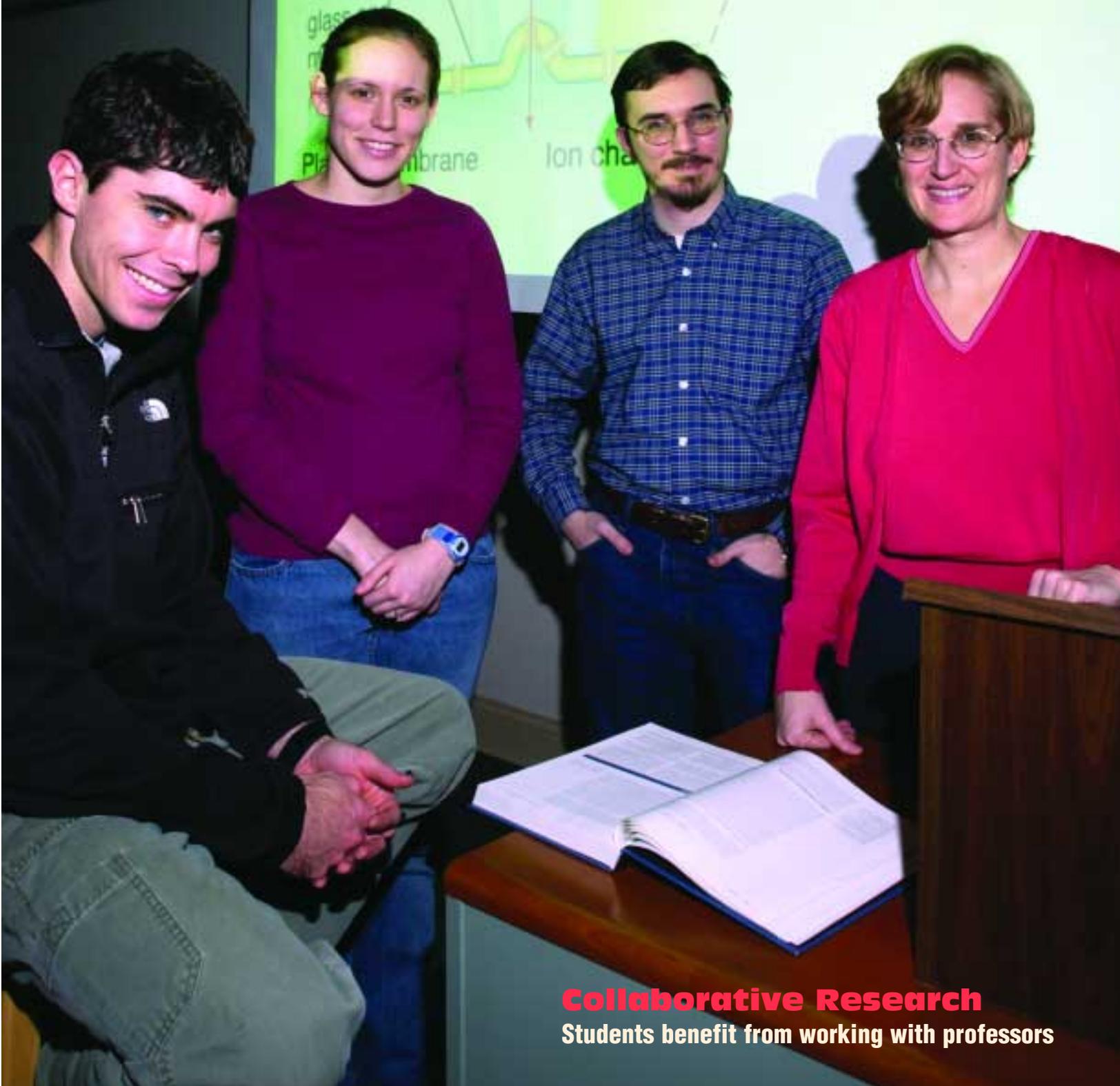


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Biology professor Peggy Palombi is shown with, from left, sophomores Mason Hunt, Virginia Jolley, and Steven Borck. The students are assisting Palombi with research into how the aging process affects hearing. See story on page 5. Photo by Joseph Rey Au



# 20 YEARS OF TRANSYLVANIA HAS PROSPERED DURING PRESIDENT CHARLES L. SHEARER'S TWO-DECADE TENURE PROGRESS



Jeff Rogers '81

by William A. Bowden

**C**HARLES L. SHEARER, newly appointed as Transylvania's 24th president, had just met with William T. Young, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to discuss priorities for the University.

"We were leaving his office, and we were talking car-to-car in the parking lot," recalled Shearer. "The only thing Bill Young really stressed to me the day I was hired was that the board wanted to increase the enrollment. We were around 650 students when I took over that summer. Bill's parting words to me

were, 'Fill up the school.' "

That was July 4, 1983. As Shearer approaches the 20th anniversary of his presidency, he can look back on a period of remarkable growth and improvement in virtually every area of the University's life, including a 69 percent increase in enrollment to just over 1,100 students. That is considered an optimum size in relation to the school's mission of providing a high quality liberal arts education with personal attention to students.

## **A comprehensive agenda**

Enrollment may have been the first priority, but many other initiatives involving student and faculty quality, the curriculum, technology, financial aid, student life, capital campaigns, major building projects, alumni relations, and enhancement of the University's academic reputation were to dominate Shearer's and Transylvania's agenda over the coming years.

Young, who retired as board chairman in 2000 after 23 years in that role, was with Shearer every step of the way as Transylvania grew first to become the No. 1 regional liberal arts college in the South in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings, and then move up to the magazine's national category, where the school is now one of the nation's top 100 liberal arts colleges. He believes the board made the right choice when it offered Shearer, who was Transy's vice president of finance at the time, the presidency.

"I was impressed with Charles from the day he first came to Transylvania from Albion College," he said. "He has always had the full support of the board. I think all of us worked together to transform Transylvania from an average small liberal arts college to one of the finest in the country. And it would not have happened unless Charles had been in the chief executive seat during that period."

William T. Young Jr. became board chairman in 2000 and sees in Shearer many of the same qualities his father appreciated.

"I think his tenure has been an absolute blessing to Transylvania," he said. "He's got all the tools that are needed to be a top flight college president. He's promoted the academic quality of the school and overseen the planning and building of many new facilities. He's been the right person at the right time."

## **Attracting top students**

Shearer, a Louisville native, left his position as director of operations at Albion in 1979 to accept the role of chief financial officer for Transy. From the University of Kentucky he had earned a B.S. in accounting and an M.A. in diplomacy and international commerce, and from Michigan State University an M.A. and Ph.D., both in economics.

When Shearer first took office as president, Transylvania's needs were obvious.

In order to attract more of the best students, the University needed to bolster its finances and its student financial aid programs, continue to emphasize faculty quality, and improve facilities.

"Charles came into the presidency when Transylvania was at a low point, both in enrollment and financial situation," said Warren W. Rosenthal, a Transylvania trustee since 1971. "He saw the challenges and began to address each one of the University's shortcomings."

The University's best tool for attracting high achieving students was the William T. Young Scholars Program. Created through the initiative of William T. Young and begun in 1982, this program of merit-based, four-year scholarships covered tuition, fees, room, and board. The scholarships were awarded to 10 students the first year, but that number increased to 25 students for the fall of 1983. The program has flourished during Shearer's tenure, and today funds tuition and fees for 25 incoming students each year.

To stimulate faculty quality, the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching, an idea first proposed by William T. Young, was established in 1987 to attract, inspire, and financially reward teachers for superior classroom performance. Today, half of Transy's full-time faculty are Bingham Fellows. A related program, the David and Betty Jones Fund for Faculty Development, was created in 1989.

David Shannon, interim vice president and dean of the college, joined the faculty in 1977 and has seen the fruits of the Bingham program as well as the excellent relationship between faculty and administration Shearer has nurtured.

"Charles had been an economics teacher before beginning his administrative career, so he understands what faculty members are all about, and especially the role of scholarship," said Shannon. "Over the years we have added faculty lines, allowing us to have a broader range of courses and a richer curriculum."

Increasing the University's endowment was another priority early in Shearer's tenure. From 1987 to 1997, two capital campaigns added more than \$50 million to the endowment, which today stands at \$115 million. Rosenthal, William T. Young, and trustee James G. Kenan III played leading roles in this dramatic upsurge in the

college's financial picture.

Major improvements in facilities began with the opening of the William T. Young Campus Center in 1983 and continued throughout the decade with the Warren W. Rosenthal Residence Complex (1986), the J. Douglas Gay Jr. Library (1986), and the Poole Residence Center (1989).

## **Planning in the 1990s**

At the dawning of a new decade, Transylvania embarked on its first modern long-range planning initiative.

"The long-range plans completed in 1992 and in 1997 were crucial steps," said Shearer. "In the early 1980s, there was no doubt in anybody's mind what the first projects should be. But now we needed more discussion and a broader consensus. It is extremely gratifying to see how so many of the goals in those plans have been achieved."

The fruits of those long-range plans would be seen in another group of major campus additions, including the John R. Hall Athletic Field and Row House (1996), Lucille C. Little Theater (1998), Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education (1999), William A. Marquard Field (2000), and Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center (2002).



**President Charles L. Shearer, right, joins, from left, then-Student Government Association president Shane White '98, then-Transylvania Board Chairman William T. Young, and the late Lucille C. Little '28 for a groundbreaking ceremony for the Lucille C. Little Theater in December 1997.**

A further boost in academic quality came in 1999 with the establishment of the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment, underwritten with a \$3 million endowment and dedicated to support for faculty and student research and visiting professors.

As Shearer neared his 20th anniversary,

a reaffirmation of Transylvania's accreditation from the Commission on Colleges and Schools (SACS) seemed to provide a seal of approval on many of the University's initiatives to improve itself over the decade of the '90s.



■ President Charles L. Shearer welcomes students to his home in 1988 during new student orientation.

### *It's all about students*

Students, the ultimate purpose of the University, have enjoyed an open and rewarding relationship with Shearer, who has an open-door policy toward the entire Transy community, from trustees to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Many students feel he makes an extra effort to involve himself in University life by such habits as frequently eating in the cafeteria and generally being out and about on the campus.

"I think Dr. Shearer has an exceptional ability to relate well to all of the stakeholders," said Tiffany Wheeler '90, a professor in the education program. "I always felt very comfortable talking with him as a student. My grandmother died during my first few months at Transy, and he knew about that and extended his sym-



■ President Charles L. Shearer, right, joins his family after graduation ceremonies in 1994 for his son, Mark. From left are son, Scott Shearer '96, wife, Susan, and son, Todd Shearer '92.

pathies. That meant a lot to me."

Brad Sullivan, a senior, served on the Steering Committee for the recently completed Quality Enhancement Plan, part of the self-study Transylvania went through for its SACS accreditation. He also serves on the Planning and Evaluation Committee of the Board of Trustees. He has interacted with Shearer in those roles, as well as with the Student Government Association and the Interfraternity Council.

"Dr. Shearer understands that the University is for the students and he wants to be sure their input is heard," he said. "He's also very supportive of student activities and attends many events. It's good to see the president taking an interest in something you're involved in."

Lesley Wellington, a junior, works with Shearer as the Student Orientation Leader for his section of University 1111, Academic Career Skills, for which Shearer is the mentor. All first-year students take this course, which orients them to college life through such topics as study habits, time management, and selection of a major.

To illustrate how seriously Shearer takes students' concerns, she related a topic from the class's first meeting. "Some of the students started talking about how their showers had low water pressure. Dr. Shearer would always write those kinds of things down and have them fixed."

Rose Mary Stamler Dow '88 has known Shearer both as a student and now as a member of the board. "He is one of the reasons I've enjoyed continuing my association with Transy since I graduated," she said. "He has always made me feel that my input and time were beneficial to the University and that I am appreciated."

### *A 20-year perspective*

Twenty years is a long time in the life of a person or an institution. The average tenure for a private college president in the U.S. is just over seven years, according to the American Council on Education, making Shearer's two decades in office even more noteworthy. The leadership he has provided Transylvania over that period has helped the University to achieve a myriad of goals.

"I think he's improved the overall quality of the University dramatically from where it was 20 years ago," said William T. Young Jr. "He's just done a remarkable

job. He has poured his heart and soul into Transylvania."

Added trustee Rosenthal, "He is tireless in his efforts, and fortunately has been supported by a very lovely wife, Susan, who shares his career with him."

Sarah Emmons, director of public relations, joined the staff in 1979 and has seen the effects of Shearer's leadership during his entire tenure as president. She has always been impressed with his uncompromising dedication to Transylvania.

"Dr. Shearer was named president at a very low point in Transylvania's history, and I think from the beginning he realized the potential of what this small liberal arts college in Lexington, Ky., could become," she said. "Under his leadership, grand improvements have been made, yet he knows that more needs to be done. He never rests—he's completely dedicated to helping Transylvania become better in every way possible."

While feeling a great sense of satisfaction at what he has helped to accomplish, Shearer is quick to give credit to many others for the University's successes.

"So much of what has been accomplished here is due to the strong leadership and generosity of the trustees," he said. "I also derive a great deal of satisfaction from the high quality staff I have been able to bring to Transylvania."

A college presidency can be an all-consuming job, as Shearer knows only too well. But he has willingly taken on the sometimes around-the-clock responsibilities that come with the position.

"I think it's much more than a job—it's a commitment. Sometimes it's hard to separate who you are from the institution. Your life becomes so entwined with what you do every day, and the people you work with become your friends as well as your professional colleagues."

Finally, as Shearer looks to Transy's future, he has learned the lesson of never believing the task is complete.

"It's a tremendous achievement to have come this far, but the continuing challenge at Transylvania is to make sure we don't think we've arrived. We can never become complacent. We need to look ahead at more improvement, increasing the endowment, higher faculty salaries, and many other goals that will be part of the new long-range plan and Transy's future." ■

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Research projects help students expand knowledge, prepare for the future

by Katherine Yeakel

**E**rica Charnes '02 entered graduate school at the University of Cincinnati with what she considers a significant advantage. Charnes, who's studying speech language pathology, had more than a year of hands-on research experience from assisting Transylvania psychology professor Meg Upchurch with her Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) project.

"I really feel it helped me to better understand the process of developing and implementing a research project," she said. "I learned about a lot of lab techniques and scoring protocols that I had not been exposed to before. I feel like I have a huge advantage over some of my classmates who have never done research."

Charnes' story isn't unique. Many Transylvania students have the opportunity to assist professors with research projects or conduct their own research under a professor's guidance, an option made increasingly possible by the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment.

Since Kenan funds became available for student research in 2001, students have tackled projects ranging from body image, to the Chicago renaissance, to computer models of hearing loss, and more.

During the summer of 2002, Olesja Lukjanova, a junior with a double major in economics and accounting, spent 11 days visiting companies in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania gathering information on their performance since the fall of communism in 1991. The remainder of her summer was devoted to sifting through data from 81 different businesses and writing a paper titled "Performance of Newly Privatized Companies in the Baltic States."

She presented her paper, which concluded that privatization had generally been positive, at the Kentucky Economics Association conference in October, and won the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award. The honor included a monetary stipend and publication of her paper in the *Kentucky Journal of Economics and Business*.

"It was a great culmination of the summer research," she said.

Economics professor G. Rod Erfani initially approached Lukjanova about the project. A stu-



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dent he'd worked with on a Kenan funded research project in 2001 won the undergraduate paper award that year, and he surmised Lukjanova could be just as successful.

"She had the ability and the Kenan program made it possible," he said.

Lukjanova eagerly accepted the challenge. She liked the idea of presenting research to both students and professors from around the state at the conference and had a special interest in the Baltic States, having lived in Latvia until the age of 16.

While Lukjanova began her project by creating and sending a survey via e-mail to pertinent companies, she knew traveling to Eastern Europe would be critical.

"It's difficult to get the kind of information I needed by e-mail and there's almost nothing on the Internet," she said. "Actually going there was the only possible way for me to collect good data so my analysis would be adequate."

Besides the ability to travel, Lukjanova said Erfani's advice was essential to the quality of her work.

**■ Olesja Lukjanova, who has a double major in economics and accounting, works in one of the on-campus computer labs. She entered the information she gathered from companies in the Baltic States into a spread sheet to help her sort through the data.**

“I did not have enough knowledge about privatization to do this research independently; I constantly had to contact Dr. Erfani,” she said. “If it wasn’t for him, it would have taken much more time and the result would not have been as good.”

Lukjanova said the skills she learned and the contacts she made will allow her to continue studying this subject even after she enters graduate school.

“This is not the end of the project,” she said. “The more I work on it, the more interested I become.”

Having a paper published while still an undergraduate will also improve her chances of getting into a quality graduate program of her choice.

“At the undergraduate level, I never had the opportunity to do work with my professor like this,” Erfani said.

### ***The art of research***

Charlie Campbell, a junior art and computer science major from Bonnyman, Ky., never thought the term “research grant” would apply to an art project until his professors advised him of the option and he received Kenan funding to study animation.

“It totally surprised me that this was a route available to an artist,” he said. “Research grant

implies scientific study—that it would come from all of these other fields rather than the art department.”

Campbell has been interested in animation since watching cartoons as a child, and he’s considering a career involving the art form. He’d like to make more people realize that animation isn’t just for kids.

“I want to help defeat some of the stigma,” he said. “I’m really interested in the power of the medium and what you can do with it. I have ideas that can’t be shot in live action.”

With the help of art professor Kurt Gohde, Campbell worked to develop one of his ideas during the summer of 2002. The story involved a squirrel-like creature whose greed prompts him to take illogical actions that eventually cause his demise.

Before Campbell shot one frame, he’d already gained valuable lessons about putting his thoughts onto paper and shaping them into a grant proposal that would seem worthwhile.

“From the committee’s point of view, part of the process is to help students with their first grant writing experience,” Gohde said. “It gives students a chance to go through the process before they’re in the outside world and don’t really get any feedback.”

■ **Junior Charlie Campbell, left, adjusts the wire skeleton of a stop-motion puppet he worked on during the summer of 2002 as art professor Kurt Gohde looks on.**



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After some revision, Campbell's proposal was accepted. The grant helped purchase software, computer peripherals such as an electronic drawing tablet, and other supplies, and provided Campbell with a summer stipend so he could concentrate on his project.

Campbell's original vision of his short film involved a stop-motion puppet, but after a serious setback with creating the puppet's body, he focused his efforts on computer animation.

From his frustrations to his successes, Campbell said he learned an immense amount from the experience. He now feels confident that he could produce an admirable sample reel if he decides to pursue film school, and plans to continue studying animation while at Transy.

"This is not dead," he said. "I have the resources now to continue, thanks to the grant. My senior seminar could involve animation and filmmaking."

### **Leading the way**

Continuing for years and involving several students in different majors, research projects conducted by professors like Upchurch consistently enrich Transylvania's academic life.

Upchurch is examining the effects of raloxifene (Evista) on cognition in women ages 47 to 53. Raloxifene is a synthetic compound that has been shown to act similarly to estrogen in some brain regions but not in others.

Upchurch launched her project in 2000 after learning how to conduct various types of memory tests during a sabbatical in 1999. She received a grant to fund the research from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2001. Several psychology and biology majors, like Charnes, have assisted Upchurch.

Charnes said what she learned working on the project has already been useful, and in the future will be invaluable.

"I have already written a research proposal for one of my classes, and I think the experience I had with Dr. Upchurch really helped me to be able to organize and plan," she said. "In addition, for my master's thesis, I will have to plan and execute a research project, and I know that my experiences will be so useful when I begin to work on this project."

The NIH grant funding will last until 2004, and Upchurch plans to apply for additional funding to continue the research. She also recently began a small follow-up study with women ages 45-55, and is currently looking for people to participate.

"I hope that the research will give women and researchers in this area a clearer idea of the specific changes in cognition that may take place during menopause. Most of the work on estrogen and cognition has focused on older women, so there isn't much information about the age group

that I'm studying," Upchurch said. "The other thing I hope to accomplish with this work is to learn more specifically about raloxifene and mental function. Given the recent findings about possible harmful effects of estrogen and progesterone, some women may start switching to raloxifene, so it would be useful to know more about this drug."

### **A new opportunity**

Biology professor Peggy Palombi hopes the research project she's starting may someday

contribute to the understanding of hearing loss and how to treat it. Palombi received a \$90,000 grant in 2002 from the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, a program established by the NIH to provide extra initiatives and money to universities in the state.

Much of the funding will be used to purchase equipment that will allow Palombi and three assistants to isolate and manipulate cells while recording the results of the experiments on a computer. The goal is to learn how molecules called neurotransmitter receptors interact with neurotransmitters, and how that interaction changes in the auditory systems of animals as they age.

The grant will also provide summer stipends for sophomores Mason Hunt, Virginia Jolley, and Steven Borck, whom Palombi has chosen to assist her in setting up the lab over the next few years, and cover travel expenses when the students visit other universities this summer to observe labs like the one they are trying to establish.

"Once they've seen it and worked with it somewhere else, it should be easier to bring it back here and modify it for what we need," Palombi said.

Setting up a functioning lab will require many months of dedication, frustration, and hard work, Palombi said. But if she and the students are successful, they can produce results that will merit additional NIH funding and eventually could help the 30-40 percent of the population who suffer from age-related hearing loss.

The three students involved will also gain valuable experience that can help them in the future.

"If these students decide that they want to go on to graduate school and get their Ph.D., or if they want to get a master's and go to work for a pharmaceutical lab, having done this kind of research for a couple of years will give them a huge advantage in terms of competing for those types of positions," Palombi said. ■



David Wheeler

■ **Psychology professor Meg Upchurch's Hormone Replacement Therapy project has afforded Transy psychology and biology students the opportunity to get hands-on research experience since 2000.**

# A Rich Learning Experience

*Kentucky Professor of the Year award recognizes Jack Furlong's teaching abilities*

by William A. Bowden

■ Philosophy professor Jack Furlong talks with 2002 graduates, from left, Jessica Hash, Stephanie Burdick, and Dion Hill when they were his students. Furlong is known for his accessibility to students and faculty members.

Students in philosophy professor Jack Furlong's upper level Nineteenth-century Philosophy class are searching through Friedrich Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, looking for passages they had read and found especially interesting or challenging.

A student raises his hand, refers to a portion of the text, and begins discussing a specific point.

"Read that part of the text out loud," Furlong says.

"Which part?" the student asks.

"The part you want to read," replies Furlong.

This simple exchange illustrates a fundamental principle in Furlong's approach to teaching—students in his classes must take responsibility for their own ideas. Furlong will encourage, guide, and lecture when appropriate, but never spoon-feed. If students bring something up for discussion, they must make a clear statement of what is in their mind. Only then will they begin to take ownership of the knowledge and engage in a true learning experience.

Over the course of 28 years spent in a college classroom, Furlong has developed many teaching methods to complement his superb mastery of a variety of philosophic systems and prominent thinkers. Through study of the scholarship of teaching and by his own insights, he has learned how to draw students out, to stir the fires of learning within another's consciousness. Students completing his demanding classes acquire not only new knowledge and understanding, but also a heightened sense of their own intellectual capabilities.

Recognition of Furlong's teaching abilities has come from former students, from his faculty peers, and by way of three distinguished teaching awards he had earned prior to 2002. In November came news of further recognition—Furlong was honored with the 2002 Kentucky Professor of the Year Award from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The U.S. Professors of the Year program, co-sponsored by Carnegie and CASE, honors the most outstanding undergraduate professors in the nation—those who excel as classroom teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students. The honor is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards given to university faculty.

It was the second straight year—and the third time in seven years—that a Transylvania faculty member received this Kentucky Professor of the Year award. Biology

professor James Wagner won in 2001, and economics professor Larry Lynch was the 1996 winner.

Furlong, who also chairs the humanities division, received a Danforth Associates Award in 1981 while teaching at Coppin State College of the University of Maryland, a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching from Transylvania in 1989, and the 2000 Acorn Award from the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education as the top teacher in Kentucky's colleges and universities.

In his nomination letter, James G. Moseley, former vice president and dean of the college, wrote that Furlong "is one of the finest teachers I have known in 25 years of liberal arts teaching and administrative work. As a teacher of undergraduates, Dr. Furlong is simply superb. He's very smart, loves the discipline of philosophy, cares about students as young people, has sure instincts, and he studies the scholarship of teaching and works to improve his own."

### **Born to teach**

When Furlong reflects on the fulfillment he has enjoyed as a teacher, he looks all the way back to his childhood when one of his favorite activities was explaining things to his younger brothers.

"My mother said that I always loved to explain things," he said. "And that's probably why I got into higher education. I like to teach. And teach to me meant explaining a complex matter I had mastered that someone else didn't have clear."

Furlong credits the 13 years (1976-89) he taught at Coppin State, a historically black college, as a formative experience that allowed him to explore the art of teaching while learning valuable lessons from his students. His classes consisted exclusively of African Americans, many of whom were older, non-traditional students.

Furlong had started out with a lecturer's mindset, but was confronted almost immediately with students who wanted to be more active participants in their own learning process.

"I would begin a lecture, and they would say, 'Well, why is that?' And I would say, 'Well, I hadn't thought of that.' That happened over and over again in my first year at Coppin. It occurred to me that these folks have ideas, they are active, thinking people. During that year, I became a much more dialogical, Socratic teacher. I could not ignore the energy and intelligence in that room."



Joseph Rey Au

■ **Philosophy professor Jack Furlong often uses blackboard schematics to make a philosophic system clear to his students.**

Since leaving Coppin to come to Transy in 1989, Furlong has further honed his teaching skills while also making valuable contributions to the curriculum. He played a major role in an overhaul of the General Education curriculum and led a revitalization of the Foundations of the Liberal Arts (FLA) program as its director.

His first allegiance, however, remains his students. Elizabeth Bass, a junior, is majoring in philosophy and appreciates Furlong's ability to stimulate learning in others.

"He's good at facilitating discovery and new ideas without actually controlling it," she said. "He lays the foundation and gives us the tools we need to learn, but from there it's up to us."

Bass is contemplating law school and feels Furlong is giving her excellent preparation for that possibility. "Dr. Furlong has helped me hone my critical thinking and logic skills that I will need in law school, in a courtroom, or doing any kind of legal paperwork. I'll be a step ahead of everybody else because of being in his classes."

Emily Satterwhite '94 took several philosophy courses under Furlong while majoring in English and minoring in women's studies. She is now working toward a Ph.D. in American studies in Emory University's Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts.

"Jack was at the center of an intellectual and activist group of students from all over the college," she recalled. "He was

great about introducing to one another students who he thought would have much in common."

Satterwhite was a student tutor in Furlong's FLA class, an experience she said has helped shape her career.

"It was an incredible opportunity to have conversations with Jack and other professors about teaching, about how you help students learn. It also gave me the chance to see the material from a completely different perspective. It ignited a passion in me for teaching, which I hope will be my career."

### **Crossing borders**

Furlong is known for his interdisciplinary approach to teaching. His students have come to expect the application of philosophy to areas such as ethical issues in economics or the ideology of evolutionary psychology.

Team teaching with professors from other disciplines perfectly illustrates this theme. One such course was cross-listed as Special Topics on Nietzsche (philosophy) and German Literature in Translation (German), which Furlong taught with German and French professor Rick Weber. Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* was a primary text, since it combines philosophy with a narrative format.

"Jack and I complemented each other well, in that I could defer to him as the philosopher and he could defer to me as the literary person, yet each of us knew a little about the other's area," said Weber.

Weber credits Furlong with taking a sensitive approach to his students' level of understanding.

"Students on the undergraduate level are emerging thinkers and scholars—they are really just getting their feet wet, intellectually speaking," he said. "And Jack is the perfect person to have as your swimming instructor. He meets students where they are, and that makes them comfortable in exploring things with him."

Encouraging students to become active learners, to be passionate about knowledge, has been a constant goal of Furlong's and a prime reason for the teaching honors he has received. To this day, he still credits his Coppin students with lighting a similar fire in him to become a more effective teacher.

"I have in my mind the model of those students I started with, who would not let me get away with lack of clarity or evasions. I loved those students. They continue to help me." ■



■ Inauguration day for Teresa Isaac '76, Lexington's fifth urban-county mayor, was a Transylvania affair as four of her college friends participated in the ceremony. From left are U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell '77, Isaac, Larry Blackford '77, Roszaly Mack Akins '76, and Martha Billips '78.

# Leading Lexington

by Katherine Yeakel

## New mayor Teresa Isaac '76 draws strength from Transy ties, heritage



The friends Teresa Isaac '76 made while studying at Transylvania have played an important role in her life. Many of them were instrumental in her political campaign. So it was only natural that fellow Transy graduates would be prominent participants in Isaac's inauguration as Lexington's fifth urban-county mayor.

■ Teresa "Terrie" Isaac, shown here in a 1975 yearbook photo, was an active member of the Transy community. She served as editor of the *Crimson*, features editor of *The Rambler*, Student Activities Board president and was a member of Phi Mu, Delta Chi Alpha, Phi Alpha Theta, and many other organizations. She was recognized with the Freshman Cup, SGA Award, Crimson Cup, Lydia Todhunter Cup, and other awards, and was elected Miss Transylvania in 1976.

At the ceremony held January 5 in the Kentucky Theatre, U.S. District Judge Karen K. Caldwell '77 performed the swearing-in; Roszaly Mack Akins '76, dean of students at Leestown Middle School, served as emcee; Larry Blackford '77, a physical education teacher at Yates Elementary School and pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church in Winchester, Ky., gave the benediction; and English professor Martha Billips '78, director of Transylvania's Foundations of the Liberal Arts program, read a poem to commemorate the occasion.

"Transylvania gave me a good network of friends whom I stayed close to and who were critical in the campaign," Isaac said. "That kind of closeness has kept us together all these years. My inner circle really consists of my friends from Transy."

Isaac was a student at Transylvania

when she first developed her passion for politics. She spent the summer of her sophomore year working as an intern with the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., which was embroiled in the Watergate scandal. While many people were losing faith in the government, Isaac was inspired by the bravery and fortitude of Judiciary Committee member Barbara Jordan.

“I remember thinking she was very courageous for standing up to the president and speaking out about what was right and what was wrong,” Isaac said.

After graduating from Transylvania, Isaac earned her law degree at the University of Kentucky. Over the years she has at various times been an associate professor at Eastern Kentucky University, assistant Fayette County Attorney, a professor of economics, government, and public policy at Lexington Community College, a hearing officer for the state Cabinet for Human Resources, a practicing attorney specializing in employment litigation, and a council member at-large and vice mayor for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Most recently, she served as executive director of the Lexington Fair Housing Council.

Attending Transylvania not only gave Isaac a close network of friends, but also numerous political predecessors, including Jim Amato '58, who served as Lexington's urban-county mayor from 1978-82. Isaac talked with Amato before the election about how he handled his initial challenges as mayor.

Just as Amato did 25 years ago, Isaac is entering office at a time when the city government is coping with budget woes caused by a sluggish national economy.

“The biggest problem she faces, and I faced it too, is how to balance this budget and how to come out of this slight recession we're having now,” Amato said. “There are ways to do it, and if she focuses on that immediately, she's going to see success. You have to take positive steps. You can't just sit back and wait for the economy to improve and boost tax revenue.”

Amato battled an economy hurt by soaring interest rates of 20 percent or more, but after having a one-year surplus of only \$250,000, his administration finished the term with a surplus of about \$5 million.

Amato's administration also stimulated building in downtown, which yielded The Radisson, instituted reversible traffic

lanes on Nicholasville Road, introduced Pops in the Park and other programs, and built the South Broadway underpass, which alleviated a severe traffic conflict. Amato said he'd like to see the ongoing traffic problems in Lexington addressed by the introduction of a light rail system, an option Isaac has said she would like to explore.

Whether she's working on traffic, the budget, or other issues, Amato said Isaac will be well served by her Transylvania education.

“The learning curve at Transy is so high that you feel you can compete and participate in the real world, and you're armed with the tools to do it,” Amato said. “The biggest thing it gives you is confidence. Teresa was able to get votes behind her and have confidence in herself. A lot of that had to do with what she learned at Transy. I think she's going to be a good mayor.”

Now that she's in office, Isaac said she is dedicated to making sure all neighborhoods in Lexington receive basic services equally.

“Some neighborhoods feel like they've been left out,” she said. “You have to make sure that when you do the budget, you're taking care of everyone fairly and you're not leaving out a certain part of town.”

Isaac said she also plans to focus on ways to continue growing the local economy and keeping young people engaged.

“It's important to make sure we provide adequate opportunities for young people on the front end so we don't end up incarcerating them later,” she said. “That means continuing programs like Partners for Youth and making sure programs are available for kids in all neighborhoods.”

At the inauguration, Akins related a story about Isaac's insistence that they both attend Transylvania. Initially, Akins believed her family wouldn't be able to afford the school, but Isaac found a way. Akins said she knows Isaac will demonstrate that same fiery determination as she fights to improve Lexington for everyone who calls it home.

“She has a heart for all people, no matter what your socioeconomic status,” Akins said. “Her slogan ‘The people are my boss’—she means that. She truly understands what it is to be a servant of the people. I see her determination to do that which is right.” ■



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■ Jim Amato '58 gave his inaugural address on Transy's campus when he became Lexington's urban-county mayor 25 years ago.



Lexington Herald-Leader/Mark Cornelison

■ Teresa Isaac gets a hug from long-time friend Roszaly Mack Akins '76 during Isaac's inauguration in January.



Herman Farrer

# The realization of a dream

***Edward Eckenhoff '66 heads nationally recognized rehabilitation center***

by William A. Bowden

■ Edward Eckenhoff '66 welcomes the First Lady of Taiwan, Madame Chen Wu Sue-jen, to the National Rehabilitation Hospital in September 2002. Madame Chen, herself a paraplegic as a result of an automobile accident, was making her first trip overseas since her husband, Chen Shui-bian, was elected president of Taiwan.

Edward Eckenhoff '66 faced a critical career decision in 1981. At the same time that he was being offered the presidency of the renowned Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, another opportunity came along—the chance to help conceive, construct, and direct an entirely new rehabilitation facility in Washington, D.C.

Becoming president of the Chicago facility, where he had risen to vice president and administrator, would have been an impressive achievement. But the possibility of creating something new and potentially more far-reaching had an appeal that the Chicago situation could never match.

“I had a dream of building what I hoped would become a great national model for rehabilitation care and research,” said Eckenhoff. “At the time, there was no significant specialty hospital in Washington for rehabilitation medicine. By putting our new facility in the nation’s capital, we could become an advocate for the disabled throughout the country.”

Leaving behind the certainty of a prestigious appointment in Chicago for the unknowns of an entirely new venture, Eckenhoff joined with several others to found

what is today the National Rehabilitation Hospital, the core unit of a medical network that enjoys a national and international reputation for innovation and excellence in patient care, research, teaching, and technology development.

From the beginning, Eckenhoff has served as the facility’s president and CEO.

The story of how Eckenhoff arrived at a point where such a momentous decision was possible is an unusual and compelling one. For Eckenhoff, rehabilitation is much more than a concept—it’s something he himself had to go through before the rest of his life became possible.

## ***Life-changing accident***

It happened at the end of his first year at Transylvania. A sports car being driven by his roommate left the road and overturned, throwing Eckenhoff from the car (in those pre-seatbelt days) and killing the driver. A lower spinal cord injury left his legs paralyzed. Just 20 years old, Eckenhoff was suddenly faced with the challenge of a lifetime.

“I could have either bombed out or forged ahead,” said Eckenhoff. In a 1992

interview with *Washingtonian* magazine, he recalled that he never went through a period of depression about his new state. “When I found I could no longer use much of my body, my response was, ‘All right, what are you going to do now? How are you going to win?’”

Eckenhoff had been an active, sports-minded person, playing fullback for his high school football team and captaining the track team. The accident took away many of his athletic capabilities, but it couldn’t touch his deep-burning, competitive spirit.

After spending the summer of 1963 at the Rehabilitation Center of the University of Pennsylvania, Eckenhoff missed the fall quarter at Transy, then returned to class in January 1964.

His family and many friends had helped him through rehabilitation and made his return to college possible. When he arrived at Transy, he found another “family” waiting to help.

“Transy took on a great deal of significance during that very tenuous time of my life,” he recalled. “I had a great many friends who welcomed me back. I continued studying biology. Dr. (Lila) Boyarsky, bless her soul, was always there for me. She was my faculty adviser and had a great influence on me and my goals. She was also my mother away from home, taking me under her wing, especially after my accident. And Monroe Moosnick to this day is a wonderful memory.

“I attribute much of my life’s direction to many of the faculty members there, my fraternity, my class of 1966, and all the fine experiences I picked up within that great environment.”

In addition to his pre-med studies, Eckenhoff found time to be president of his fraternity—Pi Kappa Alpha—and vice president of his class.

### **Continuing education**

After graduating from Transylvania in 1966, Eckenhoff earned a master’s degree in education counseling, then spent four years as a high school vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Fayette County school system.

He earned a second master’s degree in health care administration from Washington University, then completed his residency at the McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University in Chicago. He joined the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in 1974 as assistant to the president for

administration.

When the chance came in 1981 to move to Washington and help create the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Eckenhoff began the phase of his life that has since brought him enormous satisfaction and widespread recognition as a leader in the administration of rehabilitative medicine facilities.

Instead of remodeling an old children’s hospital, as first proposed by the developers, Eckenhoff urged the creation a new facility with a broad mission—to become a nationally known treatment, research, teaching, and technological center for rehabilitative medicine and science, while at the same time using its location in the nation’s capital to become an advocate for the disabled community and for the rehabilitation profession itself.

Since opening in 1986, the hospital has evolved into the NRH Medical Rehabilitation Network, operating in 34 locations and serving thousands of patients with disabilities ranging from spinal cord injuries to traumatic brain injury, stroke, arthritis, amputation, and other neurological and orthopedic conditions. The staff numbers more than 1,000, including over 200 physicians. *U.S. News & World Report* magazine ranks the institution among “America’s Best Hospitals.”

In spite of his own disability, Eckenhoff has never backed away from the pressures of being a high-level executive. His workload and schedule—12 to 14 hours a day—are just as long, tough, and demanding as those of an able-bodied top executive. Using braces and crutches to get around, he flies, stays in hotels, and attends conferences and meetings.

As hectic as his administrative schedule can be, Eckenhoff always finds time to get “up on the floors” and visit with patients to remind him of why he is there.

“I try to see a couple of patients every day, and I expect my three senior vice presidents and my five vice presidents to do the same,” he said. “Our mission is the patient. I get pretty darn upset if I find somebody from the administration has not been up on the floors discussing with patients their stays, how they’re progressing, and whether they feel we can do better.”

### **The game of life**

Figuratively speaking, Eckenhoff is still playing the football he enjoyed so much in his youth. He often talks about life’s challenges and victories using football metaphors.

Just a few months after his accident, his former teammates at Swarthmore High School in Pennsylvania anticipated Eckenhoff’s determination to get on with his life when they dedicated a game and program to him in the fall of 1963.

Beneath a headline reading “Our Pal, Eddie,” his coach, Millard Robinson, wrote, “Eddie, your many many friends are with you all the way and are blocking hard. We’ll open a hole some place. Just make sure you have the ball and are ready to score.”

Eckenhoff has taken those words to heart, using his skills, intelligence, hard work, and opportunities to become successful in his chosen field.

At 60, Eckenhoff, who lives in Georgetown with his wife, Judy, has no plans to retire anytime soon. He seems to relish both the opportunities and demands of his very visible position in the rehabilitation profession. And he has never returned to the sidelines of that figurative “football game.”

“I’ve always been used to competition,” he said. “I had to build a new life for myself after my automobile accident, and I just wanted to stay in the game. To this very day, I still wish to continue winning at my life’s football game.” ■

## **Honors and accolades**



Edward Eckenhoff returned to Lexington in September to receive a 2002 Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky (OAK) Award from the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

The award honors alumni of Kentucky colleges and universities who have gained national recognition in their profession or through their civic endeavors and have shown a continuing commitment to their alma maters.

Among other significant honors, Eckenhoff was awarded the Citation of a Layman for Distinguished Service, the highest honor bestowed on a non-physician by the American Medical Association. He was also named a “Washingtonian of the Year” by *Washingtonian* magazine.

Transylvania awarded Eckenhoff a Distinguished Achievement Award in 1996 when he was the alumni convocation speaker and an honorary degree in 1998 when he was the commencement speaker.

## Delta Sigma Phi chapter wins 18th consecutive national award

*Transylvania's chapter* of Delta Sigma Phi has won the fraternity's top national award for an unprecedented 18th consecutive year. The Pyramid of Excellence recognizes a broad spectrum of accomplishments, including scholarship, community service, campus leadership, and recruitment.

Prior to the Pyramid of Excellence award, the Transy chapter received the Phi Pyramid, the highest award for a chapter at a small college, for five consecutive years.

"The Beta Mu chapter continues to excel in every facet of fraternity operations," said Scott Wiley, Delta Sigma Phi's national executive director, during a visit to Transy September 17 to present the award.

Chapter adviser Kirk Tolle '82, circuit court clerk for Mason County, Ky., pointed out that Delta Sigma Phi has more than 100 chapters nationally, and only two or three are recognized each year. "No other chapter has received this award nearly as many times as Transylvania," he said.

The chapter doesn't actively seek awards, but it does set high standards for members, according to chapter president Cam Culbertson, a senior history major from Georgetown, Ky. "Our fraternity is about becoming a better person, and you can't do that unless you push yourself. We encourage members to take their education seriously, respect all people, contribute to the community, and become campus leaders."

Using its awards to leverage recruitment, the chapter initiated 30 members last year—the second highest number in the nation, which is all the more impressive considering the fact that many chapters are on much larger campuses. Addi-



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■ During the fraternity's annual Cereal Eat, a fundraiser for their official philanthropy, The March of Dimes, Delta Sigma Phi member Charlie Starling arranges a display of the local chapter's numerous awards.

tionally, Delta Sigma Phi ranked highest in overall grade point average among Transy male fraternities last year and has been consistently recognized for community service involvement.

"The March of Dimes is our official philanthropy, and we do random, fun things to raise money for them throughout the year like our Cereal Eat before the Thanksgiving holiday," said Culbertson. "But we're also active in fundraisers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Cancer Society—plus Crimson Christmas, Alternative Spring Break, and others."

The chapter received national publicity last year when several members formed a curling team and participated in the national collegiate curling championships in Madison, Wisc., during spring break.

"The publicity didn't hurt us," said Culbertson. "We have fun, but we're serious about being in school and contributing to the campus community and the community outside of campus. I think our streak of awards reflects that. It helps attract first-year students to the fraternity, and then when the upper-class students graduate, the younger ones have become leaders. It's a nice cycle, and I hope it keeps going."



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## AIDS activists speak during quilt exhibition

■ Artist and long-time AIDS activist Bob Morgan, *center*, long-time AIDS activist and survivor Alfrida Bart, *right*, and AIDS activist Josh Moore, *left*, spoke to students in Transylvania's Morlan Gallery November 6 about the fight to get AIDS recognized by the U.S. government when the disease first appeared, the advancement in AIDS and HIV treatments, and the continuing dangers of the virus. The presentation was held in conjunction with the gallery's exhibit of five 12 ft. by 12 ft. panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on loan from the NAMES Project Foundation. The panels were on display from October 21 to November 8. Other Morlan Gallery exhibits in the fall included *@Large*, a collection of large and mural-sized photographic images by local and national artists, and *Secrets Revealed*, an exhibit that allowed local artists to share their deepest secrets in their favorite media.

## Scholarship honors Virginia Clark Hagan '28



An endowed scholarship in memory of Virginia Clark Hagan '28 will help talented, high-achieving students finance their Transylvania education.

The scholarship, which became effective during the current academic term, will award \$1,500 to \$3,500 annually to one student from each of the four classes—first-year through senior. The financial aid and admissions offices will identify scholarship candidates based on class ranking, grade point average, and test scores. The scholarship is made possible by an endowment received through the estate of Virginia Clark Hagan.

"Mrs. Hagan was a loyal alumna and trustee who generously shared her time and resources with her alma mater," said President Charles L. Shearer. "This scholarship fund will perpetuate her legacy at Transylvania for generations to come."

Hagan died January 29, 2002, at the age of 97. A well-known Fayette County farm owner and avid gardener, she was a life member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees and had been active on the development and student life committees, among others. In 1969, Hagan made a

donation that furnished the momentum for a fund drive to save Old Morrison, which had been heavily damaged by fire. Ten years later, she received the Morrison Medallion for outstanding contributions to the University, and in 1984 she was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree. A parlor at Graham Cottage, Transy's alumni house, bears her name.

*For information on making a contribution to the Virginia Clark Hagan Memorial Scholarship, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 281-3692.*

## Parents phonathon successful

**Parent and grandparent** volunteers raised nearly \$50,500 in pledges from 735 donors during the annual parents phonathon in October. Students continued calling through November and increased the pledges to \$82,500 toward the \$88,000 goal. The Parents Fund total as of mid-January was \$68,200 from 991 donors. The funds will help provide new library resources.

"The Parents Council adopted the library as the focus of its support because all Transy students use the library," said Dolores Roberson, associate director of development and director of parent programs. "The volunteers who called believe in Transylvania and in the library enough to give their time to support it."

Forty-five callers—25 of them Parents Council members—volunteered a total of 153 hours over a three-day period to contact parents and grandparents of current students and alumni. The callers traveled to campus from all over Kentucky and as far as Indianapolis and Chattanooga to participate.

Sharri Greer '75, Lexington, called all three days and collected the largest number of commitments, for which she received a print of Old Morri-

son, Transylvania's administration building. Other top callers received an overnight stay at a Lexington hotel. They were Steve Morton, Cincinnati, Kim Repass, Lexington, and Sissy Rankin, Versailles, Ky.

George Kawaja's early gift payment provided his grandson, sophomore Perry Lee Greer, a \$50 gift certificate to the Transylvania bookstore in the drawing of donors who sent their gifts by November 30. Dan and Charla Mullins, Ashland, Ky., received a \$25 bookstore certificate for their son, first-year student Jason Mullins, in the drawing of donors who submitted their gifts by December 31. Parents of Transy graduates who sent a gift of at least \$100 by December 31 qualified for a drawing for a class ring, and the winners were Clyde and Linda Tharp, Shelbyville, Ky., for their daughter, Heather Tharp Schooler '94.

"Gifts to the Parents Fund—no matter what size—are a vote of confidence in the quality education that students are receiving," said Roberson.

*For additional information, call (800) 487-2679 or (859) 281-3692, or go to [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html) and choose Make a Gift Now.*

## Alumni provide voice of experience



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Seniors Julia Geiger, left, and Christi Eversole, right, chatted with Tina Thomas '93, center, about opportunities in the business world during the Alumni Networking Fair held November 18. Thomas is the human resources adviser for Lexmark International, Inc. About 70 alumni who graduated from Transylvania with degrees ranging from business and psychology to political science and biology talked with current students about the paths that led to their careers and what students can do now and after they graduate to succeed in their professions of choice. More than 250 students turned out for the event, which included alumni panel discussions on "Discovering Your Passion" and "The Nuts and Bolts of Graduate School." The Career Development Center, Lilly Project, Alumni Association, Alumni Office, and the Interfraternity, Greek Alumni, and Panhellenic councils sponsored the evening.



## Partain solos with Athens symphony orchestra

**The invitation to perform** as guest soloist with the Symphony Orchestra of Athens, Greece, was an opportunity Transylvania music professor Greg Partain was delighted with, even though he would have enjoyed a little more preparation time.

"I took a chance that I could learn this big, demanding piece (Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in C-minor, Op. 18*) in about six weeks," said Partain, who had never played the work before. The concert was originally set for this March, but

■ **Music professor Greg Partain will perform Rachmaninoff again in June in Vancouver, Wash.**

was moved up to last fall—November 9.

As it turned out, Partain mastered the concerto well enough to encourage the appreciative Athens audience to call him and guest conductor Don Appert back out for three bows. "They were very enthusiastic," said Partain.

For a professor like Partain, whose primary focus is excellence in classroom teaching, this kind of performance opportunity comes along only occasionally. When it does, you seize the chance, Partain said.

"That concerto is probably one of the top five picks of pianists to play," he said. "I've been waiting all my life to perform it. It's a real showpiece. Then, to be able to work with

an orchestra of that caliber is a real pleasure."

In addition to the thrill and fulfillment that comes with an important performance, Partain said there is a very real, yet intangible, benefit to Transylvania and his students.

"Whenever I've had a performance project that was as exciting and as musically challenging as this one was, it always energizes me and keeps me feeling alive," he said. "When I feel alive as an artist, then I feel alive as a teacher."

Partain has collaborated with Appert twice before for concerts in Washington state and will be performing the Rachmaninoff piece in June with the conductor and a community orchestra in Vancouver, Wash.

## Transylvania professor receives prestigious Fulbright Award

The Saudi Arabian peninsula is usually associated with oil resources and expansive deserts. But the peninsula country of Oman also offers more than a thousand miles of unspoiled beaches and numerous coral reefs, which Transylvania biology professor Peter Sherman is studying this academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Sherman received the Fulbright Award to teach at Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, the capital of Oman, and conduct research in the area. He departed in August and will return this summer.

"Transy has been extremely generous in supporting me and allowing me to spend a year abroad," Sherman said. "It is a great opportunity to do research in a desert country with many little-known species."

About 800 scholars travel to some 140 countries under the auspices of the Fulbright Program each year. Transylvania graduate Carrie Brunk '00 won a Fulbright Scholarship in 2000

to study at Oxford University.

The Fulbright was Sherman's second major award in the last two years. He received a \$15,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in 2001 to study the feeding habits of the *Lintipes concolor*, an endangered freshwater fish found only in Hawaii.

In Oman, Sherman has been conducting research on the territoriality and mating systems of several species of dragonfly

that live by pools of water in the mostly dry riverbeds that run through the mountains.

"Because there is so little breeding habitat, some of the species are at an extremely high density," he said. "That leads to interesting mating strategies

among males, many of whom try to sneak onto other males' territories to hide and wait for females to come by."

Sherman has also been studying foraging and aggression in ghost crabs, medium-sized crabs that live in burrows along the high tide mark of the beaches.

Sherman's wife, University of Louisville professor Perri Eason, also won the Fulbright Award and is teaching at Sultan Qaboos University while conducting research on the conservation of migratory birds.

The couple has enjoyed a pleasant time in Oman.

"The people are extremely friendly and gracious and we feel very at home here," Sherman said.



■ **Left, Transy biology professor Peter Sherman examines dragonflies in Oman. Inset, Sherman holds one of the species of dragonfly he is studying.**

## Glenn donates \$1.1 million for bookstore, Transylvania Fund

James F. Glenn, a Lexington native and member of Transylvania's Board of Trustees since 1982, has given \$1.1 million to the University to build a new bookstore and support the annual Transylvania Fund. This is among the largest individual gifts ever received by the University.

"Jim has been a dear friend and loyal supporter of Transylvania for two decades, and we are grateful for his generosity," said President Charles L. Shearer.

The new bookstore will be nearly twice as large as the existing store, which is located in the lower level of the Mitchell

Fine Arts Center. Its new location will make it more accessible to both the campus community and the general public.

Shearer said a committee will be appointed immediately to begin planning the new facility.

In addition to funding the new building, the Glenn gift will support an operating endowment for the facility and provide a significant donation to the Transylvania Fund.

Glenn has served as chairman of urology at Duke University Medical Center, dean of medicine at Emory University, and presi-

dent of Mount Sinai Medical Center and Medical School in New York City. He is a graduate of Duke University Medical School and had postgraduate surgical training at Harvard University and Duke. He was a Yale University regional scholar and the recipient of a Bausch and Lomb scholarship at the University of Rochester.

Since retiring to Lexington, Glenn has held an appointment as professor of surgery at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, with interim responsibilities as chief of staff, chairman of surgery, and director of the Markey Cancer Center.

## Kozol challenges audience to demand equality in education

*The power of one* choice to change a life and one person to change the world was the message many Transylvania students took away from the October 21 lecture by award-winning author and education advocate Jonathan Kozol.

"Basically, it made me want to go out and do something," said Leanne Larkins, a senior elementary education major. "He reaffirms the idea that even one person can make a difference."

Along with students, faculty, and staff members, many off-campus visitors filled Haggin Auditorium to near capacity for the lecture titled "Lives of Children and the Conscience of America." The lecture was approved as a continuing education unit for Fayette County schoolteachers and employees of the Cabinet for Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Educators from Berea, Asbury, Georgetown, and Midway colleges also attended the event, which was cosponsored by Transylvania's Lilly Project and Education Program.

"We felt it was important to bring Jonathan Kozol here because he could identify one particular incident in his life that transformed his perspective on what he should do," said Lilly Program Director Charisse

Gillett. "That speaks to what we mean by vocation, living a life that has meaning and values."

The event that forever altered Kozol's life, he told the crowd, was the 1964 murder of three civil rights activists in Mississippi. Until then, Kozol had been progressing splendidly, if aimlessly, through the Ivy League system, first graduating from Harvard University and then studying at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Shaken by the news of such senseless violence, Kozol decided he wanted to help mend racial division in America. He took the subway to one of the poorest neighborhoods near his home in Boston, and asked a minister how he could help.

Kozol contributed first as a volunteer, then as a teacher, and eventually as an author, chronicling the disturbing conditions he witnessed in books such as *Death at an Early Age*, a 1968 recipient of the National Book Award in Science, Philosophy, and Religion.

The goal of Kozol's books, as well as his lecture at Transy, is to demonstrate the inequalities of America's school systems and to motivate people to demand change.

"Because of the undemocratic and archaic way in which we finance public schools, children

come into public schools with a price tag printed on their foreheads, and I write about the cheap children," Kozol said.

Many students found Kozol's message enlightening.

"He related facts you don't

discard our stereotypes and to see these people as real people faced with unimaginable challenges," Egner said. "As a nation, we cannot afford to disregard the shameful reality that many of our children receive



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■ Jonathan Kozol talks with students in Carrick Theater following his lecture.

hear every day from newspapers and TV," said first-year student Charles Adams.

Kozol's visit stimulated healthy discussion among students, faculty, and staff, said education professor Kathy Egner.

"Jonathan Kozol helps us to

vastly inferior educational opportunities because their families are trapped in poverty."

In addition to the lecture, Kozol met with students and faculty in smaller groups and visited Russell Elementary School near Transy's campus before leaving Lexington.

## Martin Luther King Jr. honored



Senior Bianca Spriggs reads selections from her own poetry during Transylvania's annual Unity Celebration in Haggin Auditorium on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January. The evening included a performance by the First Baptist Church of Nicholasville choir and featured noted Kentucky poet Hasan Davis. The event is dedicated to the memory and causes of King, who preached a message of racial harmony.

## SACS reaffirms Transy's accreditation

*Transylvania received* formal notification in January of its reaffirmation of accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

SACS is the regional accreditation association (one of six in the nation) for degree-granting higher education institutions in the southern United States. All of its member institutions undergo a reevaluation of their accreditation every 10 years.

"Having our accreditation reaffirmed is a tribute to the hard work of the entire Transylvania community," said President Charles L. Shearer. "The standards that SACS sets for its

member are very high, and earning this accreditation is of fundamental importance to the University in its mission of providing our students with a high quality liberal arts education.

"It is a further tribute to Transylvania that we were selected as one of only eight institutions in the South to take part in a pilot program using a new set of compliance and improvement features that SACS will apply in future accreditation reviews."

David Shannon, interim vice president and dean of the college, directed the University's comprehensive self-study, which is a SACS requirement.

## Transy hosts annual Science Day



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**■** Sophomore Lindsay Poling, left, prepares to show visiting high school students how anatomical and cellular details can be extracted from fossils during Transylvania's annual Science Day on November 7. About 160 students from six Kentucky high schools attended the event. Transy faculty members and students conducted demonstrations to introduce visiting students to career opportunities available in the science, mathematics, and computer fields.

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### Students honored at science meeting

Three Transylvania students won awards at the Kentucky Academy of Science meeting in November. Senior Ashlee Holbrook took first place in the mathematics and computer science category, junior Sara Chowdhury won second place for her poster presentation in the cell and molecular biology category, and junior Jennifer Nevitt placed third in the physiology and biochemistry category.

### Transy student wins on game show

Katie Thomas, a junior from Ft. Thomas, Ky., was chosen as a contestant on *The Price is Right* when Transy's women's and men's soccer teams attended a taping of the show during a fall break trip to California in October. Thomas won her way onto the stage by guessing the price of a camping tent. In the next round, she surmised the correct value of an eight-day, seven-night trip to the Bahamas. During both games, her Transy teammates helped by yelling suggestions. At the end of the taping, the group presented Bob Barker, the show's host, with a Transy shirt that had his name on the back. The show aired November 26.

### Print, on-line publications recognized



Transylvania's Viewbook, a guide to the college used to attract new students, won the Grand Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Kentucky awards program in December. *Columns Daily*, the on-line campus newsletter, received the Award of Excellence.

### Transylvania receives DLC award for Beck Center

The Downtown Lexington Corporation (DLC) presented Transylvania with a Landscape/Streetscape Award for the new Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center in December. The award is given annually to a business or property owner for putting forth extra effort to maintain visual pleasantness in the downtown area. In past years, the DLC has recognized Transylvania for the Cowgill Center, the Little Theater, and the Row House.



### Washburn, Roth awarded scholarships

Kiersten Washburn, a junior from Chaplin, Ky., and Matthew Roth, a junior from Somerset, Ky., were awarded \$4,000 scholarships in December from the National Restaurant Association (NRA). The scholarships are made possible by a designated gift to the NRA from Transylvania Board of Trustees member Warren W. Rosenthal. Washburn also won the Pat and Jim Host Scholarship from the National Tourism Foundation in 2002. The award included a \$2,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the National Tour Association's Annual Convention in Los Angeles in November.

## 'Toolkit' will help readers build their knowledge of philosophy

**Although the content is focused** on philosophy, Peter S. Fosl's new book, *The Philosopher's Toolkit*, is also a testament to the opportunities created by twenty-first century communication.

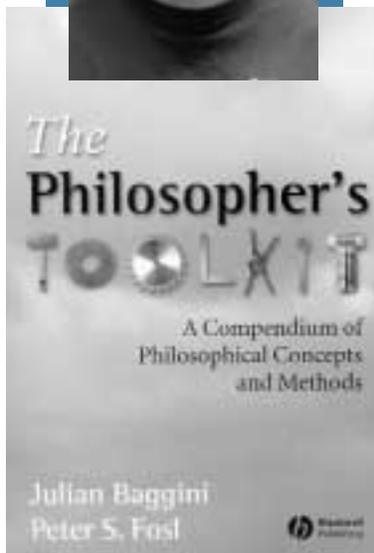
The Transylvania philosophy professor and program director coauthored the book with Julian Baggini, a fellow philosopher who lives in England. The two have never met in person, and wrote the book by corresponding via e-mail.

"To me, it's a testimony to the power of the Internet," Fosl said. "When you can sit down with an author on another continent and write a book, I think that's so cool."

Fosl got to know his English counterpart through *The Philosopher's Magazine*, which Baggini cofounded and edits. Fosl submitted some work when the magazine was just beginning, and now serves as a contributing editor.

"What I like about the magazine is that it's designed to get philosophy out to the general public," Fosl said. "Most philosophy is written by philosophers for other philosophers to read. I believe philosophy should be part of the general culture much more than it is."

The magazine and the book share a common goal. Subtitled *A Compendium of Philosophical Concepts and Methods*, the book provides readers with a framework for examining and discussing philosophy. It will help people with a limited background in philosophy sort through the jargon philosophers commonly use, Fosl said.



"We thought of the different portions of the book as tools, like a carpenter might have, to help you engage in these types of discussions," he said.

Released abroad in the summer of 2002 and in the U.S. in October, the book has evoked a favorable response with the first printing selling out in just a few weeks. Copies can be purchased through most major distributors in bookstores and also can be ordered on-line at <http://wip.blackwellpublishing.com/wwwtoolkit/>.

In addition to *The Philosopher's Toolkit*, Fosl has coauthored *The Dictionary of Literary Biography: British Philosophers, 1500-1799* and *The Dictionary of Literary Biography: British Philosophers, 1800-2000*, which were published in 2001.

The two volumes provide intellectual biographies of prominent philosophers supplemented by information on their historical context and personal influences. Bibliographies of their work and notable secondary sources accompany each entry.

Fosl has a special affection for British philosophy, having spent a semester at the London School of Economics (LSE) and working on his dissertation at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland as a Fulbright Scholar. In these two books, he strove to include philosophers who may have been overlooked in other resources.

"I made sure they included female thinkers and those who have been largely, but wrongly ignored, such as the Deists and the British Idealists."

## French workbook provides cultural context

**Studying another language** should involve more than vocabulary and grammar, according to Transylvania French professor Brian Arganbright. Understanding the culture of the people who speak the language is a key part of the educational process, but one that's often included sparingly in textbooks.

"Culture is treated in a way that is very detached in many books," Arganbright said. "Traditionally, it's been presented as little snippets, not conceptualized at all, which makes it hard to bring into the classroom."

*Débuts*, a new film-based course for which Arganbright coauthored the student workbook, attempts to remedy this deficiency by better integrating cultural information into language lessons. Transylvania French I and II students will use *Débuts* in the 2003-04 academic year.

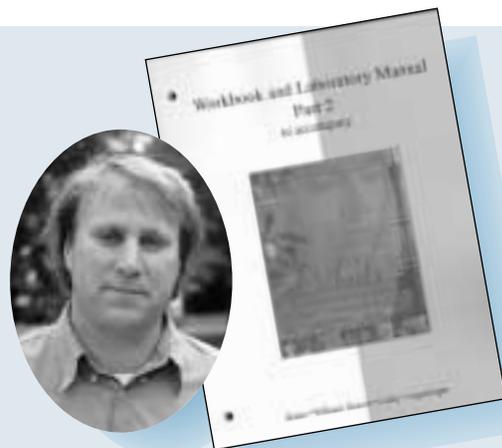
"It fits well with what we're trying to do here with language study," Arganbright said. "Language is much more than learning how

to speak. It's learning to appreciate different cultures."

*Débuts* has three components—a textbook, student workbook, and film—which over the course of two semesters help students reach an intermediate foreign language level. The film, *Le Chemin Du Retour* or "The Path to the Past," tells the story of a woman searching for information about her grandfather. Her quest begins in Paris, but takes her to the country provinces of France and French speaking portions of North Africa. The journey provides students with a constant cultural component to their language studies.

"By linking the linguistic and cultural, students get a much more complete experience with the French language," Arganbright said.

For the *Débuts* workbook, Arganbright was charged with every aspect of the final seven chapters, including writing original texts suitable for students' reading comprehension level and producing tape skits that



actors could perform for student listening exercises.

"I even had to help with the artwork," he said. "I didn't have to draw, but I had to tell them exactly what should be there."

Arganbright said he is looking forward to the fall, when students at Transylvania and other colleges are introduced to *Débuts*.

"I'm eager to use it and see how students react," he said.

## Challenge grant can double or triple your gift

**Giving to the Transylvania Fund** for the first time or increasing the amount you give over last year will mean double or triple the dollars for Transy, thanks to an anonymous donor who has pledged to match new unrestricted gifts two-for-one and increased gifts dollar-for-dollar. The challenge covers up to \$100,000 in commitments received through June 30.

"That means if you gave \$100 last year and you increase to \$250 this year, the challenge donor will contribute \$150, so that Transy receives a total of \$400 this year," explained Kara Little Covert '90, director of development. "If you didn't give last year, and you give \$100 this year, the donor will match twice the amount of your gift, which adds up to \$300 for Transy."

The goals are to increase the Transylvania Fund, which goes to areas of greatest need (primarily student financial aid), and to reach an alumni participation rate of 54 percent. Last year's 53 percent participation placed Transy at No. 11 out of the 215 colleges in its category in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings. Increasing the rate will boost the University's reputation and help it receive grants from foundations and corporations.

"Before these organizations invest their money in the University, they want to make sure that alumni believe in their alma mater enough to support it," said Covert. "They've been impressed with our trend in alumni giving, which has consistently increased over the past seven years. But we need to keep that trend going."

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Although the University's investments have done very well, like all colleges, the endowment has been affected by the recent economic downturn. "Alumni giving can go a long way to fill that gap," said Covert. "Our goal is to make it possible for any student who is qualified, talented, and really wants to attend Transy to be able to come here regardless of their financial status."

Covert emphasized that no gift is too small. "If you're the one who puts us over the 54 percent participation rate, that could translate into large amounts of financial support coming from institutions," she said. "And this year, the challenge grant gives alumni so much more bang for the buck by assuring that every new and increased gift will go much further. It's an easy way to make a big impact on the University."

For more information, contact the development office by phone at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 281-3692, or by e-mail at [giving@transy.edu](mailto:giving@transy.edu). To offer immediate assistance to the alumni challenge, go to [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html) and choose "Make a Gift Now".

## Comic strip story line features Transy

### Transylvania received

some unexpected publicity in October when the comic strip *Greystone Inn* featured the University in a 12-day story line. The strip, which runs on-line and in several newspapers, the largest of which is the *Philadelphia Daily News*, focused on the legend of Rafinesque, the eccentric 18th-century natural science professor who is said to haunt Transy and is entombed in Old Morrison.

Cartoonist Brad Guigar's drawings of campus were so detailed that many people thought he had a formal connection with Transy, but Guigar says he had never heard of the University until he started brainstorming for a Halloween story line.

"My original idea was a parody of the TV show *Survivor*—*Survivor Transylvania*—in which my characters would be con-



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testants and the challenges would take place in the Transylvania area of Romania," explained Guigar. "That idea was falling flat in my sketchbook, so I typed Transylvania into a search engine to see if the results would ignite any creative fires."

When the search produced a link for Transylvania University, he did some more research and

stumbled across Rafinesque.

"It had all the elements of a great Halloween story, and it had ties to Philadelphia, where Rafinesque lived after he left Transy," said Guigar. "It was too good to pass up."

The realistic drawings of campus came from the map on the University's Web site. Guigar even ran a link to Transy's Web site from his site dur-

ing the story line.

The Transy series generated so much positive reader reaction that a return visit by the comic strip's characters next Halloween is a distinct possibility.

To view the series, go to [www.greystoneinn.net](http://www.greystoneinn.net), click on the drop down menu below the "first" and "previous" links, scroll down to "Transylvania University" and click "go."

## Transy license plates support scholarships

**Transylvania alumni** and friends can display their school spirit and support scholarships for Transy students by purchasing a special Kentucky license plate. The plate features Transylvania's official logo and crimson color.

A one-time application fee of \$25 is required with each order. When the plate is delivered, an additional \$25 is due (the normal \$15 annual vehicle registration renewal fee and a \$10 contribution to Transy's scholarship fund). Succeeding annual registration renewals will have the same cost structure.

"We have seen a number of our alumni purchase these attractive license plates, which help promote the Transylvania name and also send a nice message about independent higher education," said Natasa Pajic '96, assistant director of alumni programs. "In addition, each purchase and yearly renewal of the license plates makes more scholarship money available for our students, so it's a win-win-win situation."

The Transy license plate will last for five years. If the vehicle is traded, the plate may be transferred to another vehi-



cle. It can also display a hand-capped sticker for qualified drivers.

Applications for the plates are available from county clerk's offices, the Transylvania Alumni Office, or on-line at [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html). Contact Transy at (800) 487-2679, (859) 233-8275, or by e-mail at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

## Loewen lambastes misrepresentation of history

**History can be a powerful tool** or a dangerous weapon, author and researcher James Loewen explained during his November 13 lecture in Haggin Auditorium.

As he had during a previous visit to Transylvania, Loewen showed audience members how the misrepresentation of history in both textbooks and at historical sites continues to help perpetuate racial division today. Best known for his books *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong* and *Lies Across America: What Our Historic Markers and Monuments Get Wrong*, Loewen gave multiple examples of historical fallacies and reasons why they develop.

"Loewen possesses passionate convictions, a unique perspective on race relations, and an audience-friendly delivery. That's a rare combination," said Paul Jones, religion professor and director of the Lilly Project at Transylvania, which cosponsored the lecture along with the Foundations of the Liberal Arts program and Sayre School's Diversity and Multiculturalism Team.

Loewen said he first witnessed the devastating effects of inaccurate history while teaching at Tougaloo College in Mississippi. He discovered his students, who were predominantly black, held a variety of misconceptions about the Reconstruction, including the erroneous notion that following the Civil War, former slaves seized control of Southern governments, but were unable to cope, forcing white Southerners to take over again.

"What must it do to your psyche if you believe your group once had power and

screwed up? It can't be good for you," Loewen said. "That episode taught me that history can be a weapon and it can be used against you just as it was used against my students."

Junior English major Tracy Clayton said she found Loewen's lecture intuitive.

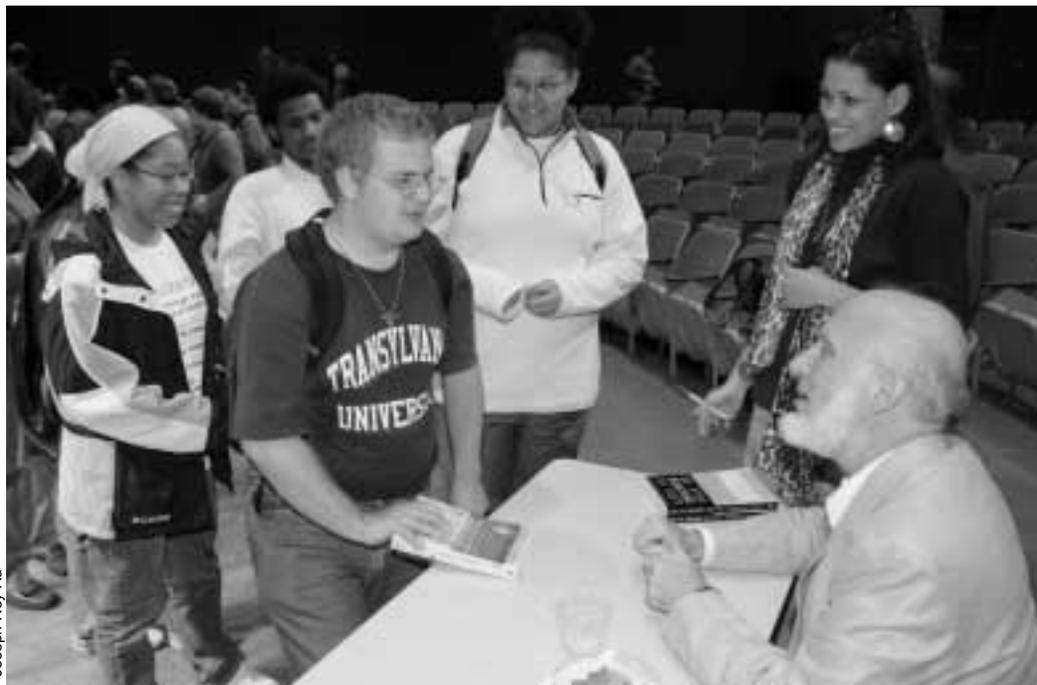
"I thought that he gave an added insight to a side of American history that students don't learn in school," Clayton said.

Earlier that day, Loewen had conducted a workshop with Transy faculty members and representatives from Sayre School.

"He offered suggestions from his own

classroom practices, such as the creation of a racial autobiography, which should help all students, regardless of ethnicity, recognize that they have an authentic voice concerning these subjects," said FLA Program Director Martha Billips '78.

■ **Sophomore Jason Thompson and juniors Tracy Clayton, left, and Brittany Robinson discuss a point with James Loewen following Loewen's lecture as Lilly Program Director Charisse Gillett, right, looks on.**



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## Men's soccer repeats as HCAC season champs

Transylvania's men's soccer team won the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season title and also went undefeated in season league play, both for the second straight year.

Transy posted a perfect 6-0 record against HCAC opponents during the regular season before defeating Defiance College 2-0 in the semifinals of the HCAC tournament. The Pioneers then tied Anderson University 1-1 in the championship game, but Anderson took the title by winning a shootout 4-3. Transy now has a two-year 15-0-1 conference record.

Under co-head coaches Brandon Bowman and Parviz Zartoshty, Transy finished with an overall record of 13-4-3. The Pioneers outscored their foes 50-13 and had 12 shutouts.

Named to the All-HCAC team were senior midfielder Jared Matthews, junior defender Albert Gross, sophomore defender Jon Kincheloe, and

sophomore forward Seth Butt. Matthews, Gross, Butt, and first-year forward Nick Spurlock won HCAC Player of the Week honors.

## Field hockey comes close, finishes 4-15

Transylvania's field hockey team played well against strong opponents, but lacked the offensive punch to seal the victory as the Pioneers posted a 4-15 season record under new head coach Beth Lucas.

Nine losses decided by a single point, including two in overtime, told the story for this year's team. Transy got two of its wins over Hanover College, another over Earlham College, and had a 2-1 road win over Bellarmine University near season's end.

Senior forward Cathy Rafferty and first-year keeper Taylor McGinnis were named to the All-KIT tournament team.

Senior forward Jane Conner led the team in scoring with five goals, followed by first-year midfielder Kay Kay Speer with four.

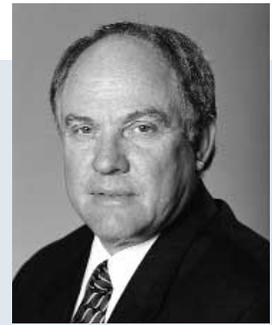
## Whitson named athletics director

Ron Whitson '67, professor and director of the physical education and exercise science program and a former long-time assistant men's basketball coach, has been named athletics director.

Whitson was chosen following an extensive nationwide search. He replaces Brian Austin, who was named senior associate athletics director at Dartmouth College in September.

"Ron has a wealth of experience in administration and athletics, and has a reputation as someone who views athletes as students first," said President Charles L. Shearer. "He's an excellent match for this position."

Whitson was a star basketball player for Transy from 1963-67. He retired from coaching in 2001 after 27 years as Transy's top assistant, and was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1999. He was honored with a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995. He will continue as a professor in the physical education and exercise science program.



## Cross country has busy season

A busy season saw the Transy men's and women's cross country teams competing in seven invitational meets, along with the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championships and the NAIA Mid-South meet. Head coach Toby Carrigan led both teams.

For the men, first-year runner Ian Johnstone finished the 8,000-meter course in a season-best 27 minutes, 49 seconds at the Wilmington Invitational, then turned in a 27:56.60 at the HCAC championships, missing All-Conference honors by one position. He finished 15th in the NAIA Mid-South meet, just one place out of All-Region recognition.

Another first-year runner, Jill Priesmeyer, paced the women's team, steadily improving her times until the NAIA Mid-South meet when she finished in 23:12 for the 5,000-meter course. Senior Cheryl Frith led the Pioneers in two meets and had a season-best 24:01 in the NAIA meet.

## Women's soccer ties for fourth in HCAC play

Losing only once in league play usually results in a high standing at season's end, but Transy's women's soccer team suffered through four agonizing ties that left them with a 2-1-4 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference record, good for a tie for fourth place.

It was an unusual season for head coach Scott Scanlon and his Pioneers, who swept through the league undefeated last year. The four ties, an overtime loss, and two one-point losses kept Transy from its normally stellar won-lost record for the first time in six years. The final tally was 6-7-4.

Still, the Pioneers placed two players on the All-HCAC team—senior forward Danielle Engelkamp and junior forward Sarah Lowman. Engelkamp, second in scoring for the season with seven goals, was also an HCAC Player of the Week. Lowman led Transy in scoring with eight goals.

## Volleyball team ends season with conference win

The Transylvania volleyball team experienced an up-and-down season, but the Pioneers came away with five victories, including a season-ending 3-2 win over Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference foe Manchester College.

Head coach Cindy Jacobelli saw the Pioneers get their first win against Temple Baptist College in the Asbury College Invitational Tournament. They also defeated Hanover College and Berea College (twice) for a 5-23 season record, 1-7 in the HCAC.

Transy played close games in many matches, but lacked the experience to seal the win. Typical was a 3-2 loss to nationally ranked Cumberland College, with game scores of 31-29, 26-30, 33-

31, 26-30, 9-15.

Junior outside hitter Kristin Hodges led the offense for Transy with an average of 2.74 kills per game, followed by first-year outside hitter Liz McComb with 2.48 a game. They shared Most Valuable Player honors for the team. First-year setter Heather Payne, who averaged 7.76 assists per game, was an HCAC Player of the Week.



# 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.



Photo courtesy of Dinsmore Nisbet '55

■ From left, Gene Thomas '54 (deceased), Bert Smith '54, Bob Lemarr '58, and Dinsmore Nisbet '55 sing for their classmates in the dining hall of Hamilton Hall, where the four waited on tables and helped in the kitchen. Formal, family-style evening meals served on white tablecloths were the norm for Transy students when this picture was taken in April 1954. Men were expected to wear coats and ties and women wore dresses, skirts, and heels. The popular group sang at various campus events, offering a mixture of barber-shop quartet music and spirituals.

## Classes

### '30s

Charles Fred Taylor '31, Oxford, Miss., and his wife, Jewett, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October.

Dorothy Doub Mattingly '37, Knoxville, Tenn., remembers that 69 years have passed since she and the late Jack Bryden '37 played a xylophone and harp duet on the steps of Old Morrison the first week of their freshman year. They accompanied the soprano soloist, the late Susan Mitchell Delcamp '39.

### '40s

Ralph L. "Galson" Murray '40, Cincinnati, has a cousin, Ray Sheffield, former owner of the *National Horseman Magazine*, who is the new neighbor of another Transy '40 grad, Fred K. "Pud" "Banker" Smith.

Evelyn Weber Cartmill '44, Versailles, Ky., is chair of the Salvation Army Service Unit of Versailles/Woodford County.

Phillip E. Monteith '49, Bristol, Ind., taught music in schools for 35 years, 27 of which were in Elkhart, Ind., schools. He has been retired for 17 years and is now a working artist. He and his wife, Mary Jane, have been married for 47 years and have three children.

## '50s

**Betty Van Meter Nutt '52**, West Des Moines, Iowa, missed the class of 1952's 50th reunion due to her work schedule. She is still working for a property management company because she enjoys being part of the growth and progress in an exciting time and place. She may retire at age 75, but hopefully not before, and welcomes calls or e-mails from Transy classmates.

**Patsy Barton Seay '52**, Bloomfield, Ky., enjoyed her 17th year of singing in *The Tree of Life*, a living Christmas tree with about 70 voices telling the story of Christmas.

**S. Bruce McWhorter '54**, Dayton, Ohio, is enjoying a busy semi-retirement with his research, writing, publishing, public speaking, and school reunions, especially with the class of '54. He continues to set his own schedule for teaching languages, history, government, and political science.

**Clyde McKee '59**, Oakland, Calif., retired from the ministry in January. He had been pastor at Barrett Avenue Christian Church for more than 10 years.

**Clyde F. Roper '59**, Vienna, Va., "retired" in December 2001, but continues as zoologist *emeritus* in invertebrate zoology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. His wife, **Ingrid Braunohler Roper '59**, volunteers with Clyde's program. Clyde serves as study leader and lecturer in marine biology for Smith Associates and other ecotourism groups and is always ready to talk about the giant squid and other sea creatures.

**C. Eugene Scruggs '59**, Lakeland, Fla., is active in the local art community. He is a part-

ner in the Imperial Art Gallery and has two paintings on display at Arts on the Park, a juried show.

**Jerry D. Thomson '59** and **Janet McGinnis Thomson '60**, Shepherdsville, Ky., are involved with Habitat for Humanity in the Louisville area and John's Island, S.C.

## '60s

**Leah Geeslin Davies '62**, Bend, Ore., is president of Kelly Bear Press, a publisher of self-help programs for children. Her latest program, which she created and produced, is the Kelly Bear Violence Prevention three-part video program for children in kindergarten through third grade. She invites everyone to check out her Web site at [www.kellybear.com](http://www.kellybear.com).

**F. Lynn Luallen '64**, Frankfort, Ky., chief executive officer of Kentucky Housing Corporation, has been awarded the Skip Jason Community Service Award by the Housing Assistance Council. This national award recognizes individuals whose efforts have improved the housing conditions of the rural poor.

**George E. Crow '65**, Savoy, Tex., is vice president of Probox, a fuels recycling company, in Shreveport, La. He and his wife, **Janice Ebs Crow '66**, are building a house on their ranch in Savoy, where they plan to retire. Their son, George A., completed periodontal training at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He and his family have moved to Poulsbo, Wash., where he is a periodontist in the U.S. Navy at Bremerton and Bangor Naval Bases.

**Susan H. McDevitt '66**, San Diego, received

a diploma for completion of more than three years of study in expressive arts therapy in November 2002 from the International School of Interdisciplinary Studies in San Diego. She plans to make a career change after retiring from her job as a program manager with the City of San Diego in 2006.

**Beth Wyrick Respass '67**, Fayetteville, Ga., has written a set of children's books for students with limited language skills titled *Autism and PDD: Basic Questions*. It has been published by Linguisticsystems, a company that produces special education materials.

**Patricia Selvage '67**, Chatham, N.J., extends appreciation to all those who helped her with her many daily activities throughout her college years. She welcomes mail or phone calls from these friends of long ago.

**Lynn Swetnam Boone '69**, Louisville, and her husband, Bob, had a wonderful and truly restful fall vacation traveling to Washington, D.C., and various places in Virginia. During their trip, they visited with **Pamela Nix Worobec '69**.

**Patty Morgenthal Breeze '69**, Versailles, Ky., has moved her office to downtown Lexington and entered a joint venture with First Security Bank offering financial planning services to clients. In 2001, she obtained her certified financial planning license.

**Anna Caudill Craft '69**, Whitesburg, Ky., is superintendent of Letcher County Schools.

**Thomas J. Harlan III '69**, Lexington, took a wonderful "early" retirement package after 31 years with Delta Air Lines and is enjoying his free time and lots of travel.

**Judith Wiglesworth Phillips '69**, Lexington, continued her love of travel with a two-week trip to Egypt in April 2002; the trip included a cruise on the Nile. Twenty-eight days later, she left for a two-week trip to Russia with a cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

## '70s

**Nancy Merriman Austin '70**, Salt Lake City, has two daughters who joined the U.S. Army and served in Bosnia in the airborne division. They have since left the service and are each married to army captains—one of whom is in Kuwait and the other in Egypt.

**Catherine Hayden Bishop '70**, Versailles, Ky., is a technical writer and copy editor for Kentucky Equine Research, a company that formulates feed for performance horses. The company has provided feed to the horses competing in the last two Olympic games as well as the recent World Equestrian Games held in Spain.

**Roger P. Elliott '72**, Liberty, Ky., has been elected to his sixth term as district judge for the 29th Judicial District of Kentucky. His wife, **Sheila Hansford Elliott '73**, has reentered the teaching profession as a French instructor with the Kentucky Virtual High School.



■ **Dave and Anne Alexander**, class of 1953, hosted seven of their classmates at their Lexington home in October. Standing, from left, are **Patsy Lewis Samples**, **Anne Swords Alexander**, **Juanita "Estil" Kirkland**, **Joan Lewis Millard**, and **Sally Crawford Hatchett**. Sitting, from left, are **Tom Kirkland**, **Bob Hatchett**, **Charles Samples**, and **Dave Alexander**.

## TEACHING THE NEWSBREAKERS OF TOMORROW

*It wasn't the excitement* of current events, but the charm of an antique printing press that caused Julie E. Dodd '72 to develop an interest in journalism. When she saw the working press during a family vacation in Williamsburg, Va., Dodd became fascinated by the technical aspects of publishing. That encounter, combined with a love of writing she learned from her parents, prompted her to join her sixth grade newspaper.

From there, Dodd progressed in her education and professional life until she ultimately found her ideal role in the world of news and information distribution. Dodd teaches writing and communication skills to future newspaper reporters, television anchors, and business people as a professor in the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications.

"It's very exciting to see people learn," Dodd said. "It's fun when you have people who don't think they're interested in a topic, but you find a way to present it that makes them want to learn."

Besides the pride she feels when she sees her students become writers, editors, or even educators like herself, Dodd has been recognized for her contributions by the university and several scholastic press organizations. Her accolades include the Carl Towley Award and the Medal of Merit from the Journalism Education Association, the Paschal Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Advisers Association, the Gold Medallion from the Florida Scholastic Press Association, and the National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award. She was named Teacher of the Year in the College of Journalism and Communications in 1996 and received other awards from the university in 1993 and 1996.

Dodd discovered her love of teaching while she was a student at Transy. Growing up in Oak Ridge, Tenn., she had learned about the college through William P. Hardy '39, a popular local physician and life member of Transylvania's Board of Trustees, who actively recruited students to the University prior to his death in 1997.

"One reason I was interested in Transy was that you could try a number of different areas," Dodd said. "I was very interested in journalism as a high school senior, but I wasn't sure I wanted to major in journalism. At Transy, I was an English major and on the school paper, but was also able to try other things."

Dodd took teaching courses to give herself additional options after graduation,

and found her calling when she did her student teaching with the newspaper adviser at Henry Clay High School.

"I was very fortunate to be matched up with some absolutely outstanding classroom teachers when I was getting my field experience," she said. "The school paper was such a purposeful activity for the students. It was what made their high school experience special and being part of that was very rewarding."

For several years after graduating from Transylvania, she worked as a newspaper adviser at high schools in the Lexington area before pursuing her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at the University of Kentucky.

After completing her Ed.D. in 1982, Dodd returned to the Oak Ridge area and accepted a position at her former high school. In addition to teaching, Dodd wrote a running, cycling, and fitness column titled *Self-propelled* for the local newspaper, *The Oak Ridger*. Dodd, who runs an average of 1,100 miles a year, took up the sport because she missed the fun and fitness opportunities provided by the team sports that she played at Transy.

After six years at Oak Ridge High School, Dodd was approached about a position with the University of Florida. Impressed by the journalism and communications program, she joined the faculty in 1988.

Dodd, who became a full professor in 1998, says her two favorite courses are Mass Communication Teaching, a graduate

course that usually has about 10 students, and Writing for Mass Communication, a lecture and lab course with more than 300 undergraduate students, which Dodd teaches with the help of several assistants.

Dodd said she enjoys the smaller class because she and the students engage in discussions about effective teaching and learning strategies that continue to help her grow as an educator. She likes the undergraduate class because she can see the potential impact for her students.

"Even though some students aren't sure what they want to do when they graduate and some of them feel like they'll be going into careers where they won't need to do a lot of writing, I think that writing is so important whatever you're going to do that I feel like I'm teaching a course that's really going to have benefit to everybody who's taking it."

Katherine Yeakel

■ Julie E. Dodd '72, front, stands with eight of the teaching assistants who help her with her lecture/lab course Writing for Mass Communications at the University of Florida.



Judy L. Robinson

**Ellen Haggard Cunningham '73**, Shepherdsville, Ky., teaches French part-time at North Bullitt High School even though she "retired" from teaching full-time in Bullitt County, Ky., in 2000 and from teaching art part-time at Providence High School in Clarksville, Tenn. Her oldest son, Tom, is in his first year of graduate school at Johns Hopkins Medical University and her younger son, Rob, is following in his grandfather, Charles Haggard's, footsteps, majoring in math and education as a senior at Western Kentucky University. Haggard is a former Transylvania mathematics professor and division chair. Her daughter, Liz, is a sophomore at North Bullitt High School and dances ballet with the University of Louisville Dance Academy.

**Harriet Perry Jones '74**, Russell, Ky., is in her 28th year as a calculus teacher at Russell High School. She has sent many of her students to Transy, including her daughter **Erin E. Jones '05**.

**Thomas W. Myers '74**, Lexington, remarried in 2001. He and his wife, Marty, reside one block from Transy, as he has for the past 30 years. His daughter Miranda is 15.

**William W. Burgiss '75**, Louisville, is the illustrator of a book written by Mary Ann McCabe Riehle, titled *B Is for Bluegrass*, the 20th in a series of children's books about the states from Sleeping Bear Press.

**Shearle L. Furnish '75**, Amarillo, Tex., was appointed in July as head of the Department of English and Modern Languages at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, Tex.

**David A. Reiber '77**, Pickerington, Ohio, has a daughter, Michelle, 20, who competed in the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program as "Miss North Coast" on a breast cancer awareness platform.

**Dewey G. Cornell '78**, Charlottesville, Va., professor of education at the University of Virginia, has been named the Curry Memorial Chair in Education in the Curry School of Education at the university.

**Debra Rosa Meyer '78**, St. Joseph, Mich., recently celebrated her 20th ordination anniversary. Her church surprised her with a dinner in her honor and a new robe. Deb serves as co-pastor with her husband, Kent, at Zion Church in St. Joseph. They have two children, Mark, 16, and Serenity, 10.

**John A. "Andy" Jackson '79**, Louisville, was promoted to divisional vice president, business applications, in the IT department at Brown & Williamson in Louisville.

## '80s

**Stephen Palmer Brown '80**, Lexington, has been named foundation and institutional trust manager for Fifth Third Bank.

**Vinson W. Miller '81**, Kailua, Hawaii, has been promoted to lieutenant commander in

## VanMeter honored for philanthropy

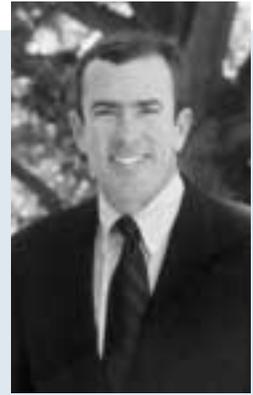
George M. VanMeter Jr. '77, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, was a 2002 Outstanding Community Honoree at Lexington's National Philanthropy Day observance November 14. Transylvania nominated VanMeter for his dedicated leadership and continued commitment to the University.

"George is an active volunteer and a generous supporter of Transylvania," said President Charles L. Shearer. "He exemplifies the ideals of philanthropy and is a worthy recipient of this recognition."

VanMeter has served as president of the Alumni Executive Board, as a member of the Board of Visitors and the Beck Center Alumni Steering Committee, and as reunion gift chair for his 25th class reunion. He received the Morrison Medallion for outstanding service to the University in 1989 and has been a board member since 1995.

In addition to his activities at Transy, VanMeter serves on the boards of The Lexington School and the Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Vestry and the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission. VanMeter, along with his mother and siblings, contribute generously to several non-profit organizations through an established family fund. His hobby is participating in triathlons and marathons, including the Boston Marathon.

Others honored at the Philanthropy Day event included Transylvania Board of Trustees member William Marquard and his wife, Margaret, for their work with the Markey Cancer Center Foundation.



the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps. He is currently assigned to 1st Battalion 12th Marines (Rein), a Marine artillery battalion located on Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe Bay. He and his family anticipate moving to Norfolk, Va., in late 2003.

**Jeffrey Rogers '81**, Lexington, a commercial photographer, has been selected as a regional representative for a new Web site called [www.takegreatpictures.com](http://www.takegreatpictures.com), which is supported by all major camera manufacturers. To help publicize the site, Jeff appeared in a feature segment on Louisville's WHAS news telecast.

**L. Marc Barnhill '82**, Lexington, is director of operations at Everburn Manufacturing, Inc., the world's largest producer of ceramic fireplace components.

**David E. Caywood '83**, Memphis, is a pilot for FedEx flying the DC-10. He is also chairman of the Hazardous Material Committee for ALPA/FDX and an aircraft accident investigator. He and his wife, Mary, decompress on their five acres along the Spring River in Arkansas.

**Jennifer R. Culley '83**, Atlanta, is an assistant professor of internal medicine at Emory University. She and her husband, Sagar Lonial, a physician at Emory, have two children, Halie, 6, and Ben, 2.

**Dianna S. Howard '86**, Lexington, and her husband, Joseph Oldham, are very proud of their two children, Will, 7, and Lucy, 1. Will is in the second grade at the Lexington School

and Lucy, who was born three months early, is doing extremely well.

**John O. Gaines '87** and **Lisa Behle Gaines '87** and their children Ellen and Reed have moved to Franklin, Tenn. John is associate dean of undergraduate admissions at Vanderbilt University and Lisa does part-time accounting work and volunteers in her children's school district.

**Donna R. Tatum-Johns '87**, Louisville, teaches French and is assistant upper school director at Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville.

**R. Paul Guillerman '89** and **Ann Montalvo Guillerman '90** have moved to the Houston area. Paul has joined Singleton and Associates and is on staff as a radiologist at Texas Children's Hospital. Ann is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Ventiv Health. Nick, 14, is a sophomore at the Cliffwood School, where he is an honor student. Andrew, 6, is a student at Silvercrest Elementary.

**Kimberly North Mercker '89**, Louisville, is a kindergarten teacher at St. Matthews Elementary. She, her husband, Dale, and children, Morgan, 5, and Meyer, 2, would love to hear from her old friends. Her e-mail address is [kmercke1@aol.com](mailto:kmercke1@aol.com).

**Caroline Hurley Young '89** and **John F. Young '90** live in Florence, Ky., with their two children, Katie, 5, and James Walter, 1. John is a dentist in Florence and Caroline is his office manager.

## '90s

**Joanne Sansone Coleman '90**, Louisville, has decided to stay home full-time to have more time with her family. Her son, Ryan, is in first grade at Friends School and her daughter, Bridget, is 2.

**R. Keith Frank '90** lives in Kaufman, Tex., with his wife, Dana, and their four children. Keith is involved in writing children's books and co-pastoring the Country Bible Church in Kaufman.

**Lonnie R. Laney '90**, Sandy Hook, Ky., is an assistant principal in charge of curriculum and instruction as well as a physics/math teacher for the Elliott County school system. He lives with his wife, Anita, on a 150-acre farm in Elliott County.

**Susan Marine '92**, Medford, Mass., has been appointed the coordinator of sexual assault prevention services at Harvard University.

**Eric Stedje-Larsen '92**, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, has returned from a year in Cuba, where he was an anesthesiologist at the Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay providing support to Operation Enduring Freedom. He now lives in Portsmouth, Va., and works at the Naval hospital, where he is a staff anesthesiologist and is completing his pain management fellowship. He and his wife, Grace, welcomed their son, Olin Peter, in September.

**Ellen Cohn Bloomfield '93**, Lexington, is a teacher and varsity swim team coach at Bryan Station Traditional Magnet and is pursuing a master's degree in coaching at the University of Kentucky. She has two daughters, Isabell Lenore, 2, and Riette Innes, 1.

**Dionne Pierce Dosa '93**, Pittsburgh, is an IS project leader for stores and marketing at American Eagle Outfitters. Her husband, David, is a physician. Dionne's e-mail address is dcp1227@yahoo.com.

**Joey A. Tucker '93**, Monticello, Ky., is co-owner and manager of Heartland Funeral Home as well as a funeral director and embalmer. His wife, Larissa, is the local 4-H agent and a University of Kentucky alum.

**Amy Souder Bolar '94**, Flemingsburg, Ky., a music educator with the Fleming County school system, is in the process of obtaining her National Teaching Certification. She presented a music lesson for a Core Knowledge National Conference in Phoenix, in March.

**Kimberly Jo Lakes Jenks '94** resides in Cynthiana, Ky., with her husband, Shawn. She is a clinical social worker for the Bluegrass-Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board in Cynthiana.

**Sara Jordon Knight '94** lives in Corryton, Tenn., with her husband, Tim, and daughter, Hannah, 2. They are excited about their growing family and the success of Sara's

accounting business, which she operates from home. They would love to hear from their Transy friends.

**Jessica Hull O'Daniel '94** lives in Crestwood, Ky., with her husband, Patrick, and son, Harrison Xavier. They would love to hear from friends at odaniel3@iglou.com.

**Cleveland S. "Landy" Townsend '94**, Louisville, is a territory manager for Salix Pharmaceuticals. His wife, **Allison Sheckels "Allie" Townsend '96**, began teaching third and fourth grades at Heritage Elementary School in Shelby County in August.

**Jerri R. Dyer '96**, Nicholasville, Ky., teaches eighth grade science at West Jessamine Middle School. She is a member of Southland Christian Church's short-term missions committee and will be leading a trip to the Philippines during the summer.

**Tanzi D. Merritt '96**, Lexington, has been promoted to senior reference librarian at the Kentucky Virtual Library. She was also elected as Community Involvement Committee chair and member of the steering council of the Lexington Young Professionals Association.

**Anne E. Jenkins '97**, St. Paul, received her Ph.D. in biochemistry in October and is working at the Mayo Clinic.

**Angela S. Tackett '97**, Birmingham, Ala., is in her second year of an internal medicine/pediatrics residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center.

**Alexia Schempp Couch '98**, Silver Spring, Md., teaches seventh grade math at Newport Mill Middle School in Kensington, Md.

**Kevin W. Hatton '98**, Lexington, is an anesthesiology resident at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. His wife, **Adrienne White Hatton '00**, is a graphic designer with DecoArt.

**Alison B. Moore '98**, Boston, finished her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Cincinnati and is a postdoctoral faculty fellow, adjunct professor in chemistry at Boston University.

**Scott A. Rizzo '98**, Fort Collins, Colo., completed his B.S. in accounting from the University of Kentucky and his M.S. in anatomy from Colorado State University. He is in his second year at Colorado State's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science and will complete his Ph.D. in veterinary medicine in 2005.

**Chasta "Nikki" Adcock Williams '98** lives in Atlanta with her husband, Thomas, and is an associate with Alston & Bird, LLP, as a member of the firm's bankruptcy, workout, and reorganization practice group. She and Thomas received their law degrees from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May. **Rachel L. Nance '98**, **Alexia Schempp Couch '98**, **Amanda B. Mackey '99**, and **Bridget Trogden Lawson '00** were part of the bridal party at their March 2, 2002, wedding.

## Mandy McMillian a commercial success

Have you sought cold relief from Tylenol Cold after watching the exploits of perpetual employee of the month Carlina? Or have you rushed out to buy office supplies after listening to the fast-talking demands of an Office Depot customer?

In both cases, you may have been sold by the performance of Transy drama program graduate Mandy McMillian '97. The Independence, Ky., native plays the central character in both of these nationally televised commercials.

McMillian has lived in Los Angeles since shortly after graduation, supporting herself with various jobs and pursuing her dream of becoming a successful actress. The Tylenol commercial was a major break because it enabled her to join the Screen Actors Guild and work with Mark Pellington, director of such films as *Arlington Road* and *The Mothman Prophecies*.

"It is quite rare that a feature film director would direct a commercial, but Mark was amazing," McMillian said. "He was so nice and supportive. And, he's a really great director; he talked me through everything while still allowing for my creativity."

With her recent success, McMillian is optimistic about the future.

"Ideally I will have my own sitcom one day," she said. "I would really love to be on a weekly series and then occasionally do some movies in between seasons. It would be fabulous to have a steady job like that."



■ Mandy McMillian '97 is shown in character as Carlina, the employee everybody loves to hate in a nationally televised Tylenol Cold commercial.

## A HIGHER STANDARD OF ACCOUNTABILITY

**Jim Parrott's position** as a practice fellow with the Financial Accounting Standards Board gives him a unique perspective on the recent news involving questionable, sometimes fraudulent, accounting practices at corporations like Enron and WorldCom.

The FASB is the private sector organization charged with setting standards of financial accounting and reporting. Its decisions are recognized as authoritative by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Ernst & Young, Parrott's employer since he left Transylvania with an accounting degree, nominated him for the prestigious two-year assignment with the FASB. The FASB's practice fellows are drawn from those in active practice in the accounting profession. Parrott will return to his regular job with Ernst & Young in July.

Parrott points to the tremendous pressures on corporate executives to meet specific goals and objectives as one of the causes of misleading financial reporting.

"There is a lot of pressure in the corporate environment to meet short-term goals," Parrott said. "Then you've got the Wall Street analysts beating down on the companies. Sometimes companies even meet their targets and still get downgraded. So you get situations where people rationalize as to whether they're doing the right thing or not, and then they don't do the exact right thing in terms of financial reporting. Earnings management has been a buzz phrase in the corporate world for the past few years. The earnings may be manipulated so that you don't see what the real operating trends of the company are."

The FASB exists to combat this kind of situation, among other objectives. One of its more important goals is to help ensure the neutrality of information so that economic activity is reported "...as faithfully as possible without coloring the image it communicates for the purpose of influencing behavior in any particular direction."

One major change in the corporate environment coming out of the scandals at Enron and other companies is the way that serving on a company's audit committee is viewed, said Parrott.

"The CEO and the audit committee members have a fiduciary duty to the company to understand the basics of what's going on and to make sure the numbers make sense. It used to be that an audit committee assignment was a low-profile, low-risk kind of situation. It's totally changed now. Not many people will take that assignment without being sure of their level of expertise."

Parrott's assignment at FASB has been on the Emerging Issues Task Force, a watchdog group that tries to stay ahead of problems



**■ Jim Parrott '89 is on a leave of absence from his employer, Ernst & Young, while serving a two-year term as a practice fellow with the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the private sector organization that sets standards of financial accounting and reporting.**

in the profession by tracking new issues before any detrimental practices become entrenched.

In the context of the EITF, diversity is the great enemy.

"The EITF interprets the major standards that the FASB issues," said Parrott. "When questions arise about how to implement a standard, we try to provide an answer that will create uniformity and consistency in practice. Financial statements should be comparable from company to company. Diversity—where people are interpreting things differently—works against that goal."

Parrott was working in Ernst & Young's Nashville office when the opportunity came to serve on the FASB. He and his family moved to Connecticut, where the FASB is headquartered. When he returns to regular practice in July, he will most likely be working in the firm's New York office, and will commute from Connecticut. The company recently moved into its new office building in Times Square. His assignment, he said, will probably be with the firm's national accounting advisory group.

After an on-campus interview with Ernst & Young during his senior year at Transy, Parrott joined the firm's Lexington office, then worked in the Louisville office before moving to Nashville. Because Ernst & Young has a strong position in the health

care industry, much of Parrott's work has been in that area.

Parrott said his Transy education gave him a good foundation to draw upon when dealing with accounting issues, both in his work with Ernst & Young and with the FASB. "There are two things at play—values and technical expertise—and Transylvania provided help to me in both of those areas."

While at Transy, Parrott was president of the Interfraternity Council and a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership organization, and the Accounting Club. He was a Transylvania Scholar his senior year.

Originally from Springfield, Ky., Parrott said both he and his family have enjoyed the move to Connecticut. He and his wife, Laura, are the parents of Katie, 8, Allie, 6, and Emma, 3.

He is also enjoying his stay at FASB and the contrast it offers from day-to-day accounting work.

"So many of the things you deal with in practice with a client are on an urgent basis," he said. "The question comes up, and you've got to have an answer right now. The FASB assignment has given me an opportunity to really sit back and look at the literature of accounting more comprehensively. It's been a very good experience."

*-William A. Bowden*

**Taufika Islam Williams '98**, Lexington, received her master's degree from Purdue University and is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky.

**Allison L. "Raine" Engle '99**, Lexington, is a victim's therapist at the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass.

**Jennifer Dierolf Trent '99** works in commercial real estate management and leasing in Palm City, Fla.

## '00s

**Jacob D. Goodine '00**, Watertown, N.Y., returned from service with the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in September.

**Guinevere Z. Jones '00**, Beaverton, Ore., is a product test analyst for kids footwear at the Nike world headquarters in Beaverton.

**Lisa J. Merlo '00**, Detroit, received her master's degree in clinical psychology this summer from Wayne State University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. and working at Children's Hospital of Michigan as a therapist for HIV positive adolescents.

**Christopher E. McClellan '01**, Lexington, is teaching at Harrison County Middle School in Cynthiana, Ky. His wife, **Adrienne Lima McClellan '01**, is an assistant branch manager with National City Bank. They would love to hear from their Transy friends.

**Sean C. McNichol '01**, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, is serving as the executive officer of Charlie Company, 32nd Signal Battalion, in Darmstadt, Germany.

**Courtney M. Meade '02**, Walton, Ky., has joined Jesuit Volunteers International and is working to educate future teachers and leaders in Punta Gorda, Belize.

## MARRIAGES

**Thomas W. Myers '74** and Marty Ann Day, December 31, 2001

**Amy Leigh Cottrell '90** and **Gerald Graham Leslie III '90**, October 12, 2002

**Amy Kara Murphy '91** and A. Clinton McBroom, July 20, 2002

**Donna Lynn Smith '91** and Darren R. Pleiman, September 28, 2002

**Dionne Carol Pierce '93** and David Dosa, June 29, 2002

**Joey A. Tucker '93** and Larissa Lee Hayes, October 12, 2002

**Jean Thomas Harrod '94** and Marshall Reid Hixson, October 18, 2002

**Kimberly Jo Lakes '94** and Shawn Jenks, December 21, 2001

**Sabrina Renee Kimbrough '95** and Robert Rumford, October 19, 2002

**William Justin McDonald '96** and Andrea Louise Dunn, July 6, 2002

**Tara Nai Barker '97** and Bryson Patrick Lair,

May 18, 2002

**Chasta Nicole "Nikki" Adcock '98** and Thomas L. Williams, March 2, 2002

**Angela Leah Rigsby '98** and Dennis A. Roberts, September 21, 2002

**Scott A. Rizzo '98** and Danielle Nicole Henrikson, August 7, 1999

**Jennifer Rebekah Dierolf '99** and Stuart R. Trent, June 15, 2002

**Emily Lynn Baxter '00** and Colin Wade Stout, November 8, 2002

**Sherri E. Stickle '00** and Jeremy Newman, August 10, 2002

**Anna Leah Tuberville '00** and Eric Taylor, October 26, 2002

**Mary Suzanne Webb '00** and Jason D. Margraf, October 5, 2002

**Sara Anne Wells '00** and **John David Francis '00**, May 11, 2002

**Adrienne Rose Lima '01** and **Christopher Edward McClellan '01**, September 14, 2002

**Mary Ruth Fooks '02** and Christopher Breeze, October 19, 2002

## BIRTHS

**David M. Carr '81** and **Leigh McMurry Carr '87**, a daughter, Britton Leigh Carr, November 20, 2002

**Leslie Goff Sultana '82** and Keith Sultana, a son, Ethan Samuel Sultana, September 18, 2002

**Jennifer Ramsey Hanson '86** and M. Stephen Hanson, a daughter, Grace Ramsey Hanson, September 27, 2002

**Jennifer Gaskins Dailey '88** and Timothy Dailey, a daughter, Lydia Nicole Dailey, October 14, 2002

**Lori Beth Shelburne '88** and Bill Allen, a son, Luke Henry Allen, May 23, 2002

**Hope Hurst Lanham '89** and Joseph M. Lanham, a son, Andrew Hurst Lanham, September 13, 2002

**Kimberly VanHoose Logan '89** and **Thomas C. Logan '88**, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Logan, September 28, 2001

**Andrew B. Morris '89** and Caroline S. Morris, a daughter, Lindsay Tuck Morris, September 18, 2002

**R. Keith Frank '90** and Dana Frank, a daughter, Mary Margaret Elaine Frank, January 1, 2002

**Rachel Meade Harper '90** and Alex Harper, a daughter, Sarah Taylor Harper, June 13, 2002

**Stephanie Brown-Newton '90** and **Timothy R. Newton '90**, a daughter, Hayley Grace Newton, September 5, 2002

**Sharon Ruble Prevette '90** and Daniel Prevette, a daughter, Annika Danielle Prevette, September 26, 2002

**Stacy Pearson Wright '90** and Joel Wright, a daughter, Mallory Ann Wright, October 9, 2002

**Haylee Hancock Coberly '91** and Bruce Coberly, a son, Scott Bruce Coberly, March 3, 2002

**Anne Whelan Hawkins '91** and Leigh Hawkins, a son, Christopher Gibson Hawkins, October 10, 2002

**Diane Willenbrink Justice '91** and Kyle Justice, a daughter, Natalie Paige Justice, August 31, 2002

**Lisa Knox Odendahl '91** and John Odendahl, a son, Knox William Odendahl, October 17, 2002



**Christopher J. Thomason '91** and **Kristan Arora Thomason '98**, a son, Graham Thomason, August 11, 2002

**Christina Greenwell Buckner '92** and Chad H. Buckner, a son, Jackson Wyeth Buckner, July 18, 2001

**Kelley Garrett Burczyk '92** and **Frederick Burczyk Jr. '93**, a daughter, Abigail Rose Burczyk, December 2, 2002

**Emily Burks Dennis '92** and Andrew S. Dennis, a son, Silas Earl Dennis, August 12, 2002

**Kristi Wilson Tyldesley '92** and Scott A. Tyldesley, a daughter, Abigail Freman Tyldesley, July 12, 2002

**Jeffrey M. Violette '92** and Susan S. Violette, a son, Alexander Marc Violette, October 18, 2002

**Ashley Thacker Welch '92** and James M. Welch, a daughter, Mary Grace Welch, July 8, 2002

**Calista K. Cleary '93** and Bruce Lenthall, a son, Chapin Lenthall-Cleary, April 15, 2002

**Christine Cowgill Harris '93** and Michael Harris, a daughter, Angelica Hernandez Harris, March 12, 2002

**Benjamin L. Mackey '93** and **Andrea Jones Mackey '96**, a son, Camden Cecil Mackey, October 16, 2002

**Charles A. Seabury '93** and Julie I. Seabury, a daughter, Amelia Grace Seabury, May 30, 2002

**Wayne F. Wilson '93** and Christie S. Wilson, a son, George Sims Wilson, August 14, 2002

**Jennifer Miller Arnold '94** and **Sam W. Arnold IV '95**, a daughter, Catron Arlean Arnold, July 2, 2002

**Misha Warren Bell '94** and Christopher S. Bell, a son, Jack Thomas Bell, October 8, 2002

**Jessica Hull O'Daniel '94** and Patrick O'Daniel, a son, Harrison Xavier O'Daniel, May 14, 2002

**Valorie Ferguson Stamper '95** and Jacob Stamper, a daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth Stamper, January 31, 2002

**Erin Hildebrandt Sutton '96** and **Bradley M. Sutton '96**, a daughter, Catesby Marie Sutton, August 23, 2002

**Enrique M. Gumucio '97** and Irene L. Colmenares, a daughter, Irene Victoria Gumucio, April 19, 2002

## Alumni Bulletin Board

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 12

Join Transy's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2003 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 12, at Marriott's Griffin Gate Golf Resort in Lexington. Lunch will be at noon, followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. First and second place prizes will be awarded at the closing reception.

Registration fee is \$100 for an individual or \$350 for a foursome. Three levels of sponsorship are also available—Bronze (\$250), Silver (\$500), and Gold (\$1,000). For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Ron Whitson '67, athletics director, at (859) 233-8232, rwhitson@transy.edu, or Mark Blankenship '81, alumni programs director, at (859) 233-8402, mblankenship@transy.edu.

### Memorial scholarship honors alumna

The Barbara Sue Stivers Rea Memorial Scholarship, established in 2002, provides annual grants of income to Transylvania students, with preference given but not limited to full-time second, third, or fourth-year students majoring in English who are members of Phi Mu sorority. Preference will also be given to students from Henry County, Kentucky, who demonstrate financial need.

With this permanent fund, donors have provided a lasting tribute to Barbara Sue Stivers Rea, a loyal alumna from the class of 1967 and a lifelong supporter, promoter, and active volunteer on behalf of Transylvania. She served as class agent for many years and placed great value on her academic and extracurricular experiences at Transy. Rea had a distinguished career as an attorney, serving on state and national advisory boards, thereby bringing recognition to her alma mater.

For more information on Transy's endowed scholarships, contact Kara Little Covert '90, director of development, at (800) 487-2679 or kcovert@transy.edu.

### 100th anniversary basketball posters available

Transylvania's men's and women's intercollegiate basketball teams just completed a celebration of their 100th anniversaries. Two eye-catching posters featuring full-color photo montages of this rich Transy heritage are available from the alumni and development office. One showcases historic artifacts from both programs, while the other focuses on the men's program.

The 16" x 20" posters are suitable for framing and may be purchased for \$15 each, which includes \$5 for shipping and handling and a \$3 contribution to the Transylvania athletic program. To view a color image of the posters, visit [www.transy.edu/alumni.html](http://www.transy.edu/alumni.html) and click on "100 Years of Basketball Posters." To order, complete the form linked to that site and send payment to Transy. For more information, call Kara Little Covert '90, director of development, at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8285.

### Sign up now for TransE-Mail

The alumni office is making increasing use of electronic communication to keep alumni well informed on Transy news and events. Alumni throughout the world receive a monthly newsletter from their alma mater. To ensure you receive TransE-Mail and the newsletter on a regular basis, notify the alumni office ([alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu)) of your current e-mail address.

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**Erin Weaver McGee '97** and Patrick McGee, a daughter, Emma Catherine McGee, August 27, 2002

**Colette Wagner Myers '97** and **Todd C. Myers '97**, a son, John Clancy "Jack" Myers, September 24, 2002

**Monty G. Absher '98** and Angela Absher, a son, Benjamin Grant Absher, October 21, 2002

**Lori Covington Bergman '98** and David Bergman, a daughter, Emma Katherine Bergman, March 27, 2002

**Anna R. Pray '98** and Marty Pray, a son, Enos Alexander Pray, October 1, 2002

**Darren S. Forish '99** and **Shanda Wilson Forish '00**, a daughter, Karol Elexandria Ella Forish, July 24, 2002

**Sharlene Taylor Blair '00** and **Jason D. Blair '01**, a son, James Roger Harrison Blair, September 26, 2002

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Elizabeth Moreland Newkirk '27**, Butler, Ky., died June 30, 2002. She was a retired teacher and volunteered at the local senior center. At Transylvania, she was a member of the Drama Club, Beta Sigma Omicron, and Kappa Delta Pi.

**Wilma Speak McCuiston '29**, Morganfield, Ky., died July 20, 2002. She was a retired teacher and a member of Morganfield Christian Church for 57 years. She was a member of Christian Women's Fellowship, a teacher of the Christian Builders Class, and the first woman elder at her church. At Transylvania, she was a member of the YWCA, Cecropia Literary Society, and the Junior Faculty. Survivors include her daughter, **Hazel D. McCuiston '65**.

**Ewart H. Wyle '29**, La Jolla, Calif., died May 26, 2002. A graduate of the Lexington Theological Seminary, he was a minister emeritus at Torrey Pines Christian Church and had served on the boards of National City Christian Church and Scripps Memorial Hospital. He was also a Rotary Club member. At Transylvania, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**Louise Lafferty Dovey Clark '30**, Old Lyme, Conn., died November 20, 2002. She was a retired teacher who enjoyed gardening, bridge, travel, and volunteer work. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega. Survivors include her sister, **Mary Jo Lafferty Burgoon '33**.

**Mary Glenn McChord Shearer '31**, Lexington, died December 8, 2002. A graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory, she had at various times been a homemaker, music supervisor for Carlisle County High School, and a private piano teacher. She was a former

## Former dean of Morrison Chapel dies

Mentor, minister, adventurer, and friend—these are words often used when members of the Transylvania community talk about former dean of the chapel Ben Burns '41. Burns died November 6, but the impact he had on the students he nurtured and the faculty members he befriended will no doubt last for years to come.

"Instead of teaching me *what* I should see or know, Ben Burns taught me *how* to see and learn," said U.S. District Judge Karen K. Caldwell '77, who traveled with a group of fellow students on a tour of Europe led by Burns. "His wisdom, energy, and spirit of adventure not only guided me through a unique and fulfilling educational experience, but also inspired a continued thirst for personal and intellectual growth that will remain with me always."

Burns was a native of Norwood, Ohio. As a student at Transylvania, he served as president of Kappa Alpha Order, Men's Lampas, and the Honor Council. He was elected Mr. Pioneer and named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

He graduated from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and, following his ordination in 1944, became a U.S. Navy chaplain. After World War II, he returned to the Chicago area as minister for the Waukegan Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and later the Austin Boulevard Church. For several years he was counselor of divinity students at the Disciple Divinity House and an assistant in preaching for the Federate Theological faculty at the University of Chicago. While in Chicago, he was a guest leader of the National Christian Teaching Missions of the National Council of Churches.

Because of his work with the restructuring process of the churches in Illinois and across the nation, he was given an honorary degree by Eureka College.

In 1962, Burns returned to Transylvania as dean of Morrison Chapel. He also taught in the Humanities

Division and conducted a study abroad program for students. During his last decade at Transy, Burns guided about 250 students and a dozen professors to places such as Madrid, Paris, and London.

Whether he was sitting at his favorite table in the Rafskeller or at a coffee shop in France, Burns was readily accessible and eager to help.

"He made himself available, but didn't really impose himself on the students," said Transylvania art professor Dan Selter. As a gift for inviting him on a summer trip to Europe, Selter sculpted a ceramic caricature that showed Burns with a shepherd's crook, a symbol Selter thought reflected Burns' gentle leadership.

Many DOC members came to know Burns through his contributions to religious periodicals, his addresses at schools and assemblies, and his hymns, poems, and pageants. President Charles L. Shearer fondly remembers the prayers Burns recited to open the baccalaureate that in years past preceded commencement. Burns' words were poetic, Shearer said, and his deep voice made them all the more powerful.

"When he prayed, I thought the good Lord himself was talking," Shearer recalled.

After retiring, Burns continued to travel. In 1982, Transylvania awarded Burns the Morrison Medallion, given to alumni who provide outstanding service to the University.

In Lexington, he was a member of Central Christian Church and the Lexington Informal Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Horton Burns '41, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to the

Benjamin F. Burns Study Abroad Scholarship Fund by contacting Kara Little Covert '90, director of development, at (859) 281-3692.

■ **Ben Burns '41 poses near a ceramic caricature of himself, which art professor Dan Selter created as a gift.**



**Earle Webb Moffitt '63**, Tampa, died April 28, 2000.

**Harry Burgoyne Scott III '69**, Christiansburg, Va., died September 19, 2002. He was the bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States of the Anglican Catholic Church, responsible for parishes in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and northeastern Tennessee. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, he served as a rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church before resigning in 1978 to become rector of the recently established Anglican Catholic parish of St. Peter the Apostle. He became archdeacon of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States in 1985 and was elected Fourth Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese in 2001. He cofounded the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, which provides food, clothing, furniture, and financial aid to the homeless and destitute. He served as president and chairman of the board of the Montgomery County, Virginia, Department of Social Services. Appointed by the former governor of Virginia, he served on a "citizen empowerment" commission charged with reforming Virginia's welfare system. He was a member of the Huguenot Society of Manakin Town, Va., the Crown of Charlemagne, Magna Charter Barons, the Society of Colonial Wars, and the Thoroughbred Club of America.

**John Baldwin Lytle '74**, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., died September 17, 2002. He was a member of Immanuel Methodist Church, where he was a youth counselor. Survivors include his sister, **Rebecca Lytle '78**,

**Dwight Vincent Wilson '86**, Lexington, died August 28, 2002. At Transylvania, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau. He was known by the community as a teacher, social worker, counselor, and writer. He volunteered with Alcoholics Anonymous and as a tutor for the adult GED program. He was a member of the Newman Center Catholic Church and led Bible study groups. His interests included karate, parachuting, reading, writing, horticulture, animals, and nature. Survivors include his brothers, **Warren J. Wilson '83** and **Paul R. Wilson '84**.

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A photograph of Harry Stephenson '46, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling and standing in front of a basketball court. The background shows the court floor with yellow and purple markings and a scoreboard at the top with some Cyrillic text.

**“I feel like Transylvania has been so good to me that I should return a little bit.”**

**Harry Stephenson '46** has been a fixture on Transy's campus for more than 60 years.

He started as a first-year student in 1936, took time out for military service and a stint in professional baseball, and returned as a physical education faculty member in 1948. He retired in 1983, but continues to coach the men's golf team.

“I've always made my contributions to Transylvania, even if it was a minimal amount,” says Stephenson. “We raised two daughters, and they had needs that we had to take care of first. But even though we weren't wealthy, we always left a little bit for Transy.”

When his wife of 55 years, Willie Mae Montague Stephenson '47, died in 2002, Stephenson donated stock to initiate a scholarship in her honor.

“I felt like that was one of the best things I could do for her,” he says.

Through the years, the Stephensons were loyal donors to capital campaigns and special funds, and they never failed to support the annual Transylvania Fund.

“I couldn't have gone to Transylvania if it hadn't been for financial aid,” says Stephenson. “The Transylvania Fund helps make a Transy education possible for today's students.”

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## A D-icy situation



Trees in front of Old Morrison were heavily damaged by an ice storm that hit Lexington February 15-16, causing many other trees on campus to collapse and break apart. Electrical service to parts of the residential campus was interrupted for two days, and classes were canceled, also for two days. The storm resulted in damage to thousands of trees throughout Lexington and the adjoining area, and many residents and businesses were without electrical service for days. *Photo by Jeff Mudrak*