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*Students from physical education/exercise science professor Sharon Brown's course Nutrition and Energy Balance visit Berries on Bryan Station Organic Farm, where they worked in the fields digging sweet potatoes, picking golden raspberries, and gathering eggs. From left, Tabitha Keown '11, senior Charles Mayhem, senior Kennedy Barnes, and Corey Rogers '11.*

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Angela Dossett is Transylvania's sustainability coordinator. For an overview of the university's sustainability initiatives, see article on page 16.

Photo by Joseph Rey Au

## Professors give Lexington residents 'Good Morning' message

Perceptive eyes in Lexington may have noticed a strange message slowly making its way across the sign of the now-demolished American Inn on New Circle Road last summer. Some poignant, some cryptic, new phrases appeared on the sign almost every day for several weeks.

The source can now be traced back to Transylvania and the Creative Disruption course that art professor Kurt Gohde and English professor Kremena Todorova taught during May term 2011.

For part of their credit, students had to do one creative disruption per day, pulling stunts that shook up normalcy. Gohde and Todorova couldn't just sit by while their students had all the fun; they decided to join in as well. Gohde had been interested in the old sign, which advertised a motel that was torn down approximately eight years ago. The two debated what to do with it—Gohde wanted to write trick questions about the United States to commemorate Todorova's recent citizenship test, and she wanted to display the first lines of great American novels. They ultimately settled on the lyrics to a song called "Good Morning" by Vandaveer, an alternative rock band fronted by Mark Charles Heidinger '00.

"Vandaveer had recorded a song using another project we did, and it worked out great," Gohde said. "They gave us a CD called *A Minor Spell*, and we liked the song and decided we would put the lyrics on the sign and change the letters every day."

The professors went to the sign in the middle of the night, and Todorova managed to figure out how to get the letters out—"She has

a reach like a basketball player," Gohde said.

After making replica letters that were missing, they went to work, returning each night to change the sign to a new line from the song. They spray painted marks in the parking lot to show where to set up a tripod and photographed the sign each day.

"Kurt originally wanted to just do it until the end of the class, but we didn't realize it would take so long to get the whole song up," Todorova said. "It took us the whole summer to do."

They had some fun with it as well, even displaying the word "welcome" in Bulgarian when Todorova's mother came to Lexington

to visit.

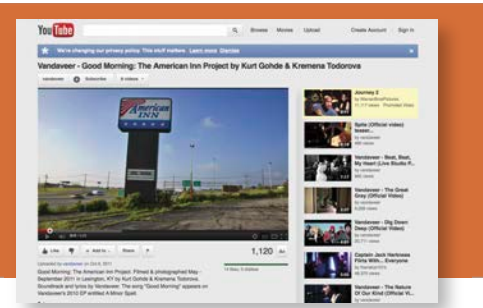
Eventually, after a run-in with a suspicious Lexington police officer, they realized nobody was going to make a fuss if they were caught, so they started going during the day, getting photos of themselves changing the sign. They took all the photos and compiled them into a stop-motion video that was synced with the song and sent it to Heidinger, who had no idea what they were up to.

"We sent him the video while they were on tour, and they saw it and really liked it," Gohde said. "They came to Lexington on their tour, and we thought it would be cool for them to play it live with the video in the background. It's a song they never play, so it took them several tries to get it to sync right, but they did it."

With a full-fledged multimedia project on their hands, Gohde and Todorova presented their work at the Little/Gaines Collaborative Artist Series, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Gaines Center, in November. After their talk, a man came up to them who had suffered a flat tire while riding his bicycle on that section of New Circle Road. Frustrated, he had happened to catch a glimpse of the sign, which at the time was displaying a melancholy phrase—Gohde and Todorova aren't sure which one—and he said he felt like he was almost being mocked by it. But after riding past it several more times and seeing the new messages, he realized the sign wasn't meant to be forlorn—but it was art, and he started to enjoy seeing what it would say next, not knowing at the time that he was the recipient of a creative



Kurt Gohde



English professor Kremena Todorova and art professor Kurt Gohde put lyrics on the American Inn sign. To see the "Good Morning" video, go to <http://bit.ly/goodmorningvandaveer>.



**Lee Richardson**

## Richardson is a Rhodes Scholarship finalist

**Senior Lee Richardson** was very well prepared for his Rhodes Scholarship finalist interview, but that didn't mean the Rhodes panel wasn't capable of throwing him a curve ball or two in the way it posed its questions.

"Probably the most difficult question that threw me off a bit at first involved a hypothetical situation where I was dealing with a deficit reduction plan for the United States government," Richardson said. "The committee could cut \$500 million from the budget of either Medicare or the National Endowment for the Arts.

"I thought they would ask me to choose one and defend it, but they told me to make a case for cutting Medicare and saving the arts. They did this, knowing full well that healthcare was my passion and my future career."

In his response, Richardson said he referenced the importance of the arts and crafts heritages of places like Berea, Ky., and even threw in a James Joyce reference when he pictured the arts as offering "portals of discovery" that can illuminate the past and show us our mistakes as well as our triumphs.

The experience of stretching his mind and fielding the interesting questions coming from the panel members was a highlight of what Richardson took away from his Rhodes application, preparation, and interview process.

As one of 12 finalists in District IX, which includes Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, Richardson was invited to Indianapolis in November for the interview that would determine the two winners from that group. Though he was not offered a Rhodes Scholarship, just being a finalist put him in an elite group of 830 finalists from 299 colleges and universities across the country.

"We are all very proud of Lee for being selected a Rhodes finalist," said President R. Owen Williams. "We congratulate him on his extraordinary accomplishment and for carrying the Transylvania

banner in such an exemplary manner."

Richardson gives a fair amount of credit to the Transylvania community for helping him get as far as he did.

"When it was learned that I had an interview, President Williams was on the phone to professors and people from the Lexington professional community, asking them to come in and help me prepare through mock interviews," he said. "I also had one-on-one interviews with my professors, trying to understand the process of reflecting on my past by reviewing what I had learned in their courses. The Rhodes organization values that exercise very much."

The experience also left him with lasting benefits.

"Believe in yourself" is something very important that I got out of this," Richardson said. "It may sound trite, but I felt that, even though I didn't get the scholarship, I was very competitive for it. Afterwards, several of the judges told me that I had held my own against the two winners, who were from Princeton and Harvard. They said, 'If you're like the other students at Transylvania, then we are very impressed with your institution.'"

Richardson is a biochemistry and Spanish double major from Nicholasville, Ky., and a recipient of a Transylvania Scholarship. He has a strong interest in Latin America, as shown by his extracurricular activities. He has been to Ecuador as a medical intern, Costa Rica for storm relief, and Mexico to construct sustainable housing for homeless families.

As an aspiring physician, Richardson has been applying and interviewing at medical schools and is also applying for a Fulbright research grant to study sexual health, education, and youth in Ecuador.

"Transylvania has given me this environment where I can succeed, not only in the classroom but outside of it as well," Richardson said. "It has helped me with the crucial process of evaluating myself, understanding why I have been drawn to things I have already achieved, and seeing how that projects into my future."

## Covert new associate vice president for advancement

It was homecoming for **Kara Little Covert '90** when she rejoined the Transylvania staff in January as associate vice president for advancement.

Covert, who previously worked in admissions and development at Transylvania, has more than 20 years of higher education administrative experience. She returned to her alma mater from her position as associate vice president for development at Eastern Kentucky University.

Covert is in charge of a newly formed major gifts section that will play a key role in fund-raising efforts as Transylvania aims to expand enrollment and create new academic and student-life programs over the coming years.

"The university's plans for

expansion and progress are more extensive than any we have envisioned before," she said. "It will take exceptional leadership from individuals, corporations, and foundations to help us realize those goals."

Covert feels the university's move toward becoming a somewhat larger school and enhancing its academic and campus-life offerings is in tune with the times.

"There have been points in the history of higher education when you could maintain the status quo and do very well, but we're not in one of those periods now," she said. "Partly because of economic factors, people are in a different frame of mind. You have to be that much better to even catch somebody's attention, and then

make sure they believe you are an institution they can invest in wisely."

Kirk Purdom, vice president for advancement, believes Covert's experience in higher education makes her a perfect fit for her new position.

"Kara has worked in every area of development, from annual fund to major gifts, and has proven her abilities in a small college setting from her earlier work at Transylvania," he said. "Her undergraduate experience here gives her great insight into what makes this college tick. We are delighted to have her rejoin our staff and take on this critical fund-raising responsibility."

After completing her Transylvania bachelor's degree with a psychology major and English



**Kara Little Covert**

minor, Covert earned a master's of education in institutional advancement from Vanderbilt University. She was an admissions counselor at Transylvania from 1991-93, then joined Washington University in St. Louis, working in the alumni office and the annual fund program. She returned to Transylvania in 1996 and was director of annual giving and director of development before leaving for EKU in 2003.

## Prominent Kentucky poet Maurice Manning joins Transylvania faculty

Transylvania University has hired notable **Kentucky poet Maurice Manning** as professor of English. He will join the faculty full time in September; until then he will organize readings on campus during the winter and May terms.



**Maurice Manning**

Manning, who currently resides at his farm in Washington County, Ky., while on a Guggenheim Fellowship from Indiana University, has published four books of poetry, including his most recent, *The Common Man*, which was one of three finalists for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. His first collection, *Lawrence Booth's Book of Visions*, was selected for the 2000 Yale Series of Younger Poets. He has had works in publications including *The New Yorker*, *Washington Square*, *The Southern Review*, *Poetry*, *Shenandoah*, and *The Virginia Quarterly Review*.

"I am delighted to be coming to Transylvania and certainly look forward to this wonderful opportunity," Manning said.

"My mother's parents were Transylvania grads, and so are some of my cousins. It feels as if I have a family connection, and the warm atmosphere of the campus makes that sense of connection all the more pleasant. I can tell good things happen at Transylvania, and I will be glad to be part of that."

Manning has taught the past seven years at Indiana University as associate professor of English and assistant director of creative writing after four years as assistant professor of English at DePauw University. He also teaches in the M.F.A. Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College. IU granted him the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in April 2011, and he used the award to

come back to Kentucky to write poems for a book tentatively titled *The Gone and the Going Away*. He was also recently appointed to the faculty of the Sewanee Writing Conference at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee.

"As the reviews of his books, his Guggenheim Fellowship, and his nomination for the Pulitzer prize attest, Maurice Manning has established himself as one of America's most important younger poets," William F. Pollard, vice president and dean of the college, said. "We are delighted that he will be joining us at Transylvania University and that he will be moving back to teach in his home state of Kentucky."

Manning earned a B.A. in English from Earlham College in 1988, an M.A. in English from the University of Kentucky in 1996, and an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Alabama in 1999. He describes his teaching style as "congenial"; he conducts ongoing conversations about literature with his students.

"More than anything, I think I teach my students how to read in a particular way," he said. "Yes, understanding the content of a poem or play or a novel is essential, but I also want my students to learn how to appreciate the internal qualities of good writing. For example, I would explain the 'logic' and beauty of a simile or an image. These are literary devices, of course, but writers use them to give their writing rigor and purpose."

Good writing is an integral aspect of a liberal arts education, and Transylvania puts an emphasis on helping students improve their writing in all classes and about all subjects. Manning said he sees good writing coming from good thought, and that is what he hopes to teach his students.

"There is a powerful connection between reading and thinking," he said. "If a student learns how to read with depth and focus, then he or she will most likely start thinking that way, too. And then the student's own writing will develop and mature."

## Letha Mattingly retires after 32 years working in Forrer Dining Hall

For 32 years, Transylvania students walking into Forrer Dining Hall for a bite to eat have seen the same smiling face greeting them and taking their cash and Crimson Cards. Letha Mattingly, 82, retired November 30, and Transylvania celebrated by serving up a lunch menu of her favorite items, including country fried steak, fish, mashed potatoes, peas, hushpuppies, and all the cupcakes anyone could eat. The price for lunch was \$1.75—the cost in 1979 when Mattingly started.

Mattingly, who is originally from Bath County, Ky., received a bevy of thank you cards and well wishes from students, faculty, and staff, and Transylvania gave her a rocking chair that will get good use in her retirement years.

"I just love Transylvania and all the students, faculty, and staff," Mattingly said. "They were all so nice—I got so many cards, and I love my rocking chair. Transylvania takes a real interest in the students, and I think it's such a great school. I will miss everyone there."

Mattingly was well known by the campus community for her smile and kind words as she greeted each person who walked into the dining hall. She experienced a lot of changes in how the dining hall operates and learned everything she could about new systems and new managers. When she started working at Transylvania, she had a handheld clicker she would use to count the students coming in when they showed their student IDs. Today's system is a network of card swipes with varying meal

plans recorded electronically.

"Ms. Letha was arguably one of the most dependable and determined employees we had at Sodexo at Transylvania," Sodexo operations manager Nicki Covey said. "She was a pleasure to work with and had a distinguishable laugh that would light up the hallways and dining hall. She always wanted to do the right thing and learn new ways to do her job, and she was quick to offer a smile and ask how you were doing. Ms. Letha's top priority was always making sure the students were happy."

Mattingly remains at her home in Lexington for her retirement. She said she's spent much of her time so far writing thank you letters to those who gave her cards and gifts.

"I'm so thankful for everyone at Transylvania, and I pray every day for them," she said.



**Letha Mattingly sits with an assortment of cupcakes—her favorite dessert—prepared by Sodexo.**

## Radio TLX is 'bringing the fun back to radio'

College radio has an illustrious but understated history of students tired of top-40 stations where they could listen only to what the charts said was good music. The result was genre-bending radio, where during any given segment you could hear punk rock next to fusion jazz next to folk next to hip-hop. Transylvania's student-run station continues that tradition online, streaming music by artists both popular and undiscovered with inventive and fun shows by student DJs.

Radio TLX (formerly WTLX) streams on the Transylvania network Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m.-midnight and Friday and Sunday from 8 p.m.-midnight. Approximately 32 students volunteer at the station in roles ranging from producers to on-air DJs, and shows are two-hour spots with a variety of formats produced live in the Radio TLX studio in the lobby area of residence halls Clay/Davis.

"Basically it's a wonderful experiment in DIY (do it yourself), making the best of limited means, and showing what Transylvania students can do," assistant professor of writing, rhetoric, and communication Scott Whiddon said. "It harkens back to the old days when radio was more exciting. College radio allowed for bands like REM, the Smiths, and U2 to get a foothold in the states. That's where real, interesting radio is."

"Our campus radio station has broadcast in various forms over the years, but its most recent iteration is a result of the very high costs of broadcasting traditional radio over the airwaves," Sarah Emmons, associate vice president for communications,

said. "Scott began teaching at Transylvania in 2006. The first day I met him I found out about his background and interest in college radio stations, and I recruited him to be the adviser."

He immediately began to help students revive the station. "Our goal was to move to a web-based station," said Emmons. At that time, Internet radio was still in its early years, and copyright laws were insufficiently governing webcasters. Then in 2008, the Webcaster Settlement Act passed through Congress, which extended the laws to webcasting with new rules and fees. Whiddon brought in Brian Powers, an attorney, consultant, and musician, to help the group sift through legal issues. When Whiddon decided to step down as adviser, Powers stepped in.

"The sands are still shifting in this area," Powers said. "The legal and technical requirements, fees, the whole thing can change from year to year. The good thing is, Transylvania is a non-commercial educational webcaster, which allows us a lot of leeway in what we can do, and the fees aren't exceptionally harsh."

The goal to take Radio TLX beyond campus and allow the rest of the world to hear the station is almost within reach. Powers, Whiddon, and the student executive board, led by senior Cat Cummins as general manager, have worked through issues like server load and equipment demands. The station will test broadcasting outside Transylvania's network at the end of March, and if all goes well, will begin the 2012-13 academic year broadcasting to the world.

For now, those on the Transylvania net-

work get to hear the unique creative outlet that is Radio TLX. Sixteen shows weekly offer wildly different formats and musical flavors, and listeners never know what they'll hear on a given day. Last Halloween, DJs had some fun with their formats. One show featured two DJs trying to best each other's song choices—one playing only Halloween music and one playing only Christmas music.

"There are some DJs who read poetry, some do sports shows, hip-hop shows—all kinds of things," senior Casey Berry, director of external programming, said. "I have a show, and it's whatever I want to play. It's been interesting to see how much the DJs have stepped up and been responsible (for their programming)."

"There's a rawness about it that's not amateurish, but it's visceral," Powers said. "It's bringing the fun back to radio."

The operation is completely student run. Radio staff members go through training at the beginning of every term, learning about aspects of radio ranging from legal requirements and ethics to on-air behavioral standards and technical training. An executive board made up of seven students sorts out the day-to-day operations, and the students program and run their own shows. They also DJ special events on campus and organize concerts, through which several bands have come to Transylvania including These United States, The Doloreans, The Vicious Guns, Vandaveer, Fanged Robot, and Coralee and the Townies. It's a full-time job, and students are learning to apply their knowledge in a lot of different areas.

"I'm convinced that the way these students are going to survive this job market is by using their degrees but not relying on their degrees," Whiddon said. "They'll survive by showing creativity, by taking A and B and making C, and by using the depth of thinking, breadth of reading, and the creativity that comes from a liberal education."

"Most of these students aren't going into broadcasting, but they're learning to be responsible citizens of a community. We've been given this benefit and are going to act accordingly and still have an awesome time because we are of this community, and we want to see it thrive."

For more on Radio TLX, go to [radiotlx.transy.edu](http://radiotlx.transy.edu).

*Radio TLX sophomore DJs Ariel Milby, left, and Malynda Clark do their weekly show, Mood Swings, from the TLX studio.*



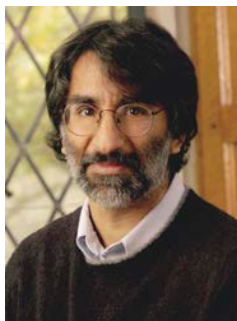
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## Yale constitutional law scholar to deliver Harlan Lecture

Yale University law and political science professor Akhil Reed Amar, one of this era's most accomplished constitutional law scholars, will deliver the second John Marshall Harlan Lecture on Thursday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Carrick Theater.

Amar, who will speak on "America's Symbolic Constitution," is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale, where he teaches constitutional law in both Yale College and Yale Law School. He earned his B.A., summa cum laude, in 1980 from Yale College and his J.D. in 1984 from Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of *The Yale Law Journal*. After clerking for Judge Stephen Breyer, U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, he joined the Yale faculty in 1985.

Amar is co-editor of a leading constitutional law casebook, *Processes of Constitutional Decisionmaking*, and the author of several books, including



Harold Shapiro

**Akhil Reed Amar**

*The Constitution and Criminal Procedure: First Principles* (Yale University Press, 1997), *The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction* (Yale University Press, 1998), and *America's Constitution: A Biography* (Random House, 2005).

The lecture series is named after U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, who graduated from Transylvania's law department in 1852. It is made possible by a gift from the Lexington law firm McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC.



## Diversity website spreads conversation

Those from outside the Transylvania campus community interested in learning about diversity and the university's initiatives in this area can now keep up with the latest happenings by visiting the new diversity and inclusion website at [www.transy.edu/diversity](http://www.transy.edu/diversity).

The site will continue to develop, but it already has features of interest to alumni and prospective students. The front page features a summary of what diversity and inclusion mean to Transylvania and includes a mission statement that guides the initiatives. A News tab takes you to all the latest updates.

## Philanthropy honorees have Transylvania connections

A life member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, a current trustee, and a benefactor of the university were among individuals and organizations honored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Bluegrass Chapter at a National Philanthropy Day luncheon in November.

The program celebrates those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to nonprofit agencies, thereby enhancing the quality of life in the community.

**Transylvania life board member James E. "Ted" Bassett III** was given the organization's most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Philanthropist Award. He was recognized for his wide-ranging philanthropic interests that have included several multi-million dollar fund-raising campaigns throughout central Kentucky and beyond. A highly respected figure in the global Thoroughbred industry, he has served as president, trustee, and chairman of the board of the Keeneland Association in Lexington and as president of Breeders Cup Limited.



Paul Atkinson

**Transylvania life board member Ted Bassett, right, and David Cupps, president, Association of Fundraising Professionals Bluegrass Chapter**

Bassett joined the Transylvania board in 1970 and became a life member in 2005. A former member of the Executive Committee, he chaired the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Student Life Committee. He also served on committees for strategic planning, honorary degree selection, and architect selection for the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center.

Two scholarship programs at Transylvania are associated with Bassett's service to the university. The Keeneland Association Scholarship was established in 1974, and the James E. Bassett III Scholarship was created in 2010.

Bassett was awarded the Transylvania Medal in 1985 for promoting Transylvania through his friendship and outstanding service. The university presented him with an honorary degree in 1987.

**Fran Taylor '75**, principal, My Giving Advisor, LLC, and a member of the Transylvania board, was recognized as an Outstanding Community Honoree. She was nominated by the Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass, where she has invested more than 18 years of volunteer work. As an emeritus board member of the non-profit organization, she continues to give of her time and

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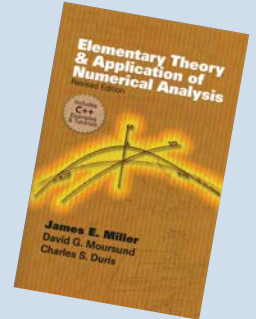
**Economics professor G. Rod Erfani** received the 2012 Distinguished Advisor Award from the Executive Board of international economics honor society Omicron Delta Epsilon, one of the world's largest academic honor societies. Erfani was recognized for his longtime service as Transylvania's ODE Chapter Advisor at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association in Chicago in December. He was one of 672 potential honorees.

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**Sophomore Zoe Snider** had her Foundations of the Liberal Arts paper, "Vampires, Werewolves, and Oppression: *Twilight* and Female Gender Stereotypes," accepted for publication in the spring 2012 edition of *Young Scholars in Writing*.

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**Mathematics and computer science professor emeritus James E. Miller** has published *Elementary Theory & Application of Numerical Analysis* (Mineola: Dover Publications), a completely revised edition of a classic 1967 text by David G. Moursund and Charles S. Duris. The book is designed as a text for an undergraduate course (junior/senior level) in modern numerical analysis. It also covers some of the basic concepts from elementary calculus, with emphasis on theory and proofs.



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**Kenan Visiting Writer Richard Taylor** did an interview for the TV show *Ghost Hunters*, which aired on the Sci-Fi channel. The interview relates to the history of Buffalo Trace Distillery, where there are alleged to have been a number of ghost sightings. Located on the banks of the Kentucky River in Frankfort, the distillery is one of the three oldest and continuously operating distilleries in the United States. Taylor is the author of the book *The Great Crossing: Historic Journey to Buffalo Trace Distillery*.



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**The invitation to the inauguration** of R. Owen Williams as president of Transylvania received an Award of Excellence in a competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III. The judges called the invitation "a piece of artwork." It was the work of the Transylvania publications office: Martha Baker, director; Bill Bowden, writer/editor; Barbara Grinnell, designer; and Tyler Young, editorial assistant.

The inauguration event earned a Special Merit Award in the competition. The judges commented that, although a presidential inauguration is not a unique or new event in and of itself, Transylvania took this as an opportunity to showcase the entire university. They added: "The event generated materials still being used six months later, including the new president's inauguration speech and a DVD of the Civil War Symposium." In addition to the publications staff, those recognized were Sarah Emmons, associate vice president of communications; Mariana Shochat, web development manager; Mollie Eblen, public relations associate; and Kelly Lavy, events coordinator.

CASE District III includes nine states in the southeast U.S.

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**The Rambler**, Transylvania's student newspaper, had its best showing ever in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association's awards competition. The yearly competition features a variety of categories designed to showcase the talent of student journalists. The *Rambler* staff brought home 30 awards, including 11 first-place honors, and—for the third year in a row—first place for senior John Johnson in the deadline copy editing competition. Johnson bested copy editors from both the large- and small-school divisions.



**From left, Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass board member and former board chair Steven Loy, Transylvania trustee Fran Taylor '75, David Cupps, AFP.**

resources to benefit children with disabilities. She has also served on over 17 other non-profit boards, sharing her expertise in marketing, communications, special events, and strategic planning.

Taylor has been a Transylvania board member since 2008, and before that was a member of the Board of Visitors from 2001-08. She has served on several class reunion committees.

**The law firm of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie, & Kirkland, PLLC**, was also given an Outstanding Community Honoree award. Transylvania nominated the firm for its vision and generosity in supporting the John Marshall Harlan Lecture Series at Transylvania. The series brings to the campus and community highly esteemed legal figures of national and international prominence who have distinguished themselves in constitutional law or history. William Wiecek, legal and constitutional historian and professor emeritus at Syracuse University College of Law, gave the inaugural Harlan Lecture in September.



**From left, Transylvania major gifts officer Lori Burlingham; Josh Markham '97 and Stephen Amato '87, both with McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie, & Kirkland, PLLC; David Cupps, AFP.**

The law firm was honored for helping Transylvania realize its commitment to community outreach and diversity, as well as the college's mission of preparing its students for a humane and fulfilling personal and public life through independent thinking, open-mindedness, and creative expression.

Transylvania was a Silver sponsor of the luncheon, which was chaired by Susan Ware '84. Committee members included Mark Blankenship '81 and Jack Hillard '82.

## Pollard stepping down as vice president and dean of the college



**William F. Pollard**

At press time, President R. Owen Williams announced that William F. Pollard, vice president and dean of the college and professor of English, is stepping down as vice president and dean of the college, effective July 31, 2012. After a one-year sabbatical, he will return to teaching as professor of English on the Transylvania faculty.

Pollard came to Transylvania in 2004. His Ph.D. is from Duke University, and he did post-doctoral study at the University of Oxford. His areas of scholarship are English, medieval English literature, and medieval theology.

Williams also appointed Associate Vice President and Dean of the College Kathleen Jagger interim vice president and dean of the college, effective August 1, 2012. She joined the faculty in 2002 as professor of biology.

A more extensive article will appear in the summer *Transylvania* magazine.



**Kathleen Jagger**

## Nationally known women's advocate speaks at Transylvania

Sarah Weddington, nationally known for her work on issues affecting women through her roles as an attorney, legislator, presidential assistant, and professor, delivered an address titled "Some Leaders are Born Women" in Carrick Theater January 17.

In 1973, Weddington appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court and successfully argued the winning side of the landmark Roe v. Wade case on the issue of abortion. A long-time advocate for women, she was the first woman to be elected from Austin to the Texas House of Representatives. As an assistant to President Jimmy Carter from 1978-81, she led White House efforts to extend ratification time for the Equal Rights Amendment and assisted in the selection of women for federal judiciary appointments, among other activities.



**Women's advocate Sarah Weddington speaks with, from left, seniors Austyn Gaffney, Viktoria Safarian, and Lindsey Jagoe.**

## Transylvania adds equestrian to intercollegiate sports lineup

Transylvania will take full advantage of its location in Lexington, widely known as the "horse capital of the world," when it adds equestrian as its 23rd intercollegiate sports program beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

Transylvania will compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, which was established in 1967 and stresses education, sportsmanship, and team spirit. More than 370 college teams and 8,300 riders are part of IHSA.

10 minutes from the Transylvania campus, which she began in 2010. The facility offers a number of fenced fields for various training options, a riding ring, and ample horses for team practices. The farm also supports boarding, lessons, training, and sales.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Transylvania," Wax said. "I'm looking forward to having a great team of riders and competing in the IHSA. I can't wait to see where this

program is a year from now."

Transylvania's riders will compete in English riding, or "hunt seat" division, which includes eight levels and nine competition classes. These range from walk-trot to walk-trot-canter, and include both flat and fence work. Hunt seat

is based on the tradition of fox hunting and is one of the most popular forms of forward seat riding. Transylvania eventually hopes to compete in the Western division as well, which includes walk-jog, horsemanship, and reining.

Riders in both divisions are judged solely on their equitation, or effectiveness. Posture, positioning, and the ability to make riding seem effortless are all taken into account.

Transylvania is only the second private school in Kentucky, after Midway College, to offer an equestrian program.

State schools with the program include Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University.



**Darcy Wax, head coach, equestrian**

The Pioneer equestrian team, which will include both women and men riders, will be led by head coach Lorah "Darcy" Wax. She started riding as a child and is a former Pony Club member with experience showing her horses in dressage, eventing, and hunter/jumpers. She also has experience with top Olympic riders, three-day events, dressage shows, English and Western riding instruction, clinics, horse sales, and showing.

"Darcy is an accomplished rider who has instructed IHSA competitors," said athletics director Jack Ebel '77. "She has done a great job preparing her farm for our team. She is the perfect person to develop what we believe will be a very popular program."

Wax operates Dreamer's Run Farm, a 45-acre farm just



## Field hockey wins Earlham tournament

The field hockey team got the year off to a great start by winning the Kookaburra Classic, hosted by fellow Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference member Earlham College. The Pioneers, under head coach Tiffany Underhill, were able to secure just two more wins in a 4-14 season.

Transylvania defeated Saint Vincent College 1-0 in the opener of the Earlham tournament on a goal by sophomore forward Sydney Katz. In the championship game, the Pioneers got a pair of goals by senior back Ruth Kloha to down host Earlham 2-0.

One of Transylvania's losses was a thrilling 3-2 overtime game at Oberlin College. The Pioneers outshot the Yeowomen 24-14 and held a 2-1 lead late in the second half. Transylvania also played well at Sewanee in a 2-0 loss as the



Chris Gross

host Tigers made a pair of early goals stand up in a tight defensive struggle.

Junior forward Molly Dean, third leading scorer for the year with eight points (three goals and two assists), was the Most

Valuable Player in the Kookaburra Classic. Kloha, Transylvania's top offensive player with 14 points on seven goals, was named to the Kookaburra All-Tournament team, as were senior back Laura Hammer,

**Junior forward Molly Dean was Most Valuable Player in the Kookaburra Classic.**

sophomore Caroline Durham, and first-year goalkeeper Sara Aschbacher.



Joseph Rey Au

**Senior midfielder Peter Mikhail was a first-team All-HCAC player.**

## Men's soccer wins HCAC season title

The men's soccer team completed an undefeated season in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, then fell to Earlham College in the semifinals of the conference tournament to finish with an overall record of 11-4-4 and an 8-0-1 mark in the HCAC. During the season, head coach Brandon Bowman notched his 150th win as a college coach.

It was the second straight year for the Pioneers to claim the regular-season title without losing a conference game. Their only blemish came in a two-overtime, scoreless tie at Defiance College. Transylvania played four of its last five conference games on the road, and clinched the season crown with a 1-0 win at Anderson University on a goal by sophomore midfielder Christian King.

The Pioneers edged out Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, which finished at 8-1. The Engineers' lone loss came at the hands of Transylvania when the Pioneers visited Terre Haute, Ind., and came away with a 3-1 victory.

That gave Transylvania the No. 1 seed in the league tournament and

the right to host Earlham on Thomas Field. After neither team could net the ball during regulation play and two 10-minute overtime periods, the Quakers won a shootout 4-2, along with the HCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship. The Pioneers had been to the NCAA tournament the past two years and had played in the HCAC title game every year since 2002.

Sophomore back Evan Sizemore was named co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Heartland Conference. He anchored Transylvania's league-leading defense, which allowed just two goals in HCAC play and was the best conference team overall with 12 shutouts.

Sizemore was joined on the All-HCAC first team by seniors Peter Mikhail, Tony Spero, and King. Mikhail, a midfielder, tied for third-leading scorer on the team with 12 points (five goals and two assists), while Spero was fourth with 11 points (four goals and three assists). King led the Pioneers in goals with eight and added three assists to be the top scorer at 19 points.

## Volleyball shares HCAC season title

A tie for the regular-season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference crown and a first-ever national ranking were among the rewards for the volleyball team in a 19-11 season that included a 7-2 league record.

Under head coach Casey Dale, the Pioneers finished in an extraordinary five-way tie for the HCAC title with Bluffton University, Hanover College, the College of Mount St. Joseph, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, each with a 7-2 record. Transylvania, the preseason favorite in a coaches' poll to win the HCAC, lost conference matches to Bluffton and Mount St. Joseph, both times in the Beck Center.

The Pioneers won their last regular-season conference match, a tight 3-2 battle at Manchester College, to clinch the season title tie. First-year outside hitter Lauren Ketron came through for Transylvania with 25 kills, and senior setter Rebecca Luking added 44 assists.

After a slow start to the season in the Thomas More College Invitational, where the Pioneers were 1-4, Transylvania played well in the Juniata

College Invitational and went 2-1 with wins over Franklin & Marshall College and Randolph-Macon College. The Pioneers then swept their three matches in the Centre College Invitational with shutouts over Fisk University, Kenyon College, and Marietta College.

Transylvania hosted Rose-Hulman in the Beck Center in a first-round HCAC tournament matchup. After taking a 2-0 lead, the Pioneers dropped the next three sets, and the Engineers advanced to the conference semifinals.

Luking finished as Transylvania's single-season and career record holder for both assists (1317/3492) and service aces (69/165). She was joined on the All-HCAC first team by sophomore middle blocker Meghan Bowers, who topped the Pioneers in kills for the season with 301.

Ketron and libero Rachel D'Agnillo were named to the HCAC All-Freshman team. Ketron was second in kills for the Pioneers with 283 while D'Agnillo led in digs with 410.



**First-year outside hitter Lauren Ketron, right, goes for a kill.**

Joseph Rey Au

## Women's soccer rolls to high national ranking



Joseph Rey Au

**Senior midfielder Elizabeth Schmitt was a first-team All-HCAC performer.**

A high national ranking and a 10-game win streak were among the highlights of the women's soccer season, which saw the Pioneers finish with a 14-3-1 overall record and a 7-2 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference mark, good for third place.

Under head coach Michael Fulton, the Pioneers served notice of their talent level in just their fourth game by defeating then-No. 3 ranked Otterbein University 2-1 in double overtime on Hall Field. Otterbein was an NCAA Division III Final Four team the previous season. That was the second victory in a 10-game win streak that propelled Transylvania to a No. 14 national ranking.

Transylvania swept its last three conference games, including a 7-0 blowout of Anderson University on the Ravens' home field in its regular-season finale. The Pioneers were pitted against home-standing Hanover College in the HCAC tournament semifinals, where they fought the Panthers to a scoreless tie before Hanover won a shootout 4-2 to advance to the finals.

Transylvania placed five players on the All-HCAC first team, led by senior midfielder Elizabeth Schmitt, third leading scorer on the team with 14 points (six goals and two assists). Junior midfielder Natosha Boden scored nine points on four goals and an assist. Sophomore midfielder Amy Ghibaudy was second in scoring with 21 points (nine goals and three assists), while sophomore Anne Marie Dumaine was named for her defensive prowess. First-year forward Alyssa Kruse led Transylvania in goals with 10 and added five assists for a team-high 25 points.

## Women's golf finishes second in HCAC tourney

Leading after the opening day of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's golf tournament, Transylvania fell back on the second and final day to finish as runner-up for the third straight year under head coach Brian Lane '90.

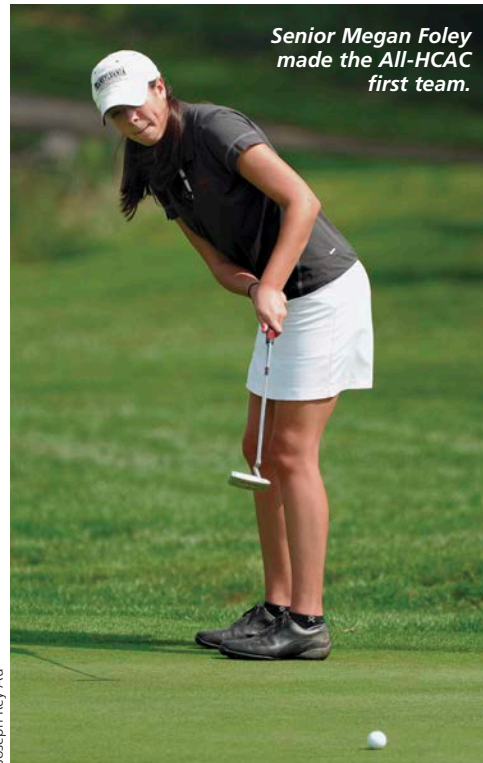
The Pioneers held a three-shot lead over Franklin College after day one on the Eagle Creek Golf Course in Defiance, Ohio, home of tournament host Defiance College. The Grizzlies came back the final day to trim 24 shots off their opening score and win with a total of 676 to Transylvania's 700.

The Pioneers were paced by senior Megan Foley, who carded a 169 on rounds of 81-88, good for third place in medalist competition. First-year golfer Jerra Kelsey was fourth with a 170 (89-81), a performance that earned her Freshman of the Year honors in the HCAC. Both golfers made the All-HCAC first team.

Senior Janca Millet, bidding for a fourth straight All-HCAC honor, just missed, finishing in a tie for 11th at 179. First-year golfers Alex Smith and Tiara Harris played well, Smith taking 15th with a 182 and Harris finishing 20th at 189.

Earlier in the season, Transylvania won its own invitational tournament, played at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington. Foley's 80 took medalist honors and paced the Pioneers to a team score of 341 to best the College of Mount

St. Joseph at 406 and Spalding University at 453.



*Senior Megan Foley made the All-HCAC first team.*

Joseph Rey Au



*Senior Betsy Heines (front)*

## Heines wins All-HCAC honors in cross country

Senior Betsy Heines became the first Pioneer to win All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference first team honors in cross country when she finished fifth in the conference championship, which was hosted by Anderson University.

Heines ran the 6,000-meter course in 24-minutes, 20.36 seconds, helping the women's team to an eighth-place showing. Senior April Myers was 45th with a time of 27:06.72, followed by junior Ria Keegan in 46th in 27:07.15, junior Laura Clark in 57th, and sophomore Erica Noe in 60th place. Manchester College won the meet for the third straight year.

For the Transylvania men, senior Daniel Chartier led the way with a time of 30:59.29 over the 8,000-meter course, good for 77th place, as the team placed 10th. First-year runner Stephen Hall was 87th in 32:14.39, followed by first-year runner Shane Metzger in 97th in 34:12.61 and juniors Jordan Evans in 101st and Jett Glass in 108th.

In the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, Heines came within just over five seconds of eclipsing the Transylvania school record of 23:53.5, established by Shannon Price in 2003. Heines's time of 23:58.17 led the women to a 33rd-place showing. Hall paced the men's team with a time of 32:28.45, leading the team to a 35th-place showing.

Both teams are led by first-year coach Heidi Pinkerton.

## Women's tennis wins trip to NCAA championship

The women's tennis team won a trip to this spring's NCAA Division III championship by winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament after finishing in a tie with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for the regular season HCAC title.

Both Transylvania and Rose-Hulman fashioned 8-1 season marks in the conference. The Pioneers' record included four straight shutouts over Defiance College, the College of Mount St. Joseph, Earlham College, and Bluffton University.

In the HCAC tournament, played at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis, Transylvania rolled over Franklin College 5-1 in the semifinals before defeating Anderson University 5-3 in the finals. In the title contest, senior Kelsey Fulkerson, playing at No. 1 singles and doubles, won her singles match and teamed with senior Stephanie Townsend to take a doubles match. Townsend won her No. 2 singles match, and junior Kaitlyn Hizny captured the No. 3 singles. Hizny teamed with senior Andi Mong to win the Pioneers' fifth point in the No. 2 doubles match.

Fulkerson also became Transylvania's first women's player to gain a seed and win a match in an Intercollegiate Tennis Association event. Playing in the ITA regional tournament that was hosted by Kalamazoo College in Michigan, she defeated Laura Steele of Allegheny College in straight sets, then lost to Brittany Miller of Ohio Northern University in the round of 16. Townsend dropped her first-round match to Kelsey Keppner of Denison University.

Fulkerson was named HCAC Most Valuable Player for the second straight year. Townsend and Hizny joined her on the All-HCAC first team.

Head coach Chuck Brown was voted Coach of the Year in the HCAC for the third straight year in a season when he recorded his 200th career win in both the women's and men's programs.



*Junior Kaitlyn Hizny was a first-team All-HCAC player.*

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A variety of planning initiatives will have broad implications for Transylvania in the years ahead

# Looking to the

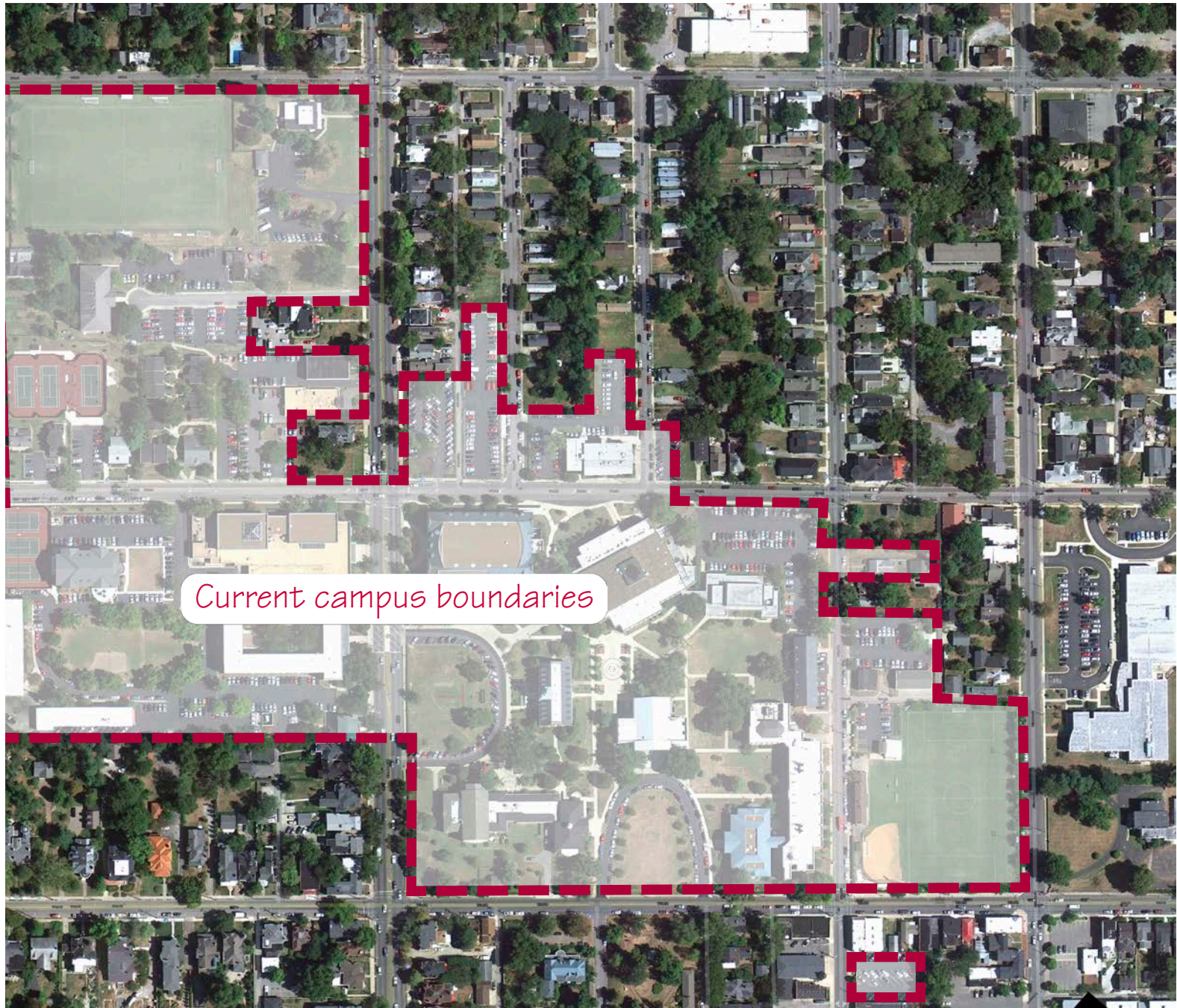
BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Campus planning and long-range strategic thinking are underway that will have far-reaching effects for Transylvania in the years to come. Although many of the details have yet to be formulated, there is consensus that this is a pivotal time for the university as it seeks to grow and progress in its liberal arts mis-

sion.

It's all part of a drive to enhance Transylvania's national reputation and secure its standing as one of the nation's finest liberal arts colleges.

"We are all part of a universe that operates on two gears—forward and backward," President R. Owen Williams said. "There is no neutral. If you try to stand still, you are effectively going



# Future

backwards. In today's higher education world, the notion of simply surviving is not enough. You have to thrive in order to be a meaningful player."

The Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Quality Enhancement Plan submitted as part of the university's recent reaffirmation of accreditation, a Strategic Enrollment Plan, and a new physical campus plan

being devised are all pieces of the intricate planning puzzle. Taken together, they will create a larger, more diverse, and more attractive Transylvania poised to provide new opportunities for many generations of Transylvania students to come.

Williams alluded to many of these themes in his presidential inaugural address in April 2011 when he envisioned a rise in enrollment of several hundred students, a more robust endowment, a campus dedicated to sustainable practices, and a more international student body, faculty, and curriculum. The plan-

ning now underway focuses on those ideas while shaping the vision of the campus for the next 20 years.

## —Hard at work—

Williams has appointed a 15-person Campus Planning Committee consisting of board members, faculty, staff, students, and alumni. While the committee will benefit from the input of a professional design firm, Williams stressed the role of the Transylvania community in

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reimagining the campus.

“Campus planning will be done by Transylvanians,” Williams said. “Our outside firm will serve as consultants. They will provide their planning services according to our specifications.”

Sasaki Associates in Boston, an interdisciplinary firm that employs more than 270 professionals, will work with Transylvania to create a campus plan to be presented to the board. The firm was founded in 1953 and is known for grounding its recommendations within the cultural, historical, geographical, environmental, social, and economic contexts of its clients.

Anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco, a committee member, said that representatives from Sasaki have already provided the members with information the firm gathered on a fact-finding visit.

“The working relationship between Sasaki and the planning committee is a dynamic one, where we offer input and they help us translate that into realistic projects that match our vision,” LoMonaco said. “In the end, we will come up with something that is practical, that draws on existing resources, and encompasses all aspects of design—environmental sustainability, transportation, landscaping, renovation, new construction, and placement of facilities.”

As a faculty member, LoMonaco feels a special kinship with ideas the committee is considering that will create more locations where both formal classes and informal encounters can enrich the very personal nature of the learning experience at Transylvania.

“We need a campus whose physical character promotes our values as a university,” she said. “Students identify more shared public spaces—patios, green spaces with tables, outdoor learning environments—as a priority. I imagine living and learning spaces that foster greater social interaction and integration, along with a connection to nature.”

Since Transylvania does not have the luxury of hundreds of acres of land from

which to fashion large-scale natural settings, a premium has always been placed on making the most of the green spaces that are available. More of that kind of thinking will be needed to help Transylvania in its transformation into a top-tier college.

“If we want to be one of the top colleges in the country—and that is a very achievable goal—we have to plan our campus accordingly,” Williams said.

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, echoed those thoughts when he said, “We need to make the campus and everything that it offers as attractive as it can possibly be.”

### —Fourth Street property—

A key piece of the campus expansion picture recently fell into place when the university purchased a 10-acre plot of land along Fourth Street that is just a block away from the current western edge of campus. The land is envisioned as the home of new athletics facilities for men’s and women’s outdoor intercollegiate sports, as well as recreational and intramural use.

“The idea is for this new site to serve a multitude of purposes that include varsity sports but also offer more recreational opportunities for students, faculty, and staff,” said Jack Ebel ’77, director of athletics. “It will function much like the Beck Center, which is a lively place for all levels of athletics and fitness activities.”

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—Jack Ebel ’77  
director of athletics

That projected use is the focus of the first phase of campus planning. Consolidating many sports on the new site will free up current athletics areas, such as Thomas Field, that can be repurposed as classroom and/or residence space, which will occur in later phases.

Young said acquisition of the Fourth Street property was an opportunistic success that opens up new possibilities for many aspects of campus expansion.

“When that land became available so close to our campus, we figured that if we didn’t jump on it, someone else

would,” Young said. “Before that purchase, we really had no additional land available for any type of use. So it gives us options and flexibility we didn’t previously have.

“Transylvania has a huge advantage in being located in the middle of a city like Lexington, but at the same time we have the disadvantage of not having easy access to additional land as some other schools do. Having this new land is important to our future.”

Marc Mathews ’80, vice president for finance and business, feels the property acquisition is a “game changer.”

“Expansion ideas require us to look beyond the land we currently have,” he said. “At times, our hopes have been tied off because we are landlocked. We don’t want our dreams to be bound by the current geographic layout of the campus.”

Development of the new Fourth Street property will draw Transylvania more into its surrounding neighborhoods. A key element of the success of the new planning is to create an avenue of movement from the university’s current campus down Fourth Street and across Jefferson Street to the new property.

“We’re discussing how to create an inviting ‘spine’ down Fourth Street that connects the new with the old,” LoMonaco said. “We want to be good neighbors and stewards of the new areas that our students will traverse.”

### —Excitement in the air—

Implementation of the plans now being discussed will occur over the next several years, with the first phase focusing on creation of the new athletics complex. Succeeding phases will look at residential and academic projects, along with landscaping considerations.

The visionary aspect of the planning, however, has already sparked interest and excitement from all areas of the Transylvania community.

Norwood “Buddy” Cowgill ’65, a Transylvania trustee, has seen such excitement in the past, especially when he and his wife, Judy King Cowgill ’64, provided the lead gift for the Cowgill Business, Economics, and Education Center, which opened in 1999. He’s now serving on the campus planning committee.

“I have no doubt that the next 10 years will be one of the most exciting times in Transylvania’s rich history,” he said. “President Williams, with the full support of the board, will lead the university into a period of unparalleled progress.”

Ebel has been part of Transylvania since coming to the college as a first-year student in 1973. He sees the current planning in a historical context.

“I think this expansion and improvement plan has the potential to be the most transformative thing for the university in the past 100 years,” he said. “It’s going to be a very fascinating time to be around Transylvania.”

Added LoMonaco:

“This is an incredibly stimulating time for Transylvania. It’s an opportunity for our campus to take a big step forward and to grow into our potential. The campus plan will reflect our investment in cultivating intellectual curiosity and exploration.”

Senior Josh Edge, president of the Student Government Association, serves on the board’s Strategic Planning Committee. He feels that extension of the campus down Fourth Street will continue a trend for Transylvania students to relate to their neighbors.

“What’s unique about Transylvania is that we live in an urban area,” he said. “Students in general want to go out into the community and engage in the kind of dialogues made possible by that sort of environment.”

Junior Sarah Tipton serves on the campus planning committee and is looking forward to the environmental aspects of new facilities.

“Sustainability is a huge thing for me,” she said. “I hope we can reduce our carbon footprint with any new buildings while ensuring they’re aesthetically pleasing as well. I think we’re doing a great thing by buying up more land and broadening our reach. Everything that’s happening is so exciting.”

Through it all, Williams has pledged to maintain the focus on Transylvania’s traditional values as a small liberal arts college devoted to personal attention to learning.

“The growth will happen in a controlled fashion that preserves the intimacy and sense of belonging that are so important to Transylvania,” he said. “The intimacy of the Transylvania expe-

## Big plans call for big support

Transylvania is dreaming big with its plans for campus expansion and enhancement of its national reputation. Along with those dreams come big opportunities for donors to have a profound and lasting impact on the quality of education offered at the university.

“The university is thinking large-scale with the purchase of the Fourth Street property and plans for improving the residential and academic facilities,” said Kara Little Covert ’90, associate vice president for advancement. “We hope our potential supporters will also be bold and dream big.”

Kirk Purdom, vice president for advancement, sees the recent land acquisition as a turning point for Transylvania.

“We have been in this same footprint for so long,” he said. “Being able to purchase this land just one block away from our campus is incredible. I think it will change the future of Transylvania profoundly.”

Just as the details of campus expansion are being studied, so, too, are the exact funding requirements that will become necessary to put the plans into action. Still, the time is now for members of the greater Transylvania community to consider the various roles that each can play in this project.

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, pointed to the underlying financial picture as critical to the progress the university envisions.

“That’s what I would see as the key, just having the financial resources to accomplish our goals,” he said. “We probably need to double the size of our endowment.”

As an alumna, Covert feels a special connection to this important time in Transylvania’s history.

“There are certain moments in Transylvania’s past that have been crucial to the life of the university,” she said. “I truly believe this is one of those pivotal moments. What we do over the next few years will impact the entire future of the college. There’s nowhere else I’d rather be than helping to facilitate that at my alma mater.”

President R. Owen Williams believes all alumni will be able to relate to the ambitious goals of campus expansion and reputation enhancement.

“There are many things we are doing that alumni will care about,” he said. “We invite them to participate in the process of enhancing campus life at Transylvania. We welcome their ideas and their financial support.”

For more information on supporting Transylvania, contact Purdom or Covert in the development office at (800) 487-2679.



Tyler Young

### Bookstore moves to Third Street

The Transylvania bookstore has been relocated from the Glenn Building on campus to a storefront at 132 West Third Street across from Hall Field. The move was necessitated by a planned move of the admissions office from its third floor Old Morrison site into the former bookstore space in Glenn. The new admissions location will be much more visible for visiting prospective students and their families and will better support the Strategic Enrollment Plan that is already bringing record numbers of applications for the class of 2016.



Helena Hau

### Mission Statement

Transylvania University affirms sustainability as a core value and integrates it into the intellectual and social life of students, faculty, and staff by encouraging study, discussion, and participation in sustainable practices on campus and in the community.

# Sustainable Transylvania

Pioneers from all over campus work together to revolutionize sustainability at Transylvania

BY TYLER YOUNG

The second in a series of articles highlighting each of Transylvania's primary values—diversity, sustainability, globalization, technology, and community involvement

Sustainability is one of Transylvania's five primary values, but ask 10 random people walking down the street in your town what sustainability means, and you're likely to get 10 different answers, including "I have no idea." Some people may define sustainability as energy efficiency, but it's more than that. Some may say it involves saving money by reducing the use of resources, but it's more than that. Some may say sustainability is "going green," but it's more than that, too.

Transylvania defines sustainability as the capacity of society to meet its needs without degrading the interrelated environmental, social, and economic systems on which future generations of all species will rely.

The key idea of that definition is that environmental, social, and economic systems are three distinct pillars that influence the world around us. A sustainable community takes responsibility for those pillars and does everything it can to ensure that future generations of all species—not just humans—have the same resources we do today.

For Transylvania, that means a new, thoughtful approach to how to manage the campus, from reducing waste and carbon emissions to promoting health and social justice. As such, it can't be simply flipped on like a light switch, but rather it is a journey, a process of changing the campus culture so that decisions are made with future generations in mind.



## Council develops master plan for sustainability

One of the most important decisions Transylvania made regarding sustainability was hiring Angela Dossett in January 2010 as sustainability coordinator. The position was funded through a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. She hit the ground running, examining every facet of Transylvania for areas of improvement while simultaneously educating members of the community.

In September 2010, President R. Owen Williams approved the creation of the President's Council on Sustainability. The group, made up of students, faculty, and staff from different areas of campus, began developing a master plan for sustainability.

The council gathered ideas and opinions through campus surveys, workshops, retreats, and first-year student orientation—more than 500 people contributed their thoughts to the plan. The mountain of input was discussed, revised, and eventually pared down to big-idea visions in eight categories—curriculum, culture, buildings, land, food, dining waste, administration, and community engagement. Those visions became the backbone of the Framework

for Sustainability, the master plan that launched in September 2011 and directs all sustainability efforts at Transylvania.

“The plan was created with as much campus input as we could possibly solicit,” Dossett said. “We gathered those ideas, and we distilled them, thinking, ‘what are the themes here, what is important to us, and what are we working toward?’”

Each of the eight visions is broken down into three levels—the overall vision, three to five strategies that will get Transylvania to that vision, and action plans, which are practical ways to accomplish the strategies and work toward the vision. Including measurable practices in the plan itself ensures work is being done to accomplish all these goals.

Each vision has a work group dedicated to coming up with action items and delegating those responsibilities to the appropriate avenues. At the end of each year, the action plans are revisited and rewritten based on what has been accomplished that year and what new opportunities will arise in the next year.

“Some of the visions are very bold, and they’re going to take us awhile,”



**Sustainability Coordinator Angela Dossett, right, leads a discussion on the rain gardens on South Limestone in downtown Lexington during a faculty workshop titled Sustainability Across the Curriculum.**

Dossett said. “The strategies will be reviewed frequently—probably a full review every three to five years. And the action plans make sure this isn’t something that just sits on the shelf and looks pretty, but it’s what holds us accountable. It shows what we are doing, when we are doing it, and who’s responsible for getting it done.”

To read the sustainability framework, visit [www.transy.edu/sustainability/framework.pdf](http://www.transy.edu/sustainability/framework.pdf).

## Building projects, education result in reduced energy consumption

In the 2010-11 fiscal year, Transylvania spent \$997 per student on energy purchases. That number will almost certainly be lower by the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year, in large part due to major improvements being made to campus buildings.

“I hope we have a significant change,” Angela Dossett, sustainability coordinator, said.

Many of the projects came about from an energy audit by Pepco Energy Services. The company combed through the campus, taking note of upgrades the university could make to improve its energy efficiency and, in turn, save money on energy costs. The result was a thorough report detailing 40 energy conservation measures (ECMs), what each would cost to implement, and the resulting estimated yearly savings.

The total estimated cost of the 40 ECMs was \$2.8 million, with an annual savings of \$200,000. Transylvania decided not to do everything as a single

project, but each ECM was placed into the master capital project list, meaning each year they will be considered when budgeting permits.

During the 2011-12 academic year, Transylvania completed approximately \$475,000 worth of the projects that would result in immediate savings, including installing low-flow showerheads in all showers, replacing the boiler in Poole Residence Hall, replacing the heating and air conditioning system in the William T. Young Campus Center, and doing 50 percent of the recommended lighting replacements, which included both energy-efficient bulbs and some light fixture replacements. The audit also recommended almost 100 building envelope suggestions, such as caulking windows and adding insulation. In all, the estimated annual savings of the projects is \$73,000.

“We’ve been very busy,” said Norman Mudd, operations manager of the physical plant. “As we’ve gotten into

these sustainability efforts, we’ve been teaching our workers what to look for, and they’re very good at it. Every time you turn around, there’s something new happening.”

The same mindset will go into future buildings, as well, which is particularly important during this time of projected campus expansion. Vice President for Finance Marc Mathews said that new buildings will be built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification Standards.

“We followed this standard with Thomson Hall, and going forward we’re going to build to that silver standard,” Mathews said. “We’re also going to have them ENERGY STAR certified like Thomson.”

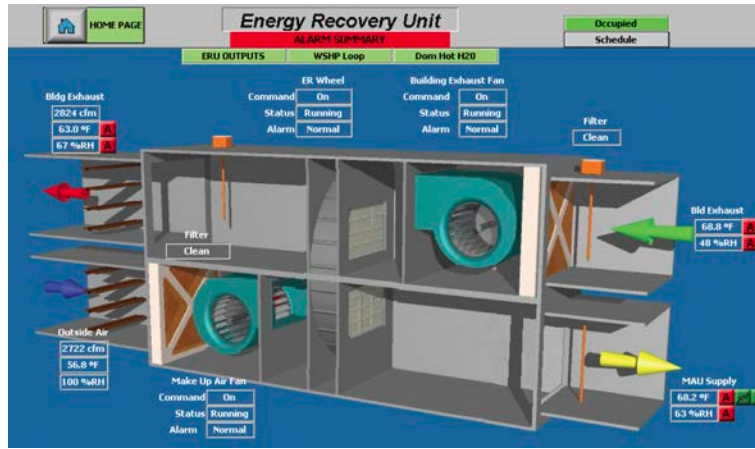
Thomson Hall was built in 2008 as the first residence hall in Kentucky to earn the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR certification for energy efficiency and environmental protection. While in 2008 Thomson was

the exception, it now becomes the example of how future building at Transylvania will look.

Mathews also said it's possible that new buildings will be designed with geo-thermal heating systems like Thomson Hall uses. The initial cost is high, but there is virtually no maintenance, and the annual cost to heat the buildings is extremely low.

In November, President R. Owen Williams announced that the entire campus would shut down for two-and-a-half weeks over winter break as both a reward to faculty and staff and a way to save money and reduce energy consumption.

As a result of the shutdown, compared with the average of 2008–10, Transylvania used 57 percent less natural



*The air-to-air rotary wheel heat exchanger used in several buildings on campus captures energy that would typically be wasted by the building's exhaust air system and transfers that energy to the incoming outside air during the heating and cooling seasons. The outside air stream is also filtered, allowing for a cleaner indoor environment.*

gas and 20.5 percent less electricity in December, saving the college approximately \$44,000.

"It was great on a social level with people taking a break and relaxing, but it was also about saving money and reducing our carbon footprint," Dossett

said. "That was a great example of the three pillars of sustainability—environmental, economic, and social—in action. Since it was a new idea, it was a hard push to shut down as much as possible. There were some concerns, but I think it went really well."

Mudd, who serves on the sustainability council, said he's seeing marked improvement in the mindset at Transylvania.

"We've seen a shift in the university's outlook on sustainability and its commitment to sustainability," Mudd said. "From an energy management standpoint, people are really starting to get on board, which is great. We knew that it was going to be a challenge—change can come with a little pain and suffering—but it's improving tenfold."

## Students are integral to sustainability's success

Students may play the most important role in promoting sustainability on Transylvania's campus. As the largest represented group on the President's Council for Sustainability and the most prominent voices of the university, students have led initiatives that have gotten

a lot of sustainability programs and improvements off the ground.

"Transylvania has a lot going on all the time, and I rely on students to figure out how we get other students engaged and what they care about and what they want to see happen," Angela Dossett, sustainability coordinator, said. "When we're in (the sustainability council) setting, there's not a tier of faculty, staff, and students—we are colleagues and peers, and we all have a different exper-

tise based on who we are and what we do in this system."

Student involvement manifests in several ways—the sustainability council, student sustainability organizations, work-study in the sustainability office, and awareness and volunteering. Students learn about sustainability issues from the moment they step on campus—most recently in first-year student orientation and now in the new three-week August term. They get involved in their first years at Transylvania, and that translates into more students that come up with big ideas and implement them.

Students are coordinating the second annual Anti-Apathy Film Series, which shows and discusses films tackling environmental, economic, and social issues. Initiatives like candlelight dinners in Forrer Dining Hall, where students eat by candlelight and are treated to acoustic music, and the new water bottle filling station in the William T. Young Campus Center, which allows people to fill up reusable bottles instead of buying plastic water bottles, were conceived by students.

"I've been involved with a bottle-less initiative to get rid of water bottles on campus," senior philosophy major

*Senior Danny Woolums dresses as an energy vampire to show junior Chauncey Morton, center, and senior Tiffany Buchanan the kinds of electronic devices that suck energy even when not in use.*



Danny Woolums, who serves on the sustainability council, said. “I was talking with (Director of Student Activities and Campus Center) Diane Fout about alternatives to water bottles, and one was a water filling station you could attach to a water fountain. She ordered it as part of her building budget for a test run, and it’s been very well received. The goal is to have at least one in every building on campus.”

Woolums is also involved with RecycleMania, a program that audits campus waste and teaches the community about what can be recycled. He also installed a butterfly garden at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street that transformed the area from a concrete slab into a garden that has been used as part of Transylvania’s pre-orientation service projects.

Senior political science major and environmental studies minor Austyn Gaffney was always interested in social justice. When she got to Transylvania, she learned how social issues are interrelated with environmental issues, and she became involved with TERRA, the student environmental awareness organization. She went with TERRA to a national Power Shift conference, which focused on climate issues, and used that experience to help organize a Power Shift conference for the Appalachian region.

“One of the coolest things we did was a month-long series of events called Appalachian Awareness Month,” she said. “We talked about issues of mountaintop removal and coal mining, and we brought in great people



like Larry Gibson from the Keepers of the Mountains Foundation and musician Ben Sollee. We held a panel and showed films, and eventually a couple of the organizers and I got to talk to the Transylvania Board of Trustees about what our environmental group had been doing.”

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—Austyn Gaffney

“I think in five years environmental groups on campus will be much

stronger, and student action will motivate changes in university curriculum and decisions made in the administration,” she said. “I hope to see sustainability in the curriculum and in orientation pushing students to make a difference on the campus, kind of an anti-apathy movement.”

*Transylvania students attend I Love Mountains Day in Frankfort, Ky., to speak out against mountaintop removal. Pictured clockwise from far left, senior Molly Crain, sophomore Victoria Sullivan, senior Kayla Kidwell-Snyder, senior JP Peckinpaugh, first-year student Elizabeth Hardt, senior Austyn Gaffney, sophomore Krisandra Thomas, first-year student Courtney Marshall, and junior Annie Wright.*

“I think students are driving this,” Vice President for Information Technology Jason Whitaker ’97 said. “I felt like students kicked off some of the initial sustainability efforts three or four years ago. It was really driven by students questioning, ‘Why are we doing X—why can’t we do Y?’”

## Local food, waste reduction are priorities for Transylvania dining

Depending on how conscious you are, food can be a major obstacle to operating sustainably. Fortunately, Transylvania and its dining service, Sodexo, are working hard to improve all facets of sustainable dining, from seemingly insignificant changes to large-scale shifts in operation.

The 2011-12 school year, in particular, has seen several big changes, starting

with the beginning of the year no-waste picnic featuring local meat, fruits, and vegetables. All food scraps were composted by Seedleaf, an organization that provides local food distribution and composting, and there were no disposable plates, glasses, or utensils.

The picnic was an opportunity for incoming students to see Transylvania’s commitment to sustainability firsthand,

and it introduced the relationship between the three pillars of sustainability. Local food supports the local economy, ridding waste affects the environment, and using compost for community gardens helps provide healthy food to those who need it. Seedleaf, which has been working with Sodexo since October, is a valuable partner with Transylvania in those efforts.

“Seedleaf does community gardens to address food justice issues, making sure that fresh, healthy vegetables and food are available to low-income, low-economic areas in downtown Lexington,” Angela Dossett, sustainability coordinator, said. “They have several community gardens, and we are going to let them use some of the vacant lots we’re not doing anything with on campus. Seedleaf gets a great place to grow vegetables in an area it wants to serve, and we get a good service learning opportunity for our students.”

Sustainability efforts are active throughout the school year, as well, and some are learning experiences. In 2010 continuous dining was introduced in Forrer Dining Hall, which was a service to students that meant there would always be a food option available from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Although it was a great benefit, continuous dining meant the equipment in Forrer ran non-stop for 12 hours a day, using great amounts of energy and water to keep food hot or cold, wash dishes, keep lights on, etc. It was decided to not continue that service, rather relying on the other food options on campus—Jazzman’s, the Rafskeller, and the 1780 Café—to provide options throughout the day. Now the equipment is shut off outside

the hours of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

A campaign last academic year introduced the idea of tray-less dining. Students were not using trays in the dining hall on Tray-less Tuesdays, saving water from washing trays and reducing waste from diners overfilling the large trays and not finishing their food. After a successful first term, Tray-less Tuesdays expanded to Tray-less Tuesdays and Thursdays, and this year the dining hall eliminated trays altogether, moving them to where they can be used in special circumstances but out of the typical dining area.

“We wanted to encourage people to eat just what’s on their plates, so we decided to not use the trays anymore,” Amanda Langlitz, Sodexo general manager, said. “So it’s made a big impact for the long term. We’ve seen a reduction in waste, and we use less water.”

The dining hall has also eliminated disposable cups, coffee cups, utensils, and cups for ketchup and mustard. It offers reusable mugs for coffee at Jazzman’s that cost only 50 cents to fill up, and it occasionally offers temporary discounts on coffee for any type of reusable mug. Transylvania installed a water filtration system in the dining hall in December and purchased large containers to hold the filtered water instead



Joseph Rey Au

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—Amanda Langlitz

of using plastic bottles. Those little decisions add up to significant improvements when stretched over a whole year.

“We’re trying to promote little things that aren’t drastic, but make an impact without disturbing people,” Langlitz said. “We’re really putting our heads together to look at how we do things in the dining hall.”

Sodexo is trying to incorporate as much local food as possible into its offerings. Its primary food vendor is Sysco, but it also buys produce and ingredients from Lexington-based companies Papania’s and Creation Gardens. Much of the flour, cheese, grits, fruits and vegetables, and more come from local sources.

“We must have bought a thousand pounds of local apples and pears from farms,” Langlitz said. “When it’s available, our produce companies automatically send local produce, so if we ask for cabbage and it’s available, they will send us local cabbage.”

Sodexo also partners with Marksberry Farms in Lancaster, Ky., to buy some local meat.

“The first time we got local chicken, we got some pushback because it didn’t taste the same,” Langlitz said. “So we’re trying to use it as an education piece, slowly saying that this is going to taste different and why it does.”

“In general, you’re talking about better food, healthier food. You’re promoting local farmers and the local economy. You’re teaching students what a carrot should taste like versus the already peeled nubs in a plastic bag. I know there’s a good percentage of people here that want to see things move in that direction.”

## Transylvania uses technology to slash paper and energy consumption

As the world becomes more technologically advanced and institutions work hard to stay on top of it, it becomes increasingly important to step up not only in terms of what they offer, but also in how to use equipment responsibly and—as in Transylvania’s case—sustainably. The good news is technology, while sometimes tricky to navigate from an energy standpoint, is an invaluable tool for Transylvania’s sustainability efforts.

A major push over the last year has

been a paperless initiative—taking big steps in reducing paper use in order to eventually become a campus that does not rely on paper in its day-to-day operation. For any organization, particularly an educational one, that is a significant goal and one that requires everyone and every office to look at how it uses resources.

One of the biggest steps taken has also been one of the simplest. The department of information technology in-

stalled a print control feature in computer labs and gave students quotas on how much paper they could use over a term.

“As we talked to students, what we learned is when they were looking for an article for a paper and found it, they would print it,” Vice President for Information Technology Jason Whitaker ’97 said. “Then they found a better one, and they’d print it. Then they’d find the one they’re actually going to use, and

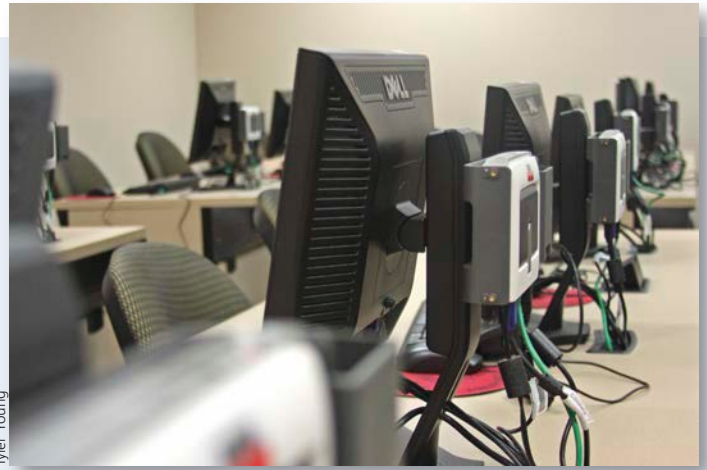
## Sharing resources for energy savings

One of the more innovative changes Transylvania has made is installing thin client devices in six of the computer labs. Instead of a lab with 25 complete computers, the lab has 25 small, quiet devices that connect to a server elsewhere for computing power on “virtual desktops.” The result is a huge energy savings—the units use less power, and it takes much less energy to air condition a room when you remove 25 desktop computers producing heat at the same time. Plus it frees up workspace on the desks, and when software updates need to be made, IT can do the update once to the server instead of doing an installation on every computer.

Virtualization has also allowed IT to get rid of some of the machines in its server room. A cluster of four servers can now handle network storage, e-mail, the Moodle course management system, print control, and more as opposed to five years ago when a stand-alone server was needed for each.

“Virtualization software gets us the most bang for our buck from our hardware by sharing these resources,” Jason Whitaker '97, vice president for information technology, said. “We’ve got less hardware, we’re using less power, and it’s easier for us to manage from a personnel standpoint.”

As a testament to the work going on at Transylvania, Dell, which sells a lot of computer equipment to the school including the servers and thin clients, invited some of its other clients in the state to a workshop in January that it asked Transylvania to host. Visitors included representatives from other universities, Lexington-Fayette



Tyler Young

**Six computer labs on Transylvania's campus use thin client devices instead of desktop computers in order to save energy costs.**

Urban County Government, and Louisville Metro Government. Whitaker and the IT department showed off its systems and helped the institutions figure out ways they could incorporate some of the ideas into their operations.

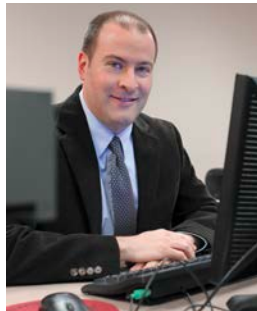
“Dell said we’re kind of leading the pack in virtualization and virtual desktops,” Whitaker said. “What was nice about the workshop is that it showed that we’re all willing to share. We feel like we’re getting involved in the community, not just locally but with our peer schools. At the end of the day, we’re all in the same business, and we’re all trying to do the best we can with the resources we have.”

they print it, and the other two go by the wayside.”

The result was a print release system where after a user pushes “print” on a page, that page goes into a queue. When the user is ready to go, he or she logs into the queue and verifies the printing. So if the user realizes that he or she doesn’t need the page after all, it doesn’t print.

“We see 3,500-4,000 pages a month expire in that queue,” Whitaker said. “That has made a huge difference in terms of wasted paper and toner right out of the gate. That alone is a big savings.”

The lab printers also have duplexers installed to allow for two-sided printing, and that option is the default on all lab computers. Faculty and staff have received instructions and tips on how to reduce paper use, and some offices have taken that



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—Jason Whitaker

charge to heart and made huge strides. The accounting office has gone almost completely paperless, scanning bills and storing them on network storage, and it has moved to paperless billing and payment. Depending on their functions, some offices have more work to do.

“Paperless is a journey,” Whitaker said. “There are always going to be some people who want to receive a piece of paper for a bill or a thank-you note. But the spirit of the initiative is, let’s look at what we’re doing, and let’s find a better way to do it. It’s all about forcing us to examine what we do and whittling it down. And we’re seeing it happen.”

Announcements for special events and programs on campus can now be made and displayed completely digitally. Transylvania has been publish-

ing *Columns*, its daily newsletter, online exclusively for several years. Over the last year, 12 digital signage monitors have been installed around campus that display not only *Columns*, but digital fliers that students and organizations can submit through e-mail. The result is much fewer paper fliers scattered around on walls and on the ground. Between the signs, computers, and the *Columns* mobile phone app that launched in December 2010, the campus community is rarely more than a few steps away from being able to get information about all the events happening at Transylvania.

“We’ve gotten a lot of positive comments, particularly on the digital signs,” Whitaker said. “All kinds of groups are submitting to them. I was in Jazzman’s one morning and a student came in to hang fliers. She left before I could say something, but I sent an e-mail to the address on the flier and said, ‘Do you know you can put this on the digital sign?’ She said she hadn’t thought of that, and an hour later, there it was. A lot of students are really tuned into sustainability.” ■



# Taking Her Turn

**Angela Ray '86 garners national writing awards and teaching honors as communication studies professor at Northwestern University**

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

After spending nine years as a university press editor, helping make over 100 academic books better by polishing the grammar and clarity of other writers, Angela Ray '86 decided it was high time to move around to the author's side of the table.

"I went back to school for my doctorate because I had been helping other people make their books better, and I got a handle on what a good book would be like," she said. "I wanted to do the research and writing myself."

That was the motive that prompted Ray to begin a Ph.D. in speech-communication at the University of Minnesota in 1996, a degree she completed in 2001. It also led eventually to her current position as associate professor of communication studies and Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University.

In 2005 she published her book, *The Lyceum and Public Culture in the Nineteenth-Century United States* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press). Her editor's training, combined with her research and writing work ethic, paid off with five national book awards, including recognition in rhetoric and communication from the National Communication Association, the Rhetoric Society of America, and the American Forensic Association.

All of this isn't exactly what Ray had in mind when she arrived at Transylvania from Grayson County, Ky., in the fall of 1982. In fact, she had planned since childhood to attend medical school and become a physician. But after volunteer work in a Lexington hospital during the summer after her first year at Transylvania gave her qualms about becoming a doctor, she reconsidered her goals.

As it turned out, Ray completed a chemistry major, which was her pre-med path, in spite of having changing career thoughts. But it was her English major that became the academic focus and led to her present position.

"The faculty in the Transylvania English department were very encouraging of me and my interests," Ray said. "I began to see possibilities for types of work that transcended anything I had known about before."

English professor Tay Fizdale urged

Ray to apply for a National Endowment for the Humanities undergraduate summer fellowship, which she won. She spent the summer after her junior year at Harvard University in the English program, where her confidence received a boost as she studied with students drawn from around the country.

"I found I was very well prepared to do the work everyone else was doing," she said. "In fact, I was a little ahead of the game compared with some of my peers. My Harvard professor was impressed with my Transylvania education and encouraged me to apply for a Fulbright award."

Ray had also taken quite a few drama classes at Transylvania, including a May term course co-taught by drama professor Ann Kilkelly and art professor Jack Girard that included art museums and theater performances in Washington, D.C., and New York City. When she won the Fulbright, she chose to pursue a master's degree in drama and theater studies at the University of London.

"There were people in my Fulbright program from all over the world," Ray recalled. "It was a very dynamic environment. I saw 63 plays in nine months."

When she returned to the United States in 1987, she had two degrees in three different fields, plus a degree of uncertainty as to her career. She decided

to follow her boyfriend at the time (now her husband, Harold Gulley) to the University of Georgia, where he had an assistant professorship in geography. She began her editing career there, working one year for the UGA Press before getting married and moving to Oshkosh, Wisc. Eight years of freelance editing followed, conducted in those pre-Internet days by mail and telephone with six different university presses.

At this point Ray decided to return to school and pursue her Ph.D. in an area that would prove to be the basis for her current teaching and writing career.

“I edited two books in the field of rhetorical studies within six months, and that was my introduction to rhetoric as a discipline,” she said. “My drama courses had given me an appreciation for the performative dimension of human experience, and I had always enjoyed textural analysis. It looked like the field of rhetoric was involved with both of those.”

As a freshly minted Ph.D., Ray taught first at the University of Memphis from 2001-03, then joined the Northwestern faculty.

Her work at Northwestern focuses on rhetorical criticism and history, with special interests including popular lecturing in the nineteenth-century United States and women’s rhetoric. Her book about the institution of the lyceum focuses on the development of networks for popular lecturing from 1826 up until about 1880, especially in the 1850s-70s era.

A lyceum can be either an auditorium where lectures take place or an organization devoted to the propagation of popular lecturing. Ray’s work stresses the latter, with a further focus on the overall culture in which public lectures took place as well as the kinds of audiences to whom the speeches were directed.

“A celebrity culture arose around certain public speakers who would travel around the country and give lectures in town after town, oftentimes in very small communities,” Ray said. “A successful lyceum lecturer in the 1870s could be earning \$20,000 a year at a time when the President of the United States was making \$25,000.”

Anna Dickinson, a women’s rights activist and an eloquent and persuasive public speaker, was one of those

celebrities.

“While traveling in the West, she once rode a mule up Pike’s Peak,” Ray said. “The mule was later exhibited as ‘The Mule that Carried Anna Dickinson up Pike’s Peak.’ It was news across the country when the mule died. I see precursors of the kind of celebrity we’re familiar with today back in the lyceum period.”

Another very popular and formidable lecturer was Frederick Douglass, the former slave who became an abolitionist leader known for his dazzling oratory. In spite of the imposing visage captured in photographs of Douglass, Ray pointed to a lesser-appreciated fact of his rhetorical style—his humor.

“Frederick Douglass was actually very funny,” she said. “He could imitate a white racist preacher as part of his lecture. In this way, he would poke fun at racism, inviting the audience to poke fun with him. He had jokes where, if you laughed, you were aligning yourself more with him and his position.”

Ray said the lyceum lectures were historically non-partisan, but that

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changed over time.

“There was a sense that the lyceum should be a place set apart from partisanship and politics,” she said. “There was a lot of controversy over whether someone should speak on a hot-button issue of the day. The closer you get to the Civil War, however, that idea dissipates, and controversy becomes something that draws people in.”

One example of that phenomenon was a lecture titled “Whited Sepulchers” that Dickinson gave about polygamy in Salt Lake City that included her take on how that concept may exist elsewhere, but not be defined as such.

“She claimed that polygamy was a symptom of a larger problem of women’s subordination common throughout the world,” Ray said. “Her words were, ‘In Salt Lake City, they call it religion; in New York, Boston or Philadelphia, they call it “a young man sowing his wild oats,”...the underlying theory...in regard to the proper place and subordination of women, whereon this whole system of polygamy is reared, is precisely the same in Salt Lake that it is in London, Paris, New York, Boston or Philadelphia.’”

“Dickinson would mention the place where she was speaking in the last phrase,” Ray said, “which would irritate the journalists (reporting on the speech), who were quite comfortable with attacks on the Mormons but riled at the moral condemnation of their own cities.”

Ray is at work on another book that will focus on popular education in the early nineteenth century, especially debating clubs where ordinary people studied and learned together.

Her teaching continues to be very fulfilling.

“I enjoy introducing students to ideas and texts that are new to them, seeing them engage with the text, and then become interested in it themselves,” she said. “They become more thoughtful than they might have been, so I feel I’m making a contribution.”

Looking back on her career decisions thus far, and especially her current teaching position, Ray believes Transylvania provided her with an excellent foundation.

“A good undergraduate education prepares you to be adaptable, because you don’t know what life will bring,” she said. “At the ceremony for a teaching award I received in 2010, I was asked to talk about influences. I mentioned courses I had with (mathematics professor) David Shannon. He presented challenges, and expected us to rise to them. I try to model that kind of behavior in my own students.

“I’m grateful for the kind of education I had at Transylvania that pushed me to think more deeply and broadly

# 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.

**'35 Rose Hart Dale**, Livingston, Tenn., celebrated her 101st birthday October 22. She's still healthy, goes to church, and enjoys reading, cooking, and watching television, especially University of Tennessee athletics, game shows, and the news.

**'50 Carolyn Chenoweth "Chizel" Workman**, Reisterstown, Md., retired after 43 years as a clinical social worker in mental health services to older adults.

**'51 Kenneth G. Dean and Nellie Robinson Dean**, Seminole, Fla., celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in September.

**Vesta Knighton Porter**, Macon, Ga., lost her husband, Rev. Robert Lee Porter, in June after a long illness. He was a retired Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister.

**'55 Grace Spradling Mitchell** is happily spending her retirement years in Charlotte, N.C. She still roots for University of Kentucky basketball, even when they play the University of North Carolina.

**H. Thomas Money**, Alpharetta, Ga., has written a detective novel titled *One Shot of Murder*, which is available through Friesen-Press.com. The book tells the story of a detective investigating the murder of a young golf pro.

**'57 Mary O'Dell**, Louisville, published a novel titled *Banger's People*, about a woman and her dog trying to figure out who mugged their neighbor. The book is available for purchase at Amazon.com.

**'62 C. Bruce Fitch**, Gainesville, Ga., represented Transylvania in October at the Piedmont College presidential inauguration.

**Dorothy Couch Watson**, Tullahoma, Tenn., has been named Citizen of the Year by *The Tullahoma News* for her extensive volunteer work in healthcare and literacy programs.

**'64 Richard J. McCabe**, Lynnfield, Mass., represented Transylvania in September at the Merrimack College presidential inauguration.

**'68 Robert R. Keller**, Elkton, Md., retired in October from Computer Sciences Corporation after 38 years as project and operations manager. Bob and his wife, **Sylvia Richards Keller**, have been married 44 years and enjoy being near their daughter and husband and three young grandchildren, who keep them very busy.



**Carol Carter Morgan '68**, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and her husband, **Mike Morgan '68**, visited with Carol's Chi Omega sorority sisters in Charleston, S.C. Also pictured are, back row, from left, **Jane Wiesel DeMartini '67**, **Anne Dickey Haynes '69**, and **Dale Ann Fielman Cole '69**. The sorority sisters have been writing a round robin letter since 1970.

**'69 Johanne Codell Daigh**, Cumming, Ga., retired after 25 years as an elementary school teacher and enjoys traveling with her husband's business and visiting family and friends.

**'73 William A. Bryce**, Mount Juliet, Tenn., retired from client services at The Rawlings Group, a healthcare recovery service in Louisville, and moved to Mount Juliet.

**'74 Robert L. Churchey**, Mesa, Ariz., retired in October as detective with the City of Phoenix. He began his career as a police officer in 1975 in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and has spent the last 22 years with the Phoenix Police Department. He and his wife, **Phyllis Scalf '73**, are looking forward to devoting more of their time to professional dog handling and instructing and to their granddaughters.

**'75 Fran F. Taylor**, Lexington, was recognized in November by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon as an Outstanding Community Honoree for her volunteer work with the Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass. (See story on page 6.)

**Gilbert P. Williams**, Perry, Fla., retired from the banking industry in December and will continue his preaching ministry.

**'80 Elizabeth S. Feamster**, Lawrenceburg, Ky., an attorney at Fowler Measle &



Bell in Lexington, has been appointed to the Kentucky Board of Bar Examiners and will serve a three-year term. The board administers the bar process through which those seeking to become admitted show their eligibility.

**Nancy Holt Weber**, Bluffton, S.C., was named vice president for enrollment management and marketing at Technical College of the Lowcountry. She has worked at TCL as vice president for continuing education and institutional advancement for 10 years.

**'81 Celia Culver Rutt**, Santa Fe, N.M., was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy in New Mexico, a branch of the international conservation organization that works to protect ecologically important land and water. She volunteers as a Junior Achievement teacher in the Santa Fe Public Schools.

**Gwen P. Sloas**, Arcanum, Ohio, represented Transylvania in October at the Earlham College presidential inauguration.

**'82 Scott D. Duncan**, Louisville, earned a master's degree in healthcare administration from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and was elected to the Theta Chapter of Delta Omega, an honorary society for public health. In July, he was promoted to associate professor of pediatrics, division of neonatal perinatal medicine, at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.



## Candace Livingstone '06 makes a long journey to honor her family

If you happen to run into Candace Maeser Livingstone '06 anytime soon, be sure to say hi, because she might not stick around long.

After graduating from Transylvania with a drama degree and minors in studio art and Spanish, she and her boyfriend, Adrian Livingstone, went to Ecuador for a year to volunteer at a school on a rose plantation in the Andes Mountains. Then they moved to Adrian's native England, where Candace earned an M.A. in art and design history at Kingston University in London. In 2008, Candace and Adrian were married, and in 2009, they set off for northeastern China to teach English and visited North Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Malaysia before heading back to England in December 2010.

They decided to spend 2011 traveling—which is remarkable enough given their previous three years—but they did it in a way few would have expected.

Because Candace had spent much of her time in London in class and studying, Adrian wanted her to get to see more of his country. He researched trails and found a way for them to walk all the way across Great Britain, from the southwestern-most point of Land's End in England to the most northern point of John o' Groats in Scotland—a 1,160-mile trip on foot.

"To be honest, at first I thought it was a crazy idea," Candace said. "But after I researched it more, I found that many people had completed the walk before and raised money for charity. I lost two of my grandparents to cancer at the end of 2010 and couldn't come home to pay my respects. I wanted to do something to honor them."

She chose to raise money for the Association for International Cancer Research through the walk in honor of her grandparents and her mother, Elizabeth Underwood



**Candace Livingstone '06 and her husband, Adrian, stand at the end of their walk in John o' Groats, Scotland. Below, the Livingstones pose along the Pennine Way in Derbyshire, England.**

Maeser '78, who is a breast cancer survivor. They set up a donation account, updated their friends and family on what they were doing on their Facebook pages, and set out of Land's End June 25.

"We averaged about 15 miles a day, and we usually took off one day a week," Candace said. "We carried all of our supplies with us—I usually had about 25 pounds on my back, and my husband had 30 pounds."

They walked town to town, camping in a tent for most of the trip, until nasty northern British weather forced them to stay in bed and breakfasts. They encountered several day walkers and struck up conversa-

tions about their journey and their purpose, many of which ended with a goodbye and a donation. When they stopped in local restaurants with over 50 pounds of gear, owners would ask about the trip and often give them discounts or even free meals.

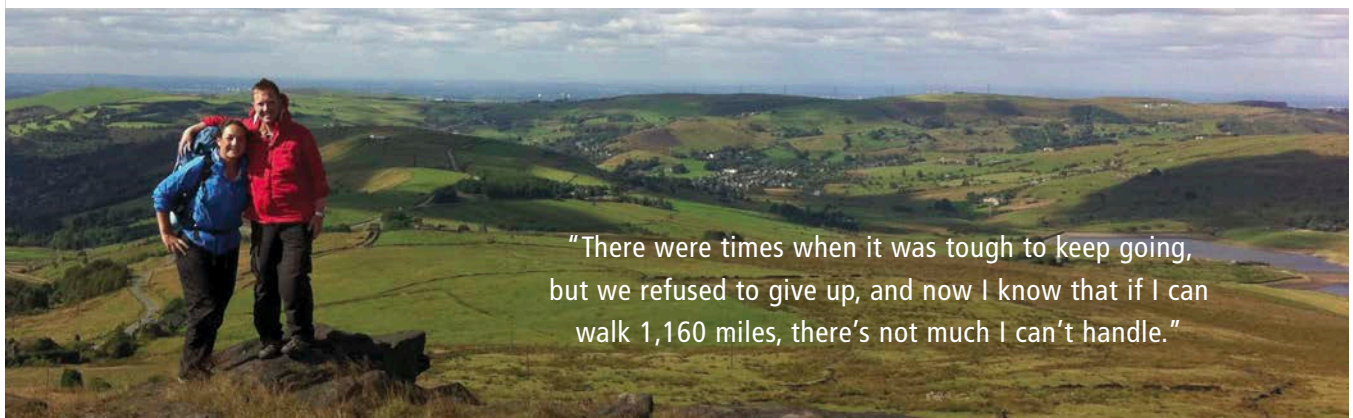
A woman in eastern Scotland met them walking and invited them to stay at her house that night. One night turned into three, as her husband would pick them up at the end of the day, bring them back for a meal and a bed, drop them back where they left off, and do the same thing the next day.

"One of the most amazing things about the walk was how generous and nice people were to us," Candace said. "At one local pub, we walked in with our gear and the bartender started to make fun of us, asking if we were moving and had our whole house on our backs. But when we told him what we were doing, he announced it to the whole pub and took up a collection, and we left with over \$50 in donations."

On September 30, 14 weeks after leaving Land's End, Adrian and Candace walked into John o' Groats. They had raised almost \$2,500 and had learned more about themselves and each other than they could have dreamed.

"It sounds so cliché, but I learned that as long as you set your mind to it, you can do anything," Candace said. "We did very little training before we started, but we never gave up, and we always believed that we would do it. There were times when it was tough to keep going, but we refused to give up, and now I know that if I can walk 1,160 miles, there's not much I can't handle."

Candace and Adrian continue to take donations to the AICR. To donate and read more about their trip, go to [www.justgiving.com/Adrian-and-Candace](http://www.justgiving.com/Adrian-and-Candace).



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## Jim Chambliss '86

### EXPLORING THE NEUROGENESIS OF CREATIVITY

**Jim Chambliss '86** was standing in a parking lot in Eagle County, Colo., in 1998 when he was blindsided by a sport utility vehicle. He wasn't knocked down or unconscious, but that seemingly minor accident set his life on an entirely different course from the practice of law he was then pursuing.

Today, Chambliss is a permanent resident of another country—Australia—and is succeeding in a radically different career as a researcher, speaker, and Ph.D. candidate in creative arts and medicine at the University of Melbourne. Specifically, his scholarship explores the influence of epilepsy on the work of visual artists. It was stimulated by his personal experiences with epilepsy and his own art following the accident.

The story of his journey from attorney to artist and cutting-edge scholar in the esoteric realm of the neurogenesis of creative expression is captivating in its own right, and an excellent example of the value of a liberal arts degree from Transylvania.

"When I had to move laterally in my career, having a Transylvania education was good for me because I had such a broad background of knowledge to draw from," Chambliss said.

Chambliss needed every bit of his higher education background, as well as a determined attitude, to negotiate the twists and turns of his life following the accident.

Before 1998, Chambliss had followed a fairly typical path for a Transylvania pre-law student graduating with a political science major and a history minor. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Denver College of Law in 1989, then practiced in the public and private sectors for the next decade. At the time of his accident, he was in private practice in Eagle County.

Doctors originally diagnosed the cerebral portion of Chambliss's injuries as a minor concussion, but following a series of unusual occurrences—false sensations of smells, going blank during a conversation, a sudden jerk of the hand—he took a bad fall as the result of an epileptic seizure that caused further brain damage, then wrecked his car after blacking out. It has taken him years to recover from the cognitive injuries.

Along the way, he left law, took a master's in visual arts from the University of Louisville, and in 2006 accepted a generous fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. at Melbourne. He chose that university because of its willingness to be flexible in the creation of his doctoral subject, which involves the study of how epileptic activity in the brain can actually enhance, or even spark, creativity in visual art, including his own.

"My research is focused on the novelty of perception that comes from epileptic discharges during a complex partial seizure, where only a portion of the brain is impacted and you may not even see physical

symptoms," Chambliss said.

His research has involved the study of works by more than 100 artists with epilepsy, trying to discover if they experience intrinsic perceptions of the illusions or hallucinations brought about by the partial seizure, and if they incorporate those into their artwork. He looked at art from three contests, and overall has reviewed more than 8,000 artworks by people with epilepsy.

"It seems from the research that epilepsy, which is most often perceived as disabling, can, in some circumstances, be enabling for the enhancement of creative potential," Chambliss said. "Epilepsy is not the only cause of someone's creativity; it is just one of the factors, yet it can be a very significant one."

Chambliss's work has caught the attention of the academic world. Among his recent speaking engagements was a presentation at the 2011 International Epilepsy Congress, held in Rome in August. He spoke in conjunction with Steven Schachter, a neurologist at the Harvard University Medical School.

"The Rome conference was phenomenal," he said. "I shared the stage with one of the top neurologists in the world. Steven has been involved with my research project since 2005. I was so honored to be invited not just for a poster presentation or a question-and-answer, but to give one of the sessions."

Chambliss has curated art shows, including one in Melbourne for 56 artists with epilepsy that he calls the largest of its kind ever held. This is one of the ways he feels his work is having a positive impact on these artists.

"There was an excitement level among these artists that was amazing," he said. "For them to be able to share their experiences with family and friends was great. Along with exposure on my website, the show generated interest in their art for sales. That helps them to believe in themselves."

After completing his Ph.D., Chambliss hopes to continue to build upon his research.

"I would like to have a combination of teaching associated with art, to work in research with various mental and neurological conditions and how they affect creativity, and to be associated with art collections. I would like to show the public the work of artists who are in some way marginalized, but whose work exhibits insights into the human condition."

Chambliss lives in Melbourne with his wife, Nicola, son, Zac, 3, and daughter, Chloe Anna, 1.

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



*Jim Chambliss*



**Blindsided is a self-portrait ceramic artwork by Jim Chambliss '86 that relates to his life-changing injury in 1998 as the result of being blindsided by a sport utility vehicle.**

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

'89 **Elizabeth A. Case** lives in Lexington with her children, Calista, 7, Anthony, 5, and twins Thomas Holden and Tavish Aaron Case, 1. Anthony was born on March 3, 2007, and his adoption was finalized on June 12, 2007, the third birthday of his sister Calista.

**Neil W. Lerner**, Davidson, N.C., represented Transylvania in October at the Davidson College presidential inauguration.

'90 **H. Steven Banfield**, Seattle, has joined Korrio as chief product officer of its executive team of technology, sports, and business leaders. He will oversee the consumer experience with Korrio's Playflow sports automation platform.

**Dawn J. Wilson**, Louisville, took the bronze medal in the North American Cup's women's saber fencing competition in the Veteran (40 and over) division. She also met with Jefferson County Public Schools as education chair of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission.

'92 **Sean P. Carey**, Westborough, Mass., represented Transylvania in September at the Becker College presidential inauguration.

**Brent A. Donovan**, Berkeley Heights, N.J., was named president of the Kentuckians of New York.

'94 **Michelle D. Cook-Becker**, Hendersonville, Tenn., is a physician's assistant in cardiac-thoracic surgery at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

**Emily M. Satterwhite**, Blacksburg, Va., assistant professor of Appalachian studies at Virginia Tech University, wrote a book titled *Dear Appalachia* about the negative stereotypes of Appalachia perpetuated by movies, television shows, and the news media. It's available through University Press of Kentucky.

'95 **Nathan S. Floyd**, Johnson City, Tenn., represented Transylvania in October at the Milligan College presidential inauguration.

'96 **Ana C. Reyes**, Washington, D.C., a partner with the law firm of Williams & Connolly, was named one of the Top 40 Minority Attorneys Under 40 in the United States by the *National Law Journal* for her national influence in her practice area and beyond during the past five years. (See story on page 28.)

**Jennifer Griswold Withrow**, Lexington, was promoted to program administrator for the Family Violence Prevention branch of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. She and her husband, Chris, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in December.

'97 **Charles E. "Chip" McElearney** lives in Seattle with his wife, Sandra, and their children, Jack and Claudia. Chip is halfway through school at Seattle University School of Law.

'99 **Jeremy W. Lankster**, Lexington, is director of internal audit/compliance at Madison Bank in Richmond, Ky.

'00 **M. Kevin Staton**, Lexington, was named vice president of finance at Blackhawk Mining, LLC.

'01 **Jennifer L. Osborne**, Louisville, is an assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Hygiene at the University of Louisville. She teaches multiple classes in community/public health dentistry, special needs patients, and research methods/statistics and serves as a clinical instructor for the dental hygiene program.

'02 **Tamara Bentley Caudill**, Winchester, Ky., is executive director of the State Showcase Event at the Kentucky World Language Association. She oversees the event, which hosts as many as 1,000 middle and high school students from Kentucky.

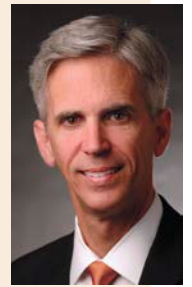
**Robert M. Croft**, Shelbyville, Ky., joined the Lexington law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl as an associate in the products liability and tort practice groups.

**LaMarco A. Cable** has relocated to Alexandria, Va., and is regional manager for the Mid-Atlantic/Central Southern region of Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. More information can be found at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

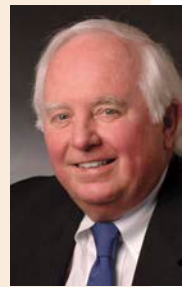
'04 **Janie M. Castle**, Grundy, Va., joined the staff of the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy as director of career services and alumni relations.

## Baughman replaces Cowgill as CEO

**James C. Baughman Jr.** '85 was appointed CEO of Office Suites PLUS in Lexington. He replaces **Norwood "Buddy" Cowgill Jr.** '65, Transylvania trustee who founded the company in 1979. Cowgill will remain as chairman of the board. In October Office Suites PLUS was named to the 2011 Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in America. According to United Kingdom-based Instant Offices, Ltd., it is the ninth largest service office provider in the world, and it is the highest-rated company in its industry, according to the 2011 Inc. listings.



**James Baughman Jr.**



**Buddy Cowgill**



**Laura S. Crittenden**, Lexington, joined the Lexington law firm of Stites & Harbison as an associate of the business litigation service group.

'05 **Melissa D. Carter**, Atlanta, accepted a research scientist position with Battelle Memorial Institute working as an analytical chemist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

'06 **Logan Piers Harrison Forsyth**, Olathe, Kan., is an admissions coordinator for MidAmerica Nazarene University.

**Hayley Castle Trimble**, Knoxville, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in May 2011 and is an obstetrics/gynecology resident at the University of Tennessee.

'07 **Haley M. Riney** moved back to Owensboro, Ky., after earning a doctorate of physical therapy from the University of Kentucky. She works in a small, hospital-based outpatient clinic in a rural community just south of Owensboro in Ohio County.

**Donald R. "D. R." Rose**, Lexington, was promoted to captain in the United States Army after completing a tour of duty in

## Ana Reyes '96

### WASHINGTON ATTORNEY HONORED FOR WORK WITH REFUGEES

When **Ana Reyes '96** finished law school at Harvard University, her mother told her she'd be disappointed if she didn't use her education to help others.

Luckily for Reyes—not to mention the numerous people she has, indeed, helped through pro bono work at Williams and Connolly, her law firm in Washington, D.C.—disappointing her mother is not a concern. In fact, Reyes's efforts to help others, specifically people seeking asylum in the United States, have garnered approval well beyond the family circle.

Most recently, the Uruguay native was named to the Minority 40 under 40 list by the *National Law Journal* not only for building a successful international litigation practice, but also for her tireless work helping asylum seekers. Prior to that, her work received recognition for distinction from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (2004 and 2008) and the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (2009). And she was featured in the *Legal Times* special section "Champions, Visionaries and Pioneers" for her pro bono efforts and advocacy for asylum applicants.

In 2008 a case came up involving three women from Guinea who were seeking to remain in the United States after having been subjected to female genital mutilation in their home country. The law says in order to gain asylum, the person must show that he or she has been persecuted or will be persecuted, and to deny it, the government must show that there has been a change in circumstances that would prevent future persecution. The case against the women stated that having already been subjected to female genital mutilation, the women could not undergo it again.

Reyes and her firm were approached by the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies to argue against that notion, so they spent almost 500 hours drafting a brief. Reyes argued the case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, which included the Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, who now sits on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Our argument to the court was that it doesn't make any sense that the act of persecution itself is a changed circumstance," Reyes said. "It doesn't make any legal sense, and it doesn't make any logical sense. Female genital mutilation is just one example of overall persecution against women, and depending on the type of FGM they had, it could happen again. So we argued it and were very successful."



The ruling was made to let the women stay in the U.S., and precedent was set for future cases like these.

"Today's ruling is a tremendous victory for women who seek our nation's protection to escape the brutal practice of female genital mutilation and the other forms of gender persecution that are associated with it," she said at the time of the decision.

Reyes was elected to a William and Connolly partnership in 2009, and she serves on the firm's pro bono committee. She began working with asylum seekers early in her career.

"My first asylum client was a very shy, reserved woman," she said. "I met with her countless times over a one-year period to prepare her for the hearing. During all that time, I never saw her smile or laugh. At the hearing, when the translator told her that the judge had granted her and the family asylum, she turned to me and gave me a full-on smile and a big hug. That was the most rewarding moment of my career to date. Whenever I feel stressed or out of sorts professionally, I think about that moment, and it always makes me feel better."

In recognizing Reyes in the Minority 40 under 40 list, the *National Law Journal* cited her success as lead negotiator in a dispute between her native Republic of Uruguay and its Central Bank and three international banks. She told the magazine it was "particularly meaningful" to travel back to Uruguay to represent the government in reaching a settlement.

As with her commitment to helping others, Reyes's commitment to Transylvania, where she was a political science major, remains strong as well. During spring break 2011, Reyes met with a group of Transylvania students who were in Washington, D.C., doing volunteer service projects as part of Alternative Spring Break—a project that began when she was at Transylvania and a sign, she says, that the university's commitment to community service continues.

"I cannot say enough about Transylvania," she said. "I think the level of interaction at a school like Transylvania, with the quality of professors and the small class size—you can't match it anywhere."

Political science professors Don Dugi and Jeff Freyman, in particular, "had an exceptional ability to challenge me as an individual. They kept raising the bar on me."

—TERRI McLEAN and TYLER YOUNG

Afghanistan as a platoon leader with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He is currently stationed in Vilseck, Germany.

**'08 Sarah Billiter Cameron**, Lexington, joined the Lexington law firm of Jackson Kelly as an attorney in the commercial litigation practice group.

**Allison P. Ray**, Garland, Tex., received her master of divinity degree in May from Brite Divinity School. She serves as children, youth, and young adult minister at First Christian Church of Garland.

**Micah A. Smith**, Rockport, Tex., graduated from Vanderbilt University's nurse practitioner program and is a nurse practitioner in a pediatric doctor's office in Corpus Christi, Tex.

**'09 Molly R. Burchett**, Lexington, has been named national director of market development at Medcare Health in Lexington.

**Clay K. Fedde**, Ashland, Ky., is loan/mortgage originator at Inez Deposit Bank in Inez, Ky.

**Daniel R. Evans**, Frankfort, Ky., received his M.S. in computer science in April from the University of Louisville Speed School and joined Coca-Cola Enterprises in Louisville as a programmer analyst. He was promoted to senior analyst in January and loves every minute of it.

**'10 Simon A. Brazinski** is pursuing a one-year master's degree in finance at Vanderbilt University and will graduate in May. He hopes to return to Lexington and work in corporate finance.

**'11 Robin E. Williams-Neal**, Louisville, enrolled in the graduate diploma program in theology and religion at the University of Durham in England. The program will enable her to take Hebrew and Greek as well as other preliminary courses required for the master's program for which she plans to apply.

## Marriages

**Susan Michelle Taylor '92** and Dwight Witten, December 3, 2011

**Seema Navnit Doshi '94** and Patrick Kerrigan Jr., November 19, 2011

**Allison Lynne Rumble '95** and Tom Wilker, November 19, 2011

**Catherine Bryan Redford '96** and Steve Kessler, November 5, 2011



**Holly Suzanne Hobbs '03** and Tim Fisher, October 8, 2011

**Kenneth Alvan Blair '04** and Holly Adams, October 29, 2011

**Crystal Nicole Mount '04** and Brian Andrew Newton, November 5, 2011

**Kathryn Zoe Gash '06** and Joe Wood, October 16, 2011

**Dana Elise Hines '06** and Brent Williams Farrell '06, August 12, 2010

**Jessica Marie Grice '06** and Michael LoPresti, June 25, 2011

**Jennifer Nicole Webb '06** and Nicholas England, October 14, 2011

**Andrew Hunter Dieruf '07** and Kristen Elizabeth Busseni, June 18, 2011

**Andrea Christin Fitzpatrick '07** and Evan Thomas Ray, July 3, 2010

**Christopher Edward Geiger '08** and Haley Ann Flair '09, August 27, 2011

**Emily Kathleen Wilcox '09** and Chris Tabb, December 9, 2011



*Francesca Danielle Pribble '08 (second from left) and Justin Kingery were married August 3, 2011. Also pictured at the event are Sarah Billiter Cameron '08, Kathryn VanSlyke '08, and Meg Phillips '08.*

## Births

**F. Daniel Mongiardo '82** and Allison P. Mongiardo, a son, Cannon Patrick Mongiardo, September 28, 2011

**Elizabeth A. Case '89**, twin sons, Thomas Holden Case and Tavish Aaron Case, November 15, 2010

**Lucy M. Points '92** and Mick Jefferies, a daughter, Elizabeth Lee Points Jefferies, September 17, 2011

**Preston R. Gibson '93** and Susan Gibson, a daughter, Maya Harlow Gibson, September 7, 2011

**Michelle D. Cook-Becker '94** and John Becker, a daughter, Katherine Eden Becker, April 4, 2011

**Kate N. Barlow-Fiero '95** and **Melissa R. Barlow-Fiero '98**, a daughter, Patton Neely Barlow-Fiero, November 8, 2011

**Susan Moore Monohan '96** and **Gregory P. Monohan '96**, a daughter, Sylvia Anne Monohan, August 10, 2011

**Tonya Breeding Short '96** and David Short, a daughter, Reagan Noelle Breeding Short, November 23, 2011



**Charles E. "Chip" McElearney '97** and Sandra Love McElearney, a daughter, Claudia Elizabeth McElearney, December 14, 2011

**Brian L. Naylor '97** and **Kimberly Branham Naylor '98** adopted a son on August 1, 2011, Andrew Stephen ChaoWei Naylor, born July 3, 2009, in Henan, China



**Christopher A. Carter '98** and Lauren Carter, a daughter, Paisley Elaine Carter, December 24, 2011

**Angela Beth Moore '98** and Michael Schnuerle, a son, Clinton Andrew Schnuerle, September 25, 2011



**Leigh Ann Blackburn Napier '98** and Michael Napier, a daughter, Kenley Jane Napier, September 16, 2011

**Allison Baker Shealy '98** and Kenny Shealy, a son, Cooper Evans Shealy, September 7, 2011

**W. Scott McConnell '99** and **Alexandra Silver McConnell '00**, a son, William Preston McConnell, October 9, 2011

**Catherine Curtis Mayer '00** and **Adam A. Mayer '00**, a son, Daniel Curtis Mayer, December 19, 2011

**Lydia Wilson Kohler '01** and **Dale Kohler '03**, a son, Miles Nelson Kohler, November 29, 2011

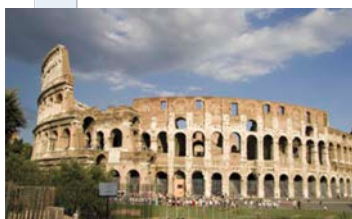
**Avery Edwards Garner '02** and **R. Lance Garner '02**, a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Garner, October 30, 2011

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### Alumni travel in 2012 and 2013

The alumni office continues to promote trips to interested alumni and friends. For a trip brochure or more information on trips mentioned below, contact Natasa Mongiardo '96, director of alumni programs, or Tracy Dunn '90, assistant director of alumni programs, in the alumni office at (800) 487-2679, or visit our website [www.alumni.transy.edu](http://www.alumni.transy.edu).

#### **Rome and the Amalfi Coast—November 1-10, 2012**

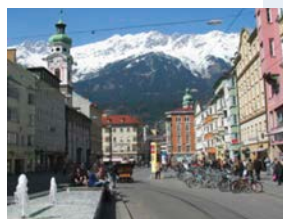


Ten days, 13 meals (eight breakfasts, one lunch, and four dinners). Highlights include whisper headsets, Rome, regional wines with dinner, Ravello, Villa Rufolo, Vietri-sul-Mare, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Paestum,

Pompeii, wine tasting, Naples, and Archeological Museum. Per-person cost based on double occupancy is \$3,099 (if booked by April 25, 2012, with a deposit of \$250 per person) and includes meals mentioned above, round-trip air from Lexington, air taxes and fees, and hotel transfers.

#### **Alpine Christmas—November 30-December 7, 2012**

Eight days, 10 meals (six breakfasts, four dinners). Highlights include Innsbruck, Golden Roof, Munich, Oberammergau, Salzburg, and Christmas markets. Per-person cost based on double occupancy is \$2,749 (if booked by June 25, 2012, with a deposit of \$250 per person) and includes meals mentioned above, round-trip air from Lexington, air taxes and fees, and hotel transfers.



**Save the date** for these two Oceania Cruises in the works for 2013: *Tahitian Jewels*, January 26-February 7, and *Mayan Mystique*, February 24-March 6.



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*Discounts and savings are available where state laws and regulations allow, and may vary by state. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify.*

### Transylvania Golf Classic set for May 31

Join Transylvania's athletics department and the development office for the 2012 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Thursday, May 31, at the University Club of Kentucky Big Blue course. Registration and lunch will be at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Jack Ebel '77, director of athletics, at (859) 233-8548, [jebel@transy.edu](mailto:jebel@transy.edu), or Kirk Purdom, vice president for advancement, at (859) 233-8551, [kpurdum@transy.edu](mailto:kpurdum@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](https://www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni)** — the quickest way to get alumni news and information on events.

**[linkd.in/TUAlumni](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=11111111)** — If you're interested in professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn.

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**Karen Bryden Joyce '02** and David Lee Joyce, a son, Nathan Reed Joyce, July 4, 2011

**Bimal V. Patel '02** and Nirvana Patel, a daughter, Neela Bimal Patel, April 30, 2011

**Mary Beth Dennis Carson '03** and Brian Carson, a son, Kittrick Alan Carson, September 25, 2011

**Colmon V. Elridge '03** and Victoria H. Elridge, a son, Carter Vian Robert Elridge, May 5, 2011

**Brandy Baldwin Jones '03** and Nicholas A. Jones, a daughter, Hannah Catherine Jones, October 10, 2011

**Phillip P. Thurman '05** and **Allison Higgins Thurman '06**, a daughter, Mollie Grace Thurman, September 20, 2011

**Elizabeth Buford Graff '07** and Michael Graff, a son, Christopher Michael Graff, September 30, 2011

**Joseph R. Sutton '07** and **Anna Staggs Sutton '08**, a son, Anderson Thomas Sutton, September 19, 2011



**Shara Raymer Mays '08** and **Scott A. Mays '09**, a son, Cruz Jameson Mays, August 19, 2011

## Obituaries

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Elizabeth Ann Elam Moody '43**, West Palm Beach, Fla., died November 28, 2011. She was a religion and economics major and a member of Women's Independent Group, a capella choir, Stagecrafters, the Women's Athletics Association, and the Y.W.C.A. She went on to Yale Divinity School to study social ethics. She established Palm Beach County's first crisis line for battered spouses in 1976 and started two domestic violence shelters. She was a counselor to victims of domestic abuse and worked for the Palm Beach County Victims Services Division.

**Margie Howe Haux '49**, Annapolis, Md., wife of **Robert E. Haux '51**, died December 1, 2011. She was a music and physical education major and a member of Phi Mu sorority. She was a former director of St. Anne's School in Annapolis and taught music in Ohio, Kentucky, and Maryland. She also trained and showed Boykin spaniels and enjoyed sailing, traveling, and cruising.

**Elizabeth Jenkins Blair '50**, Villa Park, Ill., died May 13, 2011. She was a medical transcriptionist at Loyola University.

**John F. Kirby '50**, Danville, Ky., died October 26, 2011. He was a mathematics and

geology major and a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He taught in the Boyle County, Ky., school system for 30 years and earned the Kentucky State Teacher Award in 1966.

**John W. Tyler '51**, Seattle, died June 18, 2011. He was a religion major and a member of the choir, and he earned a bachelor of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary. After service as chaplain in the U.S. Army, he worked as a customer services manager.

**Beverly Nixon Concannon '52**, Washington, D.C., died November 9, 2011. She was an English major and an elementary school teacher in Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

**Glenn E. Clark '53**, Bossier City, La., died October 1, 2011. He was an officer in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years. He earned several honors and medals, including the American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon. After his service he owned and operated a clock shop in Bossier City.

**Lewis H. George '55**, Zephyrhills, Fla., husband of **Martha Heard George '57**, died September 17, 2011. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, theater productions, Student Christian Association,



## Former trustee Harold L. "Bud" Holmes dies

**HAROLD L. "BUD" HOLMES '55**, a life member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, died September 28, 2011.

Holmes became a trustee in 1972 and was a life member of the board when he stepped down from active participation during a reorganization in 2011 that created a smaller group of active members and a

complementary Board of Regents. He served as a member of the Committee on Real Estate and Construction.

Transylvania honored Holmes and his wife, **Joyce Swango Holmes '55**, with the Morrison Medallion during Alumni Weekend 1991. (Joyce Holmes passed away in 2003.) This highest honor for alumni recognizes outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs. They were the second alumni couple to receive the award, following 1959 graduates Guy and Nell Robinson Waldrop in 1990.

The Holmeses lived in Cincinnati and often hosted alumni and admissions receptions in their area. They were active in recruiting both new students and donors for the university.

Bud Holmes, former president of OK Trucking Company of Cincinnati and active in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity while at

Transylvania, was a founding member of the Alumni Executive Board and a former vice president of the alumni association. He gave regularly to the annual fund and supported other causes such as scholarships and building projects.

He was remembered by his peers as one who went quietly and steadily about the business of promoting Transylvania's best interests.

"Bud was a very consistent supporter of Transylvania, giving generously of his time, resources, and spirit to his alma mater," said William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Transylvania President Emeritus Charles L. Shearer remembers Holmes as a very supportive member of the board.

"It was always a pleasure to work with Bud because of his genuine interest in Transylvania, his positive attitude, and his willingness to help with any project or initiative," Shearer said. "I valued his insight and appreciated his near perfect attendance at board meetings over nearly four decades. He was a true friend to Transylvania."

Alumni survivors include sisters **Sue Holmes Jones '58** and **JoAnn Holmes Jordan '58**, and son **Stephen S. Holmes '79**.

Memorials may be directed to the Joyce Swango Holmes Endowed Scholarship Fund at Transylvania. For information, contact the alumni and development office at (800) 487-2679.



## Dorothy J. Smith '42 dies

**DOROTHY J. SMITH '42**, who created a legacy of music for Transylvania when she endowed a concert series and a scholarship for music students, died November 11, 2011.

Smith came to Transylvania from Hutchinson, Kan., in 1939 to study music and English, her two majors. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky and taught in the Fayette County public schools for 25 years and at the Lexington School for four years. She was a former violist with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, a published composer and poet, and professional singer in a variety of venues.

It was her love of music that drove Smith to create the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series at Transylvania and the Sharon Sue Smith Memorial Scholarship. The concert series includes the name of her late husband, a 1940 Transylvania graduate. Her estate will provide \$1 million to endow the concert series and \$200,000 to endow the scholarship, which will be awarded to first-year students, with preference given to those with a music major or minor.

"Dorothy was a wonderful Transylvanian who left us a great gift of music in the concert series and a lasting legacy for her daughter in the scholarship program," said music professor Gary Anderson. "By funding the concert series for five years before it was endowed, she was able to enjoy the brilliant artists that her generosity has brought to our campus thus far in the series. She had the gift of music in her own life and was thrilled to be able to offer that gift to future generations of Transylvanians."

The concert series began in 2007 with a performance by the Grammy Award-winning Kronos Quartet. Other performers have included world acclaimed male chorus Chanticleer, Grammy-nominated Cuban band Tiempo Libre, female a cappella group Anonymous 4, and Canadian Brass.

Smith was always grateful for the financial assistance she received as a student that made it possible for her to attend Transylvania. In a 2007 interview, she reflected on what the university had meant to her and on the opportunity to give something back:

"Transylvania changed the direction of my life and brought me to where I am today. I am so very grateful for that. These two programs are my reward for Transylvania's generosity toward me, a generosity that will echo in every concert and every student who benefits from the scholarship."

and the Pre-ministerial Group. He went on to Lexington Theological Seminary, then served as a pastor for almost 60 years. He earned a doctorate of ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

**Wilda Vaught McKenzie '58**, Lexington, wife of **Howard F. McKenzie '57**, died December 18, 2011. She was a teacher in Fayette County, Ky., schools for over 30 years and was a tutor for the CATS program at the University of Kentucky. She was named "A Teacher Who Made A Difference" by the UK Department of Education.

**Jo Anne Hale Moger '58**, Tullahoma, Tenn., died December 28, 2011. She was a math and commerce major and a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was also a member of choir and the Women's Athletic Association. She spent her life as a homemaker.

**Manuel R. Tamayo '60**, Glen Carbon, Ill., died August 27, 2011. He was a psychology and religion major and a member of the Transylvania Choir. He went on to become a minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and served in the U.S. Air Force. He earned a master's degree from Christian Theological Seminary.

**Richard W. Mitchell '68**, Los Angeles, died October 2, 2011. He was a film historian, editor, and sound editor in Los Angeles, working on several films including *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, *Traffic*, and *Lethal Weapon 4*. His credits include assistant editor, show editor, and Foley editor. He also wrote articles on film for various publications such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Cinefantastique* magazine, and *American Cinematographer*.

**Clinton V. Vaught '70**, Clarksville, Ind., died October 18, 2011. He was a theater arts and speech major, performed in Transylvania theater productions, and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Refined Society. He was a theater and speech teacher at DuPont Manual High School in Louisville for over 30 years and was coordinator of the Youth Performing Arts School. He performed and directed plays in theaters around the country and directed historical performances at the Kentucky State Fair. He appeared in some films, including *Assisted Living*, which won awards at various film festivals.

**Mark H. Donaldson '71**, Lexington, died September 30, 2011. He was a social studies major and member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He was a manager at SuperAmerica Corporation.

**Timothy J. Walsh '72**, West Haven, Conn., died November 6, 2011. He was an English major and wrote for the *Rambler*. He worked in landscape architecture, journalism, and social services for various businesses and organizations.

**Joy Sausman Beaudry '76**, Gaithersburg, Md., sister of **J. Michael Sausman '71**, died July 26, 2011. She was an English major, member of Chi Omega sorority, and circulation manager for the *Rambler*. She was owner and president of Personnel Placement Service, Inc.

**Richard Francis McAuliffe '90**, Elberta, Ala., died December 8, 2011. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He was CEO of the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and a member of the Governor's Coastal Recovery Commission of Alabama.

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## Corrections

In the fall *Transylvania* magazine: A front cover headline should have shown Esi Kalefe's class year as '14.

An article on page 8 on asset-building should have spelled the grant source as the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. *Transylvania* regrets the errors.