call me on things, and I'll call him on things," Moorman said. "Students said they enjoyed it when he and I would really get into conversation or argument, whatever you want to call it. I hope they realize that this is what they learn all the way back in Foundations of the Liberal Arts, that this is how you carry a discussion with somebody over points you may disagree on, without resorting to name-calling."

### Multidisciplinary approach to Latin America

Latin America and the Natural World, a course taught by three professors in fall 2010, took a somewhat different approach to interdisciplinary teaching. Anthropology professor Chris Begley, Spanish professor Jeremy Paden, and history professor Greg Bocketti each took a month to approach the same subject from three different disciplines instead of the traditional team-teaching

model.

"It was team-designed and sequentially taught," Bocketti said. "Team teaching at its best is when two teachers are doing everything together, picking out the readings, showing the students a model of interdisciplinary work. This was more of a multidisciplinary class. We took one idea and positioned the students so that by the end of the term, they had seen this issue from three different perspectives and three different people with three different sets of training."

As its name implies, the course was designed to explore the views of the natural world in Latin America from outsiders such as seventeenth- and eighteenth-century explorers, from the natives, and from contemporary and modern-day authors and eco-tourists. The professors chose several readings from a span of around three centuries and from the Caribbean and northern South America all the way to Argentina.

Begley went first, looking at how the natural world in Latin America was represented during the first arrival of European explorers.

"We talked about how the perception changed over time and how the representation of the natural also blended over to cultural representations of people and societies that were in this area," he said. "There were ways in which people were dehumanized, associated with the natural world rather than the cultural world—they're savages, they're wild."

Paden used literature to compare and contrast the writings of natives to Latin America and travelers from North America and Europe, looking at how they viewed the natural world. He explored some of what were perceived to be challenges and advantages presented by nature, particularly in the nineteenth century following the Romanticism movement.

"The way nature gets talked about in the nineteenth century, either it's looked at as inherently moral and as a spiritual space so it should be respected as such, or a nature that should be transformed by human work, and that's what makes it moral," Paden said. "That divide is really something that you can still see in development questions in the twentieth century."

Bocketti's section looked at more recent developments in



environmentalism and ecotourism. The students studied ecotourism operators and how they attract clientele, and whether or not those operators and ecotourists play into stereotypes about Latin America environmentally and culturally.

“When I talked about environmentalism, saving nature, and ecotourism, organically it corresponded very well with what the other guys were doing,” Bocketti said. “When it comes to something like environmentalism, you have environmental actors and local environmental actors. Then in tourism, you have foreign tourists who are coming in to be eco-tourists. So a lot of these things resonate.”

### **Model of the liberal arts**

On the surface, the course seemed broad, but tackling it from so many different angles created a common thread that wove through the three months.

“What you begin to understand is the historical component, the scope of the context that you really need to understand something,” Begley said. “So here you had these three sections, different in some ways, but all serving to contextualize this idea of how this natural world is envisioned or represented.”

“In lots of ways it’s modeling what we mean when we talk about liberal arts because you can’t understand something in isolation,” Bocketti said. “You only get an isolated view of it. Transylvania’s trying to improve our interdisciplinary offerings. Latin American studies and this particular course can be a model for how we might be able to do some of those interesting things and still honor the disciplines that we’re retaining.”

Paden noted that this type of learning, which examines a topic in conjunction with other worldviews, is not just a product of liberal education. When students move on to postgraduate studies, they will be required to have the skills to do research from a broader range than what comes with general undergraduate education. They are being prepared for learning after Transylvania because of the skills they are learning in interdisciplinary courses.

“Gone are the days where all you do is sit down and explicate a poem,” Padén said. “Typically what we do in postgraduate seminars is read the literary texts next to philosophical texts, next to anthropological texts. We place the poem or novel within a specific historical context and see how it enters into the ideological debates of the time. A course like this is modeling to the students the kinds of questions and the kinds of approaches they’ll be asked to do should they go to do postgraduate studies.”

That idea is what differentiates Transylvania’s undergraduate education from that of so many other schools, that students are prepared for not only graduate school, but also learning beyond that into careers and everyday life. Many of the special topics are anything but traditional; however, today’s students need to have a broader understanding of the world than can be offered in narrow-discipline courses. And if the number of biology majors becoming lawyers and English majors becoming successful entrepreneurs is any indication, students are getting just that at Transylvania. n



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—Spanish professor Jeremy Padén



### **Field Methods in Archaeology**

Anthropology Professor Chris Begley

This 2011 May term course will teach techniques and methods that archaeologists use during field work. Part of the class will be taking the students to an excavation site near Lexington where some research and digging is currently being done by archaeologists from the W.S. Webb Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky. The research the students do during the May term course will be included in the museum’s research. Techniques students will learn include mapping, excavation and recording skills, and laboratory techniques.

### **Sociology of Mexican Immigration**

Sociology Professor Brian Rich

The sociology course that is currently being taught explores the history, processes, experiences, and policies that have influenced the course of Mexican immigration to the United States. The class examines Mexican immigration policies, flows, settlement, and integration issues. The relationship between Mexico and the United States is investigated at several levels, as contiguous nation-states; distinct, yet related and intertwined people; and complex and dynamic cultures. A central focus is placed on how these past and present complex relationships can help students understand the future of Mexican immigration to the United States.

# TOURING TRANSY

**Student tour guides play key role in new student recruitment**

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Anyone who works in college admissions will tell you that the campus visit is almost always a crucial element in the decision-making process by prospective students and their families. That's why so much thought and effort goes into ensuring that a campus tour or an overnight visit at Transylvania is the best possible experience.



*Luke Baker discusses Transylvania with visiting student Myra Black, right, a junior at Lexington's Henry Clay High School, and her sister, Sarah.*

"We tell prospective students that a campus visit is the most important thing they can do," said Kari Kolb, assistant director of admissions and coordinator of Transy's student tour guides, known as Transylvania Ambassadors. "We know from experience that it has a huge influence on their decisions."

The best visit experience from Transylvania's point of view, said Kolb, is one that emphasizes many of the essential qualities of the university—small size, personal attention, caring professors, a friendly campus community, and an urban location in Lexington that makes Transy special when compared with many of its sister colleges.

The responsibility for conveying all of that, and more, during a campus visit falls on the shoulders of the student tour guides.

"They're really the front door to the university," Kolb said. "We encourage them to share their personal stories with our visitors. There is a certain amount of factual information they convey about Transy, but we don't want them to just 'fact dump.' High school students don't care about that. They want to know about the tour guide's personal experiences on campus, who they hang out with, where they eat, what they study, what professors they have."

Becoming a Transylvania Ambassador is a very competitive process, and a real honor for those selected. About 50 students applied for the 2010-11 school year, and 18 made the final cut.

"A passion for Transylvania is the number-one quality we're looking for," Kolb said. "We want them to be excited about being a tour guide and be a positive role model for the university. It's a huge leadership position—they're responsible for a big part of our recruitment efforts. We're fortunate to have so many students who are that dedicated to Transylvania."

Here are some of the thoughts and experiences of four Transylvania Ambassadors for the current academic year.

**Meredith Norman** is a junior elementary education major and Spanish minor from Georgetown, Ky., whose ambition is to become an elementary school teacher.



"When I first started giving tours, I was nervous about all the things I felt I would have to remember to say about



buildings and programs. I learned that wasn't really the most important thing students want to hear. They want to know about your experiences as a Transy student and the experiences they might have here. We don't talk about a lot of numbers—parents are usually the ones who ask about that, and we try to leave those questions for the admissions counselors.

"It's all very personalized. Instead of just saying, 'This is Cowgill, where you'll take your business classes,' we try to incorporate our own stories about courses we've had so they can picture themselves being in that classroom. We want to help them see a home for themselves at Transylvania.

"Sometimes we're asked questions that are difficult or awkward to answer, or are unexpected. You always try to be honest, because that's what they expect. One student asked me point-blank, 'Is it hard to get into Transy?' It kind of caught me off-guard—I don't think I've ever been asked that question before. I talked about the fact that one of the big advantages at Transy is that your admissions counselor will look at your whole application, not just one aspect, like an ACT score. We want students who will become a meaningful part of the Transy community, so we look at things like involvement in student organizations and community service."



**Eli Glass** is a junior double major in economics and business administration (finance concentration) from Metropolis, Ill., who is planning on a career in business.

"One of the most important things to me about our campus tours is that we don't have anything remotely close to a script to go by. My tour will be completely different in many ways from one Meredith might give, but we're both doing the same thing—we want them to know what it feels like to be a student at Transylvania. That's the theme of our tours and our training as ambassadors—we're supposed to tell our Transy stories to the students.

"You can tell someone about the kind of close community we have here, but then it's more immediate when they experience that on a tour. In a lot of cases, professors will come up and speak to the students and their families. I've had a lot of Transy students chime in.

"When we begin a tour on the front

porch of Old Morrison, you can look out and see how close we are to downtown Lexington. We tell them about the social benefits of Lexington, such as entertainment, and the practical benefits, like internships and shadowships. I've shared my own experiences as a summer intern with the waste management company that serves Lexington, as well as my friends' experiences at law firms or in healthcare.

"When we show them a student room in Clay-Davis or Forrer, we don't have any 'show' rooms. We show them an actual room of an ambassador who hosts overnight visits. When a question comes up about communal bathrooms, which many of these high school students aren't used to, I always sell the fact that one of the benefits is that you don't have to clean your own bathroom—someone cleans it for you."



**Jessica Obi** is a sophomore from Lexington who has not declared a major but is leaning toward English.

"When I did my overnight visit to Transy as a high school student, it was important to me to feel comfortable, like I would fit in here. So drawing from that, my goal as a tour guide and overnight host is to connect with the student and make them feel at home. I'm exposing them to the Transylvania environment so they can see if they picture themselves as a Transylvania student.

"If a student has an interest in English, I can share my experiences in classes I've had in Haupt Humanities. But also, as I complete my general education requirements, I can tell them about a psychology class I took that I didn't think I'd be interested in, but changed my mind. I can talk about how these different classes connect with one another.

"I've become a very good listener while giving these tours. I love meeting students and their families, hearing their stories. Then I tell them about our close community here at Transy, how much fun we have, and use the example of students and professors dancing in front of the stage when Tiempo Libre (a Cuban band) performed in Haggin Auditorium.

"We aren't going to know the answer to every single question we're asked. The thing is not to make up answers or stories. It's being honest and saying, 'I don't know the answer to that, but I can look it up for

you when we get back.' And then I'll notify the admissions counselor of that interest."



**Luke Baker** is a senior biology major originally from Owensboro, Ky., who plans to attend graduate school for a Ph.D. in molecular genetics.

"I have three things I always talk about on tours.

The fact that Transy is in Lexington blows most colleges in Kentucky out of the water. The relationship between faculty and students is exceptionally strong here. And that Transy is a welcoming community with students who are very tightknit and trusting of one another. I think families feel that when they come here. They recognize that we're genuine and friendly and interested in them.

"The hardest questions I get—usually from the father—are when they'll look at me and say, 'What did you get on your ACT?' Or, 'What kinds of scholarships do you have?' Or, 'How am I supposed to pay for my son or daughter to go here when I'm a single working father?' Even though we're encouraged to share our personal stories, that kind of information is more private.

"I deflect those questions by talking about them in general, such as telling them the minimum ACT we generally accept, or the average ACT of our incoming classes. I tell them I know our financial aid packages are usually very good for families who are deserving.

"Dorm life is one of my favorite parts about being in college, so I enjoy hosting a student for an overnight visit. We pick them up at six, eat dinner, hang out, see a play on campus or a ball game—just introducing them to various aspects of campus life. We hang out in the residence hall with one of the doors open so there's lots of traffic in and out. Overnight students get to meet each other and can share their experiences.

"I love meeting that student that you really click with, who wants to know everything about you, and you want to know about them. I've had students get so comfortable with me, they'll tell me about their girlfriend problems. And then you see them at a reception, you send them postcards, you form this relationship with them, and you want them to come to Transy so bad. The best reward of all is when you see them on campus the next fall. That's the best outcome you can hope for." n

# Back on track

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



Winning election as district attorney validates a determined comeback from addiction for Jon Alexander '71

**J**on Alexander '71 began his inaugural remarks in early January as the newly elected district attorney for Del Norte County (Calif.) with a reference to Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead by quoting the familiar line “What a long, strange trip it’s been” from the band’s song “Truckin’.”

It was an apt theme—and was probably putting it mildly, at that—for the life Alexander has led that brought him, over the course of four decades, from Transylvania to a public servant’s job in the small oceanside town of Crescent City in California’s far north.

Though he would eventually earn a law degree and establish very successful careers in both private and public practice, Alexander’s journey has included some adventuresome—and at times disturbing and dangerous—side trips.

When he won a close election for D.A. in November 2010 and was sworn in on January 3, it marked the high point, thus far, of a remarkable comeback from a recent agonizing period in his life. The stressful experiences of those few years drove him to the depths of methamphetamine addiction and homelessness—and very nearly cost him his life.

## Coming to Transylvania

Those grim events would have been unimaginable to Alexander when he arrived at Transylvania in the fall of 1967 from his hometown of Florham Park, N.J. He had chosen Transy partly because of the late Robert Bush, a 1967 Transy graduate and neighbor. “He got me interested in the school, and I visited and fell in love with the place and the people,” Alexander said.

He was very active on campus as a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity and Lampas leadership honorary, president of the Student Government Association, and a varsity athlete in baseball, cross country, and soccer.

“I did not have a law career in mind at that point,” Alexander said. “I did have a love of letters and of reading that my mother instilled in me.” A sociology major and philosophy minor, he was listed in the 1971 edition of *Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

After graduating from Transylvania in June 1971, Alexander embarked on an odyssey of self-discovery that he characterized as “graduate studies in Kerouac 101.” This was a reference to the spirit of 1950s Beat Generation writer Jack Kerouac and his rambling, free-association, autobiographical novel, *On the Road*.

“I went to the Outer Banks of North Carolina that summer to surf and ended up staying there for eight years,” he said. “It was a kind of wanderlust, off to find America as well as myself, as a lot of my brethren and sisters were doing at that time.”

Alexander leased an antebellum hotel on the ocean in Nags Head and ran a nightclub where artists like Mary Chapin Carpenter and George Thorogood played. The house band included musicians who eventually worked with Bob Dylan, Ricky Skaggs, and Reba McEntyre. “My entire staff lived in the hotel—we rented one room just to keep it legal,” Alexander said. “For several years my best friends and I celebrated life.”

An accident while working as a commercial fisherman on the trawl fleet in the North Atlantic, which he did for five years, landed him in Norfolk, Va., for recuperation. It was there his life turned toward the law.

“I remember sitting in a bar in Norfolk with about \$60 in my pocket, reading *The Washington Post* before starting to hitchhike back to Nags Head,” he said. “There was an ad for Western State College of Law. Something about the activist in me made me decide to get back into what I considered a productive life.”



I acted on impulse. I got in my car, drove straight to Transy, got my transcript, took I-40 the southern route, and was in Orange County, California (just south of Los Angeles), three days later to apply to law school.”

### **Living the good life**

By 1985 when he graduated from Western State, Alexander was on his way to success in law. He had been a student law clerk in the Orange County District Attorney’s office, was in private practice for a year, then signed on with the Orange County public defender’s office.

“I left the public defender’s office in the early ’90s and opened my own shop,” he said. “I was on the fast track and did very well. In a few years I was living in an \$800,000 house overlooking Dana Point Harbor, had two cars, a boat, a nice girlfriend.”

And then things began to go sideways for Alexander. His father died in 1995, and his mother suffered a stroke, followed by the onset of Alzheimer’s disease, at which time Alexander moved her in with him. And soon he found himself in way over his head.

“Between staying up all night with her—her internal clock had just gone away—and then trying to run my practice during the day, it turned into the 36-hour day,” he said. “I started chipping away on methamphetamine to stay awake. Within a couple of years I couldn’t take care of Mom anymore. Sheer exhaustion, using meth, seeing my best friend slowly going insane in front of me, I was devolving at a rapidly increasing rate.”

Alexander moved his mother to Brookings, Ore., just across the border from Del Norte County, to live briefly with his sister before she moved their mother to a care facility. He returned to Orange County and graduated to smoking meth. Within a year, the house, the cars, the boat, and the girlfriend were all gone.

“I lost everything,” he said. “All of a sudden, I was living under a house on a filthy mattress. My only possessions were a Fender Stratocaster guitar, a .32 pistol, my mother’s dog, and 15 beautiful Italian suits hanging from the floor joists.”

On March 18, 2003, Alexander was at the point of ending it all.

“I had had the best that life could offer, been tremendously proud of what I had achieved, but had lost it all. With no qualms whatsoever, I can still tell you today

what the gun tasted like in my mouth.”

Alexander pulled himself back from the brink, but that was only the beginning of his climb back to sanity. The next night he was assaulted while on a drug buy when a thug broke his neck with a baseball bat. He woke up in a hospital with four inches of steel and 12 screws in his neck.

Two of Alexander’s closest friends—state appellate Justice William Bedsworth and criminal defense attorney Lloyd Freeberg—found him in the hospital for an intervention and put it up to him—check into a residential rehabilitation program or lose their friendship. Alexander found his way to the Salvation Army and its 12-step program and has been clean since March 19, 2003. Thinking about what his parents meant to him helped inspire Alexander to take back his life.

“Every morning when I hit my knees, I look at pictures of my mother and my father,” he said. “My mother’s greatest joy in life was helping someone who had fallen down. My father was a hard man, but the most honest person I ever knew. He didn’t know the definition of the word quit. That’s the blood that runs in my veins. I said, ‘I’m better than this, I’ve still got something to offer this world. I’m going to try to crawl back.’”

“My opponents in the campaign threw the drug addict thing at me, but my former addiction makes me a better district attorney. If you’re an addict trying to turn yourself around, you will find no one who is more sympathetic. But if you are selling that poison on the streets of my county, I’m coming for you.”

### **Northward bound**

Deciding he had played out his string in Orange County, Alexander headed to Brookings in 2003 to be near his sister and mother (who died in 2006), doing odd jobs until he got his law license back. He joined the D.A.’s office in Crescent City as a prosecuting attorney, then went into private practice as a contract public defender before his successful run for D.A. last fall.

Now that he has his life back, Alexander is dedicated to his role as D.A., with the methamphetamine crisis being at the top of his list.

“My opponents in the campaign threw the drug addict thing at me,” he said, “but my former addiction makes me a better district attorney. If you’re an addict trying to turn yourself around, you will find no one who is more sympathetic. But if you are selling that poison on the streets of my county, I’m coming for you.”

Alexander says meth is by far the biggest problem in his community, with 80 percent of felonies related to the drug.

“Our enemies in their wildest dreams could never have created a weapon of mass destruction comparable to what meth is doing to this country,” he said. “Close to 80 or 90 percent of it is coming from Mexico—they’re flooding this country with it.”

The good life in Del Norte County consists of his work as D.A. and volunteering in the community. Alexander is grateful for the second chance in life that not everyone gets.

“A lot of people in this town took a chance on me—I plan on giving them a good return on their investment.”

Talking with Alexander today, you get the feeling that this moment in time is a real high for him—a high of the best kind, rooted in honest work, dedication to a cause, and devotion to community that validates the strength he found to turn away from the artificial and destructive high of addiction.

Crescent City is a long way from the glamorous years when he lived in Orange County, but Alexander has found an authentic life here consisting of a clear purpose and a sense of knowing who he really is.

He conveyed all of that when he said, “They say when one door closes, another one opens. These days, every one that opens seems to be letting me more out into the sunlight.” n

# The Transy Top 5

**Transylvania faculty and staff present their picks**

COMPILED BY TYLER YOUNG

The Transylvania faculty and staff are an eclectic group, with interests and expertise ranging all over the charts. A few of those faculty and staff members used that expertise to compile lists of their five favorite pieces from each of their areas of study to show what they're watching, whom they're reading, where they're going, and what they're doing.

## **POEMS** – *Writing, Rhetoric, and Communication* Instructor *Martha Gehringer*

### **"Binsey Poplars,"** *Gerard Manley Hopkins*

This poem is not just beautiful—it's heart-wrenchingly beautiful. If you have ever mourned the felling of a tree, you know the pain the poem delivers. If you have ever witnessed the devastation of an entire avenue or field of trees, you know the exquisite horror Hopkins describes in the poem.

### **"To Make a Prairie,"** *Emily Dickinson*

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,—  
One clover, and a bee,  
And revery.  
The revery alone will do,  
If bees are few.

That's it. The whole wonderful poem! What more can be said about creativity?

### **"Stolen Child,"** *William Butler Yeats*

Especially the phrase, "...and the reddest stolen cherries."  
It's terrifying—and it's delicious.

### **"Frau Baumann, Frau Schwartz, and Frau Schmidt,"** *Theodore Roethke*

It's as full and rich as a very good movie. Reading it is being in it.

### **"Blackberry-Picking,"** *Seamus Heaney*

Another "delicious" poem.

## **AT-HOME WORKOUTS** – *Fitness and Wellness Director Ashley Hinton-Moncer*

### **Squat Thrusts**

Begin this exercise with your feet shoulder-width apart. Crouch down from the standing position and place your hands on the ground in front of you. Kick your feet back behind you, extending your body into an upright pushup position. End the repetition by kicking your feet back up underneath your body and standing back up.

### **Push-ups**

The military had it right with this one. If you are serious about increasing your strength, try the 100 push-up challenge by going to [www.hundredpushups.com](http://www.hundredpushups.com). Push-ups are not only great for your chest, but do a tremendous job of defining your abs, triceps, shoulders, and torso.

### **Wall Squats**

For the lower body, take a break with this static exercise. Stand with your back facing the wall about two feet from it and lean against it. Then slide down until your knees are at about 90-degree angles and hold, keeping the abs contracted, for 20-60 seconds.

### **Lunges**

The greatest leg workout, the lunge, is done by standing with the feet shoulder-width apart, then stepping forward, landing with the heel first. The knee should be at 90 degrees and directly above the toes. Continue the motion until the back

knee is nearly touching the ground, then return to the starting position. It can be varied so many different ways (side lunge, reverse lunge, walking lunge, crossover lunge).

### **Family Fun**

It's amazing how much exercise you can get just by playing. And the best part is you are interacting with the ones you love. My children and I often do yoga or superman push-ups (using the child as weight). They think it's playtime, but really it is my workout.



**Ashley Hinton-Moncer plays with her son Logan Cole Moncer as a fun way to exercise.**





## SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORS – English Professor and South Africa Native Anthony Vital

### Sindiwe Magona

She writes fiction that shows the influence of her activist work on women's issues in Africa. I look forward eagerly to her next book, *Beauty's Gift*, which examines the impact of HIV/AIDS on South Africa's communities and which will be sure to give voice to women's lives in ways much needed.

### Ingrid de Kok

She has written some of the finest poetry to come from South Africa recently.

### K. Sello Duiker

Before his untimely death at age 31, he wrote fiction that is gritty, disturbing, and that explores the experience of young males trying to survive on the streets of the "new" South Africa.

### J. M. Coetzee

The winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 2003, he always writes narrative that pleases for its brilliant clarity and for the emotional and intellectual demands it makes on its readers.

### Nadine Gordimer

The winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1991 has a large body of work, supplying an extraordinarily rich analysis of South African society through novel and short story. A brilliant, though sometimes difficult, writer, her last novel, *Get A Life*, examines with rich irony the lives of a privileged family and their acquaintances in post-apartheid South Africa.



## FUN WEBSITES –

Library Director Susan Brown

### [Exploratorium.edu/gardening/index.html](http://Exploratorium.edu/gardening/index.html)

Are you new to gardening? Sick of the winter? Do you do all right with plants but don't know why? Explore this fun site to learn about the science of gardening. It's put together by the Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco.

### Salon.com

It's a great site for news and culture.

### Visualthesaurus.com

This is a for-pay site but shows a very interesting way to visualize the relationships of words. You can try it for free.

### Arstechnica.com

Ever wonder about net neutrality? Or the current state of tablets? Read up on that and much more on this site covering technology news.

### Humanclock.com/clock.php

This strangely addictive site tells the time with images submitted by users all over the world. Analog and digital versions are available.



## MUSEUMS –

Art History Professor Nancy Wolsk

### The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

This is the museum I knew first as a youngster, the place where my mother introduced me to painting.

### The Fogg Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

I was assistant curator of drawings there, so got to know the collection from the storerooms up through the galleries—one of the best drawing collections in Western art anywhere. And it's a comfortable, fusty place.

### The Cloisters (Metropolitan Museum of Art), New York City

Bits and pieces of medieval architecture form the setting for cloister gardens for exhibiting important works of medieval art. When I was in graduate school, I used to lead school groups through the museum; I got to know every nook and cranny of the place.

### The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.

The best collection in the world of works by Pierre Bonnard (one of the artists who figured in my doctoral dissertation). Also, because of the environment—a house with comfortable furniture and a reflection of one person's (Duncan Phillips's) consistent taste.

### Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.

Again, the architecture together with the treasures inside make this one of the top. Great collections of Byzantine and Pre-Columbian art coupled with an amazing garden.



## CLASSICAL RECORDINGS – *Transy music faculty*

### **The Powers of Heaven: Orthodox Music of the 17th and 18th Centuries;** *Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir; Paul Hillier, conductor.*

A selection of sacred choral masterworks from the Slavic tradition of "Divine worship." The performances are thrilling; the choir is singing with exceptional blend and purity of tone. And the power of music is evident at every moment. This is music for the soul, for the heart, and for the ear.

—*Gary Anderson*

### **Johannes Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2;** *Rudolf Serkin, piano, with the Cleveland Orchestra; George Szell conducting*

This is the first classical recording that has stayed with me since I fell in love with it at age 10. Serkin's command of subtle rubato and his crystalline cross-rhythms are a perfect match for Szell's unwavering demand of absolute precision and power from his orchestra. —*Larry Barnes*

### **Mari Kimura: Polytopia: Music for Violin and Electronics;** *Bridge Records, 2007*

Mari Kimura is an absolutely brilliant violinist and composer with a passion for performing with electronic and interactive computer technology. She joins the sound of her violin with string-playing robots, strains of recited poetry, a player piano, and other twentieth- and twenty-first-century sound worlds created by composers Jean-Claude Risset, Conlon Nancarrow, Frances White, Robert Rowe, and Tania Leon. —*Tim Polashek*

### **Anton Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 ("Romantic");** *Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Daniel Barenboim conducting (recorded 1973)*

From the crystalline perfection of the pianissimo horn solo at the opening, I was riveted every second upon first hearing this truly transcendent recording. The playing is as good as anything I've ever heard, the venue and the engineering unsurpassed, and the conductor's concept supple and powerful, with a sense of understatement that is usually missing in interpretations of Bruckner. —*Ben Hawkins*

### **Frederic Chopin: 19 Nocturnes;** *Artur Rubinstein collection, vol. 49*

The *Nocturnes* are some of the true gems of the romantic piano literature, but it takes an interpreter with the heart, mind, ears, and hands of Rubinstein to reveal their emotional depth and psychological complexities. With golden sound and impeccable, aristocratic musicianship, this recording will satisfy the most and least experienced listeners; it's a disc that never wears thin. —*Greg Partain*



## VIDEO GAMES – *Computer Science Professor Kenny Moorman '91*

### **Galaga**

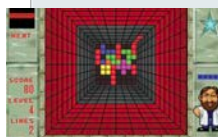
This 1980s arcade game is one of the most playable human-vs-space-alien shoot-em-ups. Running on fairly limited hardware, it still remains my favorite game to fall back on for a quick play session. And, I turned the machine at Gattitown over (>1,000,000 points).



**Kenny Moorman's big win at Gattitown**

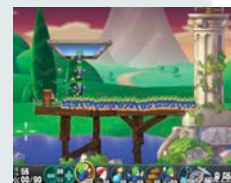
### **Welltris**

A three-dimensional version of Tetris available on the Amiga line of home computers. It's a great time waster; I know this from personal experience.



### **Lemmings**

A fantastic and whimsical game where you try to keep a group of lemmings from killing themselves. You can build walls to contain them, have them dig holes, give them umbrellas to slow their falling, and so on. The high-pitched "oh no!" that the lemmings say if you fail to save them is strangely adorable.



### **Total Annihilation**

An early (mid-90s) real-time strategy game where you act in the role of a commander coordinating the building of various army units to fight a war with your eternal enemy. Although I regularly



lose (badly) to my math colleague Mike LeVan, it is still one of my favorite games to spend an hour or two at.

### **Baldur's Gate**

The first computer role-playing game that I felt came close to having a human running the game. I started to play Dungeons and Dragons in middle school and collected a large number of computer RPGs, but they all fell short in the experience. BG was the first to capture the unique feel of a human game master.



## FILMS – *English Professor Tay Fizdale, Faculty leader of the Transylvania Film Junkies*

### **8½, directed by Federico Fellini**

A brilliant evocation of cinematic writer's block amid the satiric wonders of Italian culture.

### **7 Samurai, directed by Akira Kurosawa**

The greatest samurai film ever made.

### **Stroszek, directed by Werner Herzog**

An offbeat German look at the absurdities of the American dream, complete with a dancing chicken.

### **The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie, directed by Luis Bunuel**

The title says it all, ironically.

### **Happiness, directed by Todd Solandz**

The slickest, sickest American black comedy







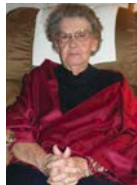
We believe this registration photo was taken in 1960. Do any Transylvania readers recognize themselves, classmates, or professors?

# 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.

'39 **Robert M. Delcamp** and **Dorothy Hackworth Delcamp**, Cincinnati, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in November.

'41 **Lorraine Kerfoot Lawrence**, Cincinnati, bought a Pashmina shawl from Transylvania that is embroidered with the TU logo.



'43 **Martha Jane Stone**, Lexington, retired in October from the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra after 46 years as a cellist.

'49 **Charles W. Bare**, Des Moines, has been the chaplain for his 75th infantry division association for 10 years, giving memorial addresses and writing a monthly column for the newsletter *The Bulge Buster*.

**James P. Graham** is living in Largo, Fla., and would love to hear from his classmates and other friends. His phone number is (727) 535-3993.

'50 **Wallace C. Rose**, Lexington, and his wife, Susie, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary August 2, 2010, and became great-grandparents October 23, 2009.

'55 **Betty Hadus Reneau**, Albany, Ky., was inducted into Clinton County Care & Rehabilitation's Hall of Fame in September for her leadership and volunteerism on behalf of the Clinton County community.

**Autumn J. Stanley**, Portola Valley, Calif., has written a new children's book entitled *Marcie's Daffodil*, which is available from Amazon.com and XLibris. The book is illustrated by watercolor artist Ji Young Lee and tells the story of a little girl waiting for a daffodil to bloom, associating it with her mother's loss of a baby.

'56 **Leonard "Ricky" Rykaczewski**, Vero Beach, Fla., directs the choir at St. Luke's in Barefoot Bay. During the summer he visits his five children and seven grandchildren in New Jersey and Maryland.

'58 **William S. "Smitty" Lucas**, Cumming, Ga., and his wife, Sue, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in 2010. They both love life in Georgia with daughters **Melissa Bernardino '86** and **Susan Ginac '90** and five grandchildren nearby. Smitty sings at 14 nursing homes monthly, in the St. Columba's Episcopal Church choir, and with the Community Playhouse Singers.

'61 **Brents Giltner Oliphant**, Des Moines, substitute teaches and works part time for Weight Watchers. She is also involved with two choirs at her church and serves as an elder.

'68 **Carol Carter Morgan** and **Michael W. Morgan** live in Charleston, S. C., with four grandchildren in the area. Carol has been retired for more than five years and is involved in volunteer work including the Congressional Medal of Honor Convention last fall.

**Michael R. Nichols**, Versailles, Ky., visiting professor of psychology at Transylvania, received the Cheryl



M. Hogle Distinguished Service Award from National Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society in October.

**'69 Sherry Monthie Ederheimer**, Louisville, teaches full time as an online English instructor for JCPSeSchool, a virtual branch of Jefferson County High School, and as an adjunct in the University of Louisville Graduate School of Education. She enjoys her three grandchildren, singing in the church choir, and writing.

**Herschel Sparber**, Los Angeles, has completed his service as a member of the Screen Actors Guild negotiating team that included Morgan Fairchild and Steven Collins. The team helped to close a new three-year deal with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

**'70 Sharon Young Pastras**, Manahawkin, N.J., represented Transylvania in October at the Cumberland County College presidential inauguration.

**Robert E. Swisher**, Richmond, Va., works as a tour guide at the Virginia capitol and invites everyone to come visit.

**'71 Jon M. Alexander**, an attorney practicing law in Crescent City, Calif., has been elected Del Norte County District Attorney. (See article, page 18).

**Oakley H. Coburn**, Spartanburg, S.C., represented Transylvania in October at the Furman University presidential inauguration.

**L. Scott McCauley**, Lexington, has been appointed senior vice president for PNC Wealth Management.

**'73 Martin L. Voiers**, Flemingsburg, Ky., was elected mayor of Flemingsburg and took office on January 1. He had served on the city council since 1986. He is also serving as minister of the Mill Creek Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mason County and is an instructor at Morehead State University in the master of arts in teaching program.

**'74 Brienne H. Loftis**, Plano, Tex., received the Distinguished Service Award 2010 from the American Research Center in Egypt Board of Governors in April 2010. She was recognized for her exceptional service and extraordinary contributions to the organization.

**Larry W. Moore**, Frankfort, Ky., is continuing the work of his late wife, **Jane Chancellor Moore '73**, in the Kentucky Employees Credit Union's Jane Chancellor Moore Gallery, which was named for her in recognition of her work as its curator. Larry is also publishing books under the Broadstone Books imprint.

**'75 Diane Woodford Arnold**, Lexington, retired from Fayette County Public Schools at the end of the 2007-08 school year. She taught for 33 years at Southern Elementary School in Lexington.

**'77 Alyce Sterling Emerson**, Lexington, has completed her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Kentucky College of Education department of leadership studies. She retired after 30 years in the Fayette County school system and continues to work part time in education as well as doing community and volunteer work. Her most recent adventure was volunteering for Lexington's 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games as a loader/greeter in the transportation department. She also enjoys spending time with her husband of 30 years, Wendell, and other family members.

**'79 Nancy L. Allf**, Las Vegas, has been elected to the district court for Clark County, Nevada.

**'80 Libbi Justice Taylor**, Lexington, a realtor with RE/MAX Creative in Lexington for the last six years, was recently elected delegate at-large for the Kentucky Association of Realtors and will serve a three-year term. She also serves as chairwoman of the association's Legislative Quick Response Team and has been elected to the Realtor Political Action Committee. She serves on the government affairs committees for both organizations.

**'81 Vinson W. Miller** became the regimental chaplain, 6th Marine Regiment (2nd Marine Division) in January 2010. In July, as the result of severe injuries, he was transferred to Joint Base Little Creek-Fort Story Chapel in Norfolk, Va. Currently, he's on temporary duty as Acting Regional Chaplain, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

**John E. Oberst**, Monmouth, Ore., was elected



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**Marvin Rabin**

## Rabin presented Lifetime Achievement Award for musical career

**Marvin Rabin '38** was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Music Education, an award given by the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music. He was presented the award at the Madison Area Music Association Awards in May 2010.

Rabin, 94, studied history and political science at Transylvania, but he built a remarkable career in orchestral music. He is emeritus professor of music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and conducted orchestras all over the world, including 48 states, Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Europe. He was the founding director of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras and the Greater Boston Youth Orchestras and founded the National String Workshop. He was a charter member of the Lexington Philharmonic, playing the viola at its first-ever concert.

"I feel very honored and privileged to receive something like this, especially at my age and in my so-called 'retirement years,'" Rabin said. "It's quite a surprise."

He has been honored throughout his career, receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Music Educators Association in 1977, the University of Wisconsin Extension Distinguished Service Award in 1984, the Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic Distinguished Medal of Honor, and the Governor's Award in Support of the Arts in 2000. The American String Teachers Association created the Marvin J. Rabin Award, which is presented to individuals or organizations making contributions in their communities through orchestra. The Wisconsin School Music Association established the Marvin J. Rabin Orchestra Library.

Rabin did a lot for school music programs around Wisconsin and the rest of the country, particularly in times when such programs were struggling financially and on the verge of shutting down. He continues to consult for conducting programs, and he expressed gratitude that he is able to see the fruits of his labor.

"It's very gratifying," he said. "The most gratifying thing is the result of my participation in upgrading string teachers and orchestra programs in Wisconsin. I would not have been able to do that without the support of the University of Wisconsin and their willingness to let me spend a third of my time with the extension program."

The Lifetime Achievement Award was first presented in 2004 to guitar pioneer Les Paul. Rabin is the third person to receive the award.



## Nelson Parker '96

### THIS HARD ROCK BRINGS GOOD LUCK

Getting stuck between a rock and a hard place is a figurative reference to misfortune for most of us, but not for **Nelson Parker '96**. When the words are transposed into the familiar corporate name of Hard Rock Cafe, they become a symbol of opportunity that Parker took advantage of in May 2010 when he became head of development, Americas, for Hard Rock Hotels and Casinos.

Operating under the umbrella of Hard Rock International, headquartered in Orlando and owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the hotels and casinos segment of the company has a growing portfolio of 15 upscale properties. They include beach resorts throughout Asia and high-end properties in locales such as Orlando, Las Vegas, and San Diego. Parker's responsibilities include development opportunities in North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

"Even when I came to Transylvania, I already knew I wanted to work in business in an entrepreneurial way," said Parker, who completed a business administration major (management emphasis) at Transy. "My position at Hard Rock involves me in creating new deals all over the world, but particularly in the Americas. There's a different challenge every day, and I really enjoy that."

Parker's specific duties involve identifying potential locations and franchise, management, and equity partners, as well as planning and executing development initiatives for the proposed properties. Extensive travel and presentations are a big part of his job.

"In the past three months I've visited Puerto Rico, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Columbia, as well as many cities in the U.S.," Parker said. "In my prior positions, I traveled throughout the U.S., the Caribbean, Asia, and Canada. I evaluate opportunities to see if they're a good fit for us as a company and explain what Hard Rock is all about."

Parker typically meets with hotel and casino owners, developers, investors, and government agencies regarding potential hotel, hotel/casino, and casino projects. His role also calls for structuring and negotiating transactions.

His work requires a high degree of analytical and communication skills, abilities that Parker said he honed while at Transylvania.

"In particular, I believe I developed my critical thinking skills, and my writing skills improved exponentially while at Transy. The whole environment there—faculty members and students—was of a very high quality."

The Hard Rock brand name got its start in 1971 in London, England, when two Americans opened the first Hard Rock Cafe. The brand name would eventually go international and become inextricably

linked to the chain's use of rock 'n' roll memorabilia to decorate its cafes. Today, the company has 168 venues in 52 countries, including 132 cafes.

The rock 'n' roll sensibility got its start in 1979 when renowned guitarist Eric Clapton donated a Fender guitar. It has since grown to include more than 72,000 objects, making Hard Rock the holder and exhibitor of the world's largest collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia. Among the treasure trove of classic guitars, posters, costumes, music and lyric sheets, album art, platinum and gold LPs, photographs, and lots more are Jimi Hendrix's Flying V guitar and John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to "Help!"

The company's website includes this statement: "Here's our philosophy of hospitality: rock 'n' roll makes people feel great."

"The rock 'n' roll sensibility is really the core of our company and our brand," Parker said. "We see ourselves as a very authentic representation of rock 'n' roll. And even though our hotels and casinos are a different product from the cafes—they're more upscale and sophisticated—they still have a sampling of rock decor."

Parker brought 14 years of business experience to his position at Hard Rock. His career began just after graduation in 1996 when he joined his family's food products company in Springfield, Mo. He moved to St. Louis in 1998 to accept

a position with Kasten Group, a private equity firm, where he was involved in mergers and acquisitions. He started there as a business analyst and left as investment manager.

Parker got his first taste of the gaming industry in 2003 when he joined Argosy Gaming Company, followed by a stint with Foxwoods Development Company, where he left as vice president of development for resort casino activities to join Hard Rock.

"I loved the gaming industry immediately," he said. "It's a unique business. It's exciting, fun, and has a lot of great components to it—lodging, gaming, food and beverage, hospitality."

And although gaming can be addictive, Parker knows that for the vast majority, it's nothing more than one of the many options for leisure activity.

"You can spend a few hours on the golf course, go shopping, or spend that time in the casino," he said. "I think most people come to a casino with a budget, and their gaming is done in a responsible way. They know the odds are in favor of the casino, but sometimes they get lucky."

Parker lives in Orlando with his wife, Jill, and the couple's 1-year-old daughter, Lily.



—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

for a third term as mayor of Monmouth in November.

**'83 James Drane Stephens**, Eminence, Ky., was elected mayor of Eminence in the November election.

**'85 Mindy Gute Barfield**, Lexington, a partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, received a special recognition award from the Fayette County Bar Association for her work as co-founder of the Fayette County Domestic Violence Advocacy Project and in recognition of her efforts to make equal access to justice a reality to those in need.



**Jennifer Curry Hoertz**, Louisville, is a marriage and family therapist at Brooklawn Child and Family Services working with adolescent boys.

**'86 Gregory J. Mitchell**, Simpsonville, Ky., retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department in September 2009 with the rank of lieutenant. He is currently working in a civilian capacity as the accreditation manager for the Shelbyville Police Department.

**Stephen P. Schindler**, Lexington, has joined the Lexington practice of Colorectal Surgical & Gastroenterology Associates.

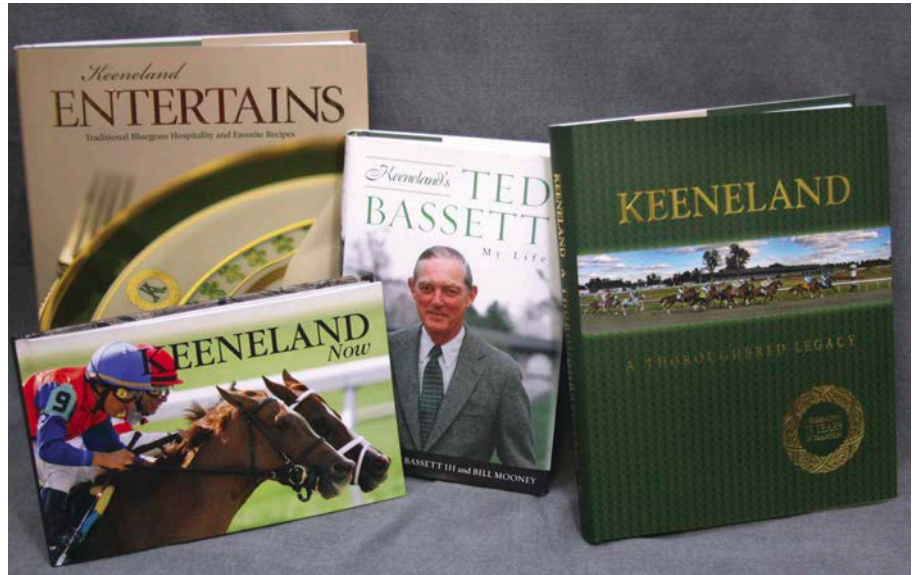
**'87 William O. Cooper**, Nashville, professor of pediatrics and preventive medicine at Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine, has been named director of the newly accredited Master of Public Health program. The program began in 1996, and Bill has served as its associate director since 2001.

**Billy F. Van Pelt**, Lexington, program director for Lexington's Purchase of Development Rights Program, has been elected to a three-year term on the Vestry at Christ Church Cathedral. In May, he graduated from the Midway College MBA program and in June was elected to the LexArts board of directors.

**'88 Lori B. Shelburne**, Lexington, an attorney with Gess Mattingly & Atchison, has been named a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

**H. Lytle Thomas**, Lakeside Park, Ky., has been elected president of the Heritage Bank, which has 10 locations in the northern Kentucky region.

**'90 Dawn J. Wilson**, Louisville, competed in the North American Cup Women's Veteran Saber competition in Cincinnati in October and defeated members



## Bassett, Taylor have new books

An autobiography by Transylvania Life trustee Ted Bassett and three books relating to the 75th anniversary of Keeneland in 2011 that were either produced or co-produced by Transylvania trustee **Fran Taylor '75** were published last year.

Bassett describes his life as a "fascinating blur," but that blur is brought into sharp focus in Keeneland's *Ted Bassett: My Life*, published by the University Press of Kentucky and available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

Written by Bassett and two-time Eclipse Award-winning journalist Bill Mooney, the book chronicles Bassett's extraordinary life, from his days at Kent School and Yale University through his service as a U.S. Marine in the Pacific Theater during World War II, his position as director of the Kentucky State Police during the 1960s, to his more than 40 years with the Keeneland Association in Lexington as president and general manager, chairman of the board, and trustee. He also writes of his tenure as president of the Breeders' Cup and his role as an international ambassador for Thoroughbred horse racing, which made him an influential figure on six continents.

Taylor has produced or helped to produce three books as part of a legacy series developed for Keeneland's 75th anniversary in 2011. Profits from their sale will go to qualified nonprofit agencies through the Keeneland Foundation. All three titles are available at the Keeneland gift shop or at [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com).

Taylor is the co-author, with Keeneland staff photographer Matt Anderson, of *Keeneland Then; Keeneland Now*. One side of this two-sided picture book features sepia-tone photographs chronicling the history of the National Historic Landmark racetrack and auction sales company from its 1935 groundbreaking and 1936 opening day through the 1970s. The other side has full-color photos capturing Keeneland as it looks today.

Taylor is the author of *Keeneland Entertains: Traditional Bluegrass Hospitality and Favorite Recipes*, which illustrates the lifestyle that has evolved around racing and sales at Keeneland and in the Bluegrass. Tips on entertaining range from tailgating to elegant brunches, elaborate dinners for charity, or a children's birthday party. Included are over 260 recipes and a primer on racing.

For *Keeneland: A Thoroughbred Legacy*, Taylor acted as project manager and editor for this collection of articles and photographs from noted contributors that offers fresh insights into the history of Keeneland.

of the world cup veterans team to take the bronze medal. By taking the bronze, Dawn was able to renew her C rating, which allows her to fence in Division I competitions. Dawn has also been appointed to the Human Relations Commission Board and will serve for one year.

**'91 Damon L. Preston** has been appointed deputy public advocate in the Department of Public Advocacy, Kentucky's public defender system. He lives in Georgetown, Ky., with his wife, Amy, and their daughters, Abbie and Marissa.



## Emily Prather Rodgers '04

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN BALANCES HISTORY, FUTURE

#### Emily Prather-Rodgers '04

admittedly didn't spend much time in Transylvania's library.

"I was one of those dorm room studiers; I went to the library only when I had to," she said.

But Transy's library staff made enough of an impact on her studies that she names them as an inspiration in her current position as technical services coordinator at North Central College's Oesterle Library in Chicago.

Prather-Rodgers' job includes managing the library's special collections, which have a special tie back to Kentucky. A bevy of "Lincoln-ania," as she calls it, brings authors and scholars from around the country to study up on our 16th President. The collection includes books and information on Lincoln's life and presidency.

"That gets a lot of attention from scholars; it's unbelievable how many people are writing books about Lincoln still today," she said.

In addition, one of the more unusual treasures is a collection of signatures from almost every U.S. President from George Washington through Richard Nixon. Washington's is particularly rare. His signature is on a land survey he did when he was 16 years old.

Other pieces include a 1632 first edition of Galileo's *Dialogue* and a jazz music library. Being the curator of the special collections is right up the alley for Prather-Rodgers, who was an art history major at Transylvania.

"That actually worked out really well," she said. "I interned at the University of Kentucky art museum, and that steered me in the direction of, 'OK, this is really interesting, but I don't want to work at a museum.' Then this sort of fell into my lap, because we're similar in that we're collecting things and offering them to the public. There's no point in having the special collection if it's not being used by people."

Prather-Rodgers gets to wear a lot of hats at the small liberal arts institution. Another one of her main responsibilities is to manage the library's catalog, which includes the traditional collection of physical books and a growing number of online texts that she says are changing the way higher-education students around the world study and research.

"Our goal is to go as paperless as we can with our journals and things like that because we know that students prefer to get their stuff from their dorm rooms at 3 o'clock in the



morning," she said. "In a lot of ways, it's made the research process easier. It's right there; everything's online."

North Central students executed more than half a million database searches in the 2010 fiscal year and used 265,000 online articles. The library has also begun purchasing e-books, which allow students to flip through entire books on their computers or electronic reading devices. Gone are the days of physical library buildings being the only places students can get their materials.

"They can use the e-books as mini-databases," Prather-Rodgers said. "For the most part, people don't read a whole book when they're doing research. It used to be that you flipped to the index of a book, found the information you needed, and went from there. This is taking it a step further and making it much easier to get right to the

piece you need without going to the rest of the book."

Some traditionalists may scoff at the idea that being able to skip major parts of a book or journal is a good thing, and Prather-Rodgers understands the sentiment. She said there are challenges to giving students a sort of free online reign over the materials they use.

"You may miss out on that serendipitous discovery that you would get if you had a book in your hand," she said. "And there's so much (online) that's not good. We have no problem with (online user-generated encyclopedia) Wikipedia, but we have to make sure students know not to use it as a source."

Interaction with both students and the public in so many different venues is Prather-Rodgers's favorite part of her position. She gets to have significant contact with students through in-person conversation and online presence.

"Even though I didn't take a lot of time in Transy's library, I knew who the librarians were and felt comfortable approaching them," Prather-Rodgers said. "We had that one-on-one contact. I appreciated that as a student, and now I want to be able to do that for students. They may not step foot in the door. But I'm always surprised how many students, even on the first day of classes, are in the library studying. Despite the challenges of a small building, it's really a popular place on campus."

—TYLER YOUNG

## Marcie Hawkins Smith turns environmental awareness into environmental change

**Marcie Hawkins Smith '09** has been interested in environmental advocacy ever since she got to Transylvania, and now, as a volunteer with SustainUS, she has a chance to speak her mind to the most influential policymakers in the world.

SustainUS, the U.S. Youth Network for Sustainable Development, has been sending young volunteers to United Nations Framework Conventions on Climate Change for over 10 years, and Smith has gone to the last three hoping to influence negotiations. The last conference, held over the first two weeks of December 2010, was in Cancún, Mexico.

Smith and 20 other American volunteers with SustainUS took a three-pronged approach to having their voices heard at the convention.

"We have three avenues for affecting the process at meetings like that," Smith said. "You can affect the policymakers themselves, kind of traditional lobbying; you can do media outreach, getting stories in the paper about what's going on so that people are aware; and you have actions, staging highly visual displays that make statements."

A large part of her work was with the latter. The organization recruited hundreds of volunteers in the U.S. to be "rapid responders" who received messages from Smith's group about what topics were being discussed at the meetings and what kinds of actions they could take to raise awareness about those issues.

"In Cancún, one of the really big issues that was being debated was mitigation targets, how much are countries going to pledge to reduce their carbon pollution," she said. "Part of what we do, in conjunction with other civil society organizations, is really examine evidence ourselves and figure out what we think just and effective mitigation targets would be. Once we've decided that, we can start advancing those messages in the media and to those policymakers themselves."

SustainUS is an entirely volunteer-run organization that was founded and managed by young people. Part of the intrigue of working with an organization like this is meeting so many concerned people like herself.

"With the U.N. process, a really exciting thing is being involved with young people from around the world," Smith said. "It's not just young people from the United States that showed up in Cancún, it's young people from across the world, and working with these extremely inspiring people is hands down the most rewarding part of the whole experience."

**'93 Jacques R. Brousseau**, Richmond, Va., has been elected chapter adviser for the Lambda Chi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He welcomes any Pikes in the Washington, D.C., and Virginia areas to contact him via Facebook for alumni activities.

**Catherine Roberts Eads**, Duluth, Ga., achieved membership in the Osborne Books and More President's Club for the spring and fall terms of 2010. This award is given to consultants who reach personal and group sales growth and team growth in the top five percent of the company. Cathy was also seventh in school and library sales for 2009 and 11th in matching grants for 2009.

**Amy Collignon Gunn**, St. Louis, a personal injury plaintiff attorney with The Simon Law Firm, has been named a 2010 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyer.

**Joey A. Tucker**, Lexington, has been promoted to manager of Milward Funeral Directors' new location on Trent Boulevard.

**'94 William Dale Amburgey**, Springfield, Pa., was awarded a master of science degree in business intelligence from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia in May 2010. He was selected for membership in the Alpha Iota Delta and Beta Gamma Sigma academic honoraries and awarded the MS Business Intelligence Award. His thesis was selected for publication in the International Journal of Business Intelligence Research.

**Brent P. Little**, Atlanta, is assistant professor of cardiothoracic radiology at Emory University in Atlanta.

**Sam E. Lucas**, Los Angeles, passed the Kentucky Bar exam and was sworn in to the Kentucky Bar in December. He continues to practice family law/estate planning in Los

Angeles but will also practice estate planning for Kentucky clients. His website is LucasLegal.com.

**Patricia A. Pankey**, West Haven, Utah, will be moving back with the U.S. Air Force to Ohio next summer, and she looks forward to reconnecting with friends. She and her husband, Kirk, will miss the skiing, but their horses won't miss all the snow.

**'95 Shelby Spanyer Hartmann** married Thomas Hartmann in 2009 and moved to Coronado, Calif. Shelby is an attorney at Walter Lansden Dortch & Davis as well as owner of Take Flight Multisport, a triathlon and endurance sports coaching business.

**'96 Natasa Pajic Mongiardo**, Lexington, Transylvania's director of alumni programs, was elected president of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Kentucky for 2011. CASE Kentucky is the state chapter of alumni, communications, and development professionals.

**Stacy N. Taylor** has been named fundraising director for Global Witness, an environmental and human rights organization in London, England.

**'97 Rebecca Bianchi Gulock** lives in Somerset, Ky., with her husband, Scott, and their three children, Anna-Marie, 7, Grayson, 5, and newborn Gage. She enjoys working part time from home coordinating therapeutic services for developmentally delayed children in the First Steps Program, Kentucky's early intervention program.

**Sarah Magruder Lyle**, Alexandria, Va., has been named vice president of external affairs for America's Natural Gas Alliance in Washington, D.C.

**Charles E. "Chip" McElearney** and his wife, Sandra Love, live in Seattle, where Chip is attending Seattle University School of Law.

**Hope Tipton**, Baltimore, has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath.



**'98 Kirsten Winn Carr**, Portland, Ore., has opened a solo family practice clinic and invites classmates and friends to visit her website at themfcc.com or follow the progress of the clinic on Facebook under Multnomah Family Care Center.

**'00 Erica N. Johnson**, Lexington, received her Ph.D. in educational policy studies and higher education from the Uni-



versity of Kentucky College of Education in May 2010.

**Erin Smallwood Wathen**, Glendale, Ariz., a Disciples of Christ pastor at Foothills Christian Church in Glendale, was awarded the 2010 Fred Craddock Award for Excellence in Preaching in August. The award is presented annually by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in partnership with the Craddock Center to an individual who exhibits outstanding skills in the pulpit.

**Kristie L. Young**, Nashville, is finishing her pediatric cardiology fellowship at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University.

**'01 April Sample Matiassek**, Chesapeake, Va., has begun her radiology residency at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.

**'02 Jeffrey B. Sharp**, Lexington, has been elected secretary of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Kentucky for 2011. Prior to his appointment, he served as president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of the Bluegrass. Jeff is a senior loan officer at Walden Mortgage Group in Lexington.

**David J. Verville**, Lexington, has joined American Founders Bank as assistant vice president/portfolio manager and team leader.



**'04 Rachel B. Goodman**, Gulfport, Fla., has joined the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in their Sarasota office as an associate in the litigation and bankruptcy, insolvency, and creditors' rights departments.

**'06 Mary Rose French**, Lexington, has been promoted to store manager of Dots at Regency Center in Lexington. She is one of the youngest store managers in her company and was promoted from sales associate to store manager in less than four years.

**Jonathan B. Hall**, Tustin, Calif., has been named senior pastor of the First Christian Church in Ventura, Calif.

**David L. Haney**, Louisville, graduated from the University of Louisville law school and passed the Kentucky Bar exam. He is currently employed in the legal department of E.ON U.S. (Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas & Electric) as a law clerk.

**J. Christopher Rose**, Elizabethtown, Ky., is an attorney in his hometown of Kingsport,



**Natasa Pajic '96 and Vincent Anthony Mongiardo '89 were married on December 29, 2010. Pictured, from left: Lorna Petty Harrell '69, Laura Weathersby '96, Deana Ison '95, Aimee Paul '96, Leigh Ann Jordan '94, Nathan Underwood '98, Melissa Keach Underwood '98, Natasa and Vince, Daniel Mongiardo '82, Matt Morton '89, Stephanie Dixon Sutphin '89, Ryan Atkinson '91 and Dave Johnson '92.**

Tenn., at the law firm of West and Rose. After graduating from Appalachia School of Law in May 2009, he passed both the Tennessee Bar and the Virginia Bar.

**'07 Mary V. Goldie**, Lexington, has joined the Latitude Arts Community of Lexington's LifeLab program. She received her master's degree in social anthropology from Goldsmiths, University of London in fall 2008.

**A. Dillon Lawson**, Louisville, an assistant baseball coach at Morehead State University, has been named head coach of the Kentucky Baseball Club's 13-year-old White team.



**David T. Riley**, Mayfield, Ky., (right, in photo) graduated in December with

his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law and his M.A. from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. In September 2011, he'll begin a federal judicial clerkship with Chief Judge Thomas Russell (left) in the Western District of Kentucky. Within the past six months, he has had the opportunity to meet two U.S. Supreme Court Justices, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito.

**'08 Emily M. Richardson**, Nashville, is working at Whole Foods and enrolled at Lipscomb University working on a master's degree in sustainable food systems.

**'09 Allison Asay Duvall**, Lexington, qualified in November for the World



**Mary Kathryn Shuffett '07 and Jamie Noonan were married on July 3, 2010. From left: Haley Riney '07, Christy Sutherland '07, Matt Berry '05, Karen Bucy Berry '97, Kay Kay Speer Berry '06, Neil Barry '08, Robert Kapp '06, Jamie and Mary, Kevin Fisher '05, Jonathan Kincheloe '05, Brooke Kincheloe '06, Rachel Wilson '07, Kim West '07, April Young '07, and Courtney Johnson '07.**

Irish Dancing Championships to be held in Dublin, Ireland, in April. She is the first dancer from the Kentucky McTeggart Irish Dancers to qualify for this prestigious event.

**'10 Raymond S. "Trey" Kramer**, Versailles, Ky., has joined The Louisville Lightning of the Professional Arena Soccer League as goalkeeper.

## Marriages

**Ana-Claudia Everton '92** and James Dunne, November 21, 2010

**Charles Edmond "Chip" McElearney '97** and Sandra Love, November 5, 2010

**Kendall Hunt '00** and Matt Anderson,

December 31, 2010  
**Lisa Jean Merlo '00** and William Greene, August 28, 2010  
**Karen Marie Wall-Hughes '00** and Steven Brent Anderson, September 24, 2010  
**Kristie Lynn Young '00** and Matthew A. Borgman, July 3, 2010  
**Stephanie Jamie-Lynn Ketron '01** and Samuel Adam Schallock, September 25, 2010  
**Paul Dong Hyun Kim '01** and Eun Yeong Jeong, September 25, 2010  
**Bethany Carol Cox '05** and **William Alexander Wilson '05**, August 28, 2010  
**Cole Mahone Adams '06** and Mark B. Maier, October 15, 2010  
**Robert Lee Kapp IV '06** and Emily Austin Rhoads, November 20, 2010  
**Christopher Combs Coldiron '07** and **Kayleigh Laura Witt '09**, May 15, 2010  
**Elizabeth Perri Browning '08** and **Brent Allen Roach '08**, March 13, 2010  
**Kylie Sheridan Stocker '08** and Joshua Qualls, November 11, 2010



**Allison Ashley Asay '09** and **Clay Thomas Duvall '09**, September 4, 2010

**Denise Daniela Sachtler '09** and Justin David Luedeke, August 28, 2010

## Births

**Kimberly Beth Johnson '94** and Joel Northwall, a son, Garrett William Northwall, September 10, 2010  
**William D. Jones '96** and Heather Jones, twin daughters, Scarlett Jewel Jones and Ruby Helena Jones, September 17, 2010  
**Rebecca Bianchi Gulock '97** and Scott Gulock, a son, Gage Charles Gulock, October 4, 2010  
**Gregory O. Shenton '97** and Kara Shenton, a son, Logan Mitchell Shenton, April 13, 2010



**Benjamin J. Bentley '98** and Hope Bentley, a daughter, Andolyn Sophia Bentley, September 14, 2010

**Julie M. McDonnell '98** and Steve Klimesh, a son, Connor Alexander Klimesh, June 1, 2010



**Adam C. Simon '98** and Samantha Wirth Simon, a son, Logan Ansel Simon, December 7, 2010

**Amy Kidd Crittenden '99** and **R. Benjamin Crittenden '99**, a daughter, Beatrice Anne Crittenden, October 21, 2010

**Erin Smallwood Wathen '00** and Jeremy Wathen, a son, Silas Ray Wathen, October 22, 2010



**John M. Davidson '01** and Kristen Davidson, a son, Calvin John Davidson, May 28, 2010

**Ann Jonczy Pendley '01** and Daniel Pendley, a daughter, Lucy Jeanne Pendley, November 30, 2010

**Elizabeth Harrell RoBards '01** and John RoBards, a daughter, Riley Elizabeth RoBards, May 18, 2010

**Joseph B. Conrad '02** and **Lori Anderson Conrad '04**, a son, Lucas Vincent Conrad, October 30, 2010



**Kristen L. Byrd '02** and **Daniel T. Smith '02**, a son, Daniel Tysen Smith III, October 25, 2010

**Christina Henson DeYoung '02** and Keith DeYoung, a daughter, Hailey Anne DeYoung, October 12, 2010

**Joseph C. Williams '02** and **Ellen Underwood Williams '02**, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Williams, October 7, 2010

**Cameron Culbertson '03** and **Serena Britt Culbertson '04**, a daughter, Anne Merry Culbertson, December 12, 2010



**Rebecca Klausung Frazer '04** and Tyler Frazer, a son, Tyson James Frazer, October 6, 2010

**Kathleen Frommeyer Segura '05** and Patrick Segura, a son, Gage Arthur Segura, July 30, 2010



**Jessie Goodloe Field '06** and Matt Field, a daughter, Ella Rue Field, November 7, 2010



**Trista Johnson Opell '06** and Eric Opell, a son, Joseph Ryan Opell, November 7, 2010

**Rebecca Reiling Redden '06** and Jason Redden, a daughter, Chloe Noelle Redden, October 28, 2010

**Brian C. Fox '08** and **Jennifer Broughton Fox '11**, a son, Cameron James Fox, October 7, 2010

## Obituaries

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Juanita Randolph Chakerian '28**, Corvallis, Ore., died December 11, 2010. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was the adopted daughter of Kentucky U.S. Senator Mills Logan and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Fannie Sue Johnson Noltemeyer '31**, Louisville, died October 24, 2010. She was a member of the Glee Club and the YWCA. She received an education degree and later earned her doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

**Mary-Ingle McGill Shelton '35**, Fort Worth, Tex., died December 10, 2010. She was president of Chi Omega sorority, with which she stayed active for years, including delivering the memorial address at the Chi Omega National Convention in 1982. She was also president of her senior class and was elected Miss Transylvania. She was involved in the Panhellenic Society, Lampas, Pi Kappa Delta, Stagecrafters, band, and the glee club.

**Franklin Moosnick '36**, Lexington, died January 4, 2011. He was a medical pioneer in Kentucky and nationally, developing a cardiopulmonary resuscitation program for physicians and paramedics in Lexington. He was one of the champions for polio immunization in central Kentucky and was recognized for his diagnosis and treatment of the disease. He had an internal medicine practice for 48 years and was an attending physician at Good Samaritan, St. Joseph, and Central Baptist hospitals in Lexington.

**Evelyn Ballingal Orme '41**, Louisville, mother of **Ann Orme Windley '65**, died October 18, 2010. She was a teacher in Fayette County Schools until her retirement in 1982.

**Lorraine Landrus Meyer '43**, Houston, died April 7, 2010. She graduated with degrees in theater and English. She was president of Phi Mu sorority.

**Glen M. Foster '44**, Lexington, died October 26, 2010. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He worked for IBM for 23 years.

**Ann Elizabeth Wainscott '44**, Hilton Head Island, S.C., died July 19, 2010. She was involved in Stagecrafters and the choir. She was inducted into the Robert Barr Society in 1994.

**James R. Dodson '47**, San Antonio, died September 21, 2010. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He received a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary and became a mis-



## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Alumni travel destinations

**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—first come, first served.

**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—first come, first served.

**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 \$2,589 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but before May 26, 2011.

For a trip brochure, go to [www.alumni.transy.edu](http://www.alumni.transy.edu) or contact Tracy Dunn '90, assistant director of alumni programs, at (859) 233-8512 or [tdunn@transy.edu](mailto:tdunn@transy.edu).

### Ways to stay connected

There are lots of ways to keep up with your alma mater and fellow alumni:

**[www.alumni.transy.edu](http://www.alumni.transy.edu)** — Alumni online community, where you may register for alumni events and browse the alumni directory for the latest news on classmates.

**[www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni)** — If you are on Facebook, this is the quickest way to get alumni news and information on events.

**<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gId=3021249>** — If you are interested in professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn.

### Transy hosts luncheon at DOC General Assembly

Make plans now to attend the Transylvania luncheon at the General Assembly of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Nashville on Tuesday, July 12, at 12:15 p.m. at the Nashville Renaissance Hotel. Cost per person is \$20. For more information, contact Tracy Dunn '90, assistant director of alumni programs, at (800) 487-2679, (859) 233-8512, or [tdunn@transy.edu](mailto:tdunn@transy.edu).

### 2011 Pioneer Hall of Fame celebration to be held in conjunction with Transy Golf Classic

Join Transylvania's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2011 Pioneer Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner on Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the William T. Young Campus Center.

The Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble, will take place the next day, 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 Hall of Fame dinner or the tournament, contact Jack Ebel '77, director of athletics, at (859) 233-8548 or [jebel@transy.edu](mailto:jebel@transy.edu), or Natasa Pajic Mongiardo '96, director of alumni programs, at (859) 233-8213 or [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

### Let's go for four in a row in Battle of the Bumpers

Transylvania alumni, students, parents, and friends purchased 768 Transylvania license plates in 2010. That number ensured a third straight win over second-place Centre College and third-place Georgetown College in the annual Battle of the Bumpers with the other independent colleges in Kentucky. Let's make it four in a row in 2011.

Cost of the license plate is \$44 the first year and \$31 in subsequent years to renew. Personalization is available for an extra \$25. Take photo identification, vehicle title, and proof of insurance to the county clerk's office. Vehicle owners with regular issue "Unbridled Spirit" license plates must return the old plate to the county clerk's office to obtain a Transy plate. If you already have a Transy plate, please renew it each year.

For more information visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System website at <http://mvl.ky.gov>.

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sionary to Congo, Africa.

**Carolyn Crossfield Angelotti '48**, Inverness, Fla., wife of **Robert Angelotti '50** and sister of **Ann Crossfield Jones '50**, died July 13, 2010. She was a member of Lambda Omega sorority, Lampas, the Panhellenic Council, the YWCA, the Association of Women Students, and the Transy Day Community.

**Elizabeth Cavinall Bell '49**, Campbellsburg, Ky., died December 9, 2010.

**Robert C. Barker '51**, Gary, Ind., husband of **Lida McCaw Barker '49**, died October 18, 2010. He received a degree in music and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, musical productions, and intramural sports. He was inducted into the Robert Barr Society in 2001.

**Marion Spears Lacker '51**, Hanover, Va., wife of **William R. Lacker '51**, died January 3, 2011. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority, of which she served as District IV alumnae director. She was also active in Lampas and Arena Summer Theatre, and she was president of Delta Theta.

**Mary Green Shiner '51**, Glen Allen, Va., died October 4, 2010. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and graduated with degrees in business administration and foreign languages. She was president of the Association of Women Students and was involved with Playmakers and the YWCA.

**Joel Frisch '53**, Rockville, Md., died April 11, 2010. He graduated with an economics degree and worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for 32 years.

**Robert C. "Peter" Moon '57**, Edgewood, Ky., husband of **Jacquelyn McPhearson Moon '59**, died November 14, 2010. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and earned a philosophy degree.

**George V. Forbes '59**, Lexington, died September 27, 2010. He played on the baseball team.

**Ronald E. Warfel '63**, Boynton Beach, Fla., father of **Robin M. Warfel '87**, died September 22, 2010. He was president of Circle K and was on the T-Day committee. He graduated with a degree in business administration.

**Marjorie Peace Lenn '68**, Alexandria, Va., died October 16, 2010. She served as president of Sigma Kappa sorority and was a member of Lampas. She received Transylvania's Distinguished Achievement Award in 1998 for her role as founding president of the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education, which she had served since 1991. She had previously worked as vice president of the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

**Thomas G. Williams '69**, Bardstown, Ky., died



## Longtime psychology professor Richard Honey dies

**Richard David Honey '58**, Gerry, N.Y., died May 3, 2010. Honey, 82, taught psychology at Transylvania from 1964-91. He was also a clinical psychology consultant to the Veterans Administration from 1967-73.

Honey began his Transylvania career as a 27-year-old student following a stint in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. A member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, Honey graduated from Transylvania with a degree in psychology and was a student assistant to the late psychology professor Hahns Hahn. He had planned to go into the ministry until he earned a Danforth Fellowship, which he could not use to go to seminary. Instead, he went to the University of Chicago, where he earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He worked as a psychologist at the Psychiatric Institute of Chicago until the late Transylvania Vice President of Academic Affairs Leland Brown convinced him to return to Transylvania to teach.

Over his 27 years at Transylvania, Honey was known as a no-nonsense professor who instilled his passion for psychology into his students.

"To do well in his class, you had to arrive 30-40 minutes early," Ingrid Allen '89, associate director of admissions, said. "He would hand-write all of his class notes on the board, and you had to get there early or you wouldn't have time to write them all down and listen to his lecture."

"He loved psychology and was very protective of it," registrar Jim Mills said. "If you wanted to be a psych major, you had to cut the mustard, as Dick saw it. On occasion, Dick would get on his high horse and let the rest of the faculty know how he saw an issue, but he was always caring of students. He had a warm smile and was a kind person."

Honey's commitment to his work saw him recognized throughout his life and career. In addition to serving as program chair, he earned a Distinguished Service Award from Transylvania in 1991 and was included in *Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care* in 1997-98.

"Dr. Honey was legendary for having almost 24-hour office hours," Allen said. "He was always available outside of the classroom and more than willing to meet with you one-on-one. I took his general psychology class as a first-year student, and it inspired me to major in psychology and go on to do my master's work in clinical psychology."

"I remember him being very supportive of me as a young registrar, something I appreciated a great deal," Mills said. "As Transylvania moves through the years, it would be a shame for us to forget people such as Dr. Honey. He championed the cause, carrying the baton honorably and passing it on when the time had come."

November 12, 2010. He was a member of Lampas, the basketball and baseball teams, and he served as Student Government Association treasurer, vice president of his senior class, and head basketball trainer. He majored in physical education, sociology, and economics.

**James W. Price '75**, St. Louis, brother of **Steven R. Price '81**, died November 9, 2010. He was a member of the Transylvania Science Honorarium, the International Communications Club, the Holleian Society, and the *Rambler* staff. He graduated with a degree in chemistry and went on to become medical director of Group Health Plan. He earned his M.D. from the University of Louisville.

**Jeffrey Douglas Hager '92**, Faber, Va., died

September 28, 2010. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and received degrees in biology and history. He earned a master's degree in biology from William and Mary College and worked as an archaeologist and research biologist.

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





## A TRANSYLVANIA LOVE STORY

**Wayne '40** and **Virginia Marsh '44 Bell** were college sweethearts when Wayne was pursuing graduate work in the College of the Bible (then located on the Transy campus) and Virginia was a Transy student. As they approach their 67th wedding anniversary this June, they look back on their Transy days with fond memories and gratitude for the education they received.

"I've always felt I got the very best education at Transylvania," said Virginia.

"I am very indebted to being in a school that concentrated on teaching you to think, not just to memorize things, and one that prodded you to develop your sense of values," said Wayne.

Virginia has become a pioneer in the field of Alzheimer's care, and Wayne is a former president of Lexington Theological Seminary. The couple raised five children, three of whom graduated from Transylvania.

They have chosen to give back to Transylvania through the creation of a charitable gift annuity that provides them with a regular income at a very favorable interest rate. Both feel a sense of responsibility to help provide for coming generations, just as others provided for them.

"One of the things that gives meaning to life is to care about what happens to other people, even after you're gone. Others supported us in our Transy years, and we are glad to be able to support future generations of students."

—Virginia Marsh Bell '44

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## An en-chanting evening



The haunting sounds of medieval chant were intertwined with music from Renaissance, contemporary, folk, and gospel sources when the a cappella singing group *Anonymous 4* presented the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert in Haggin Auditorium December 8. Above, from left are Susan Hellauer, Marsha Genensky, Ruth Cunningham, and Jacqueline Horner-Kwiatek. Right: The group also offered instruction to the Transylvania Singers, the university's women's a cappella group. Photos by Joseph Rey Au.

