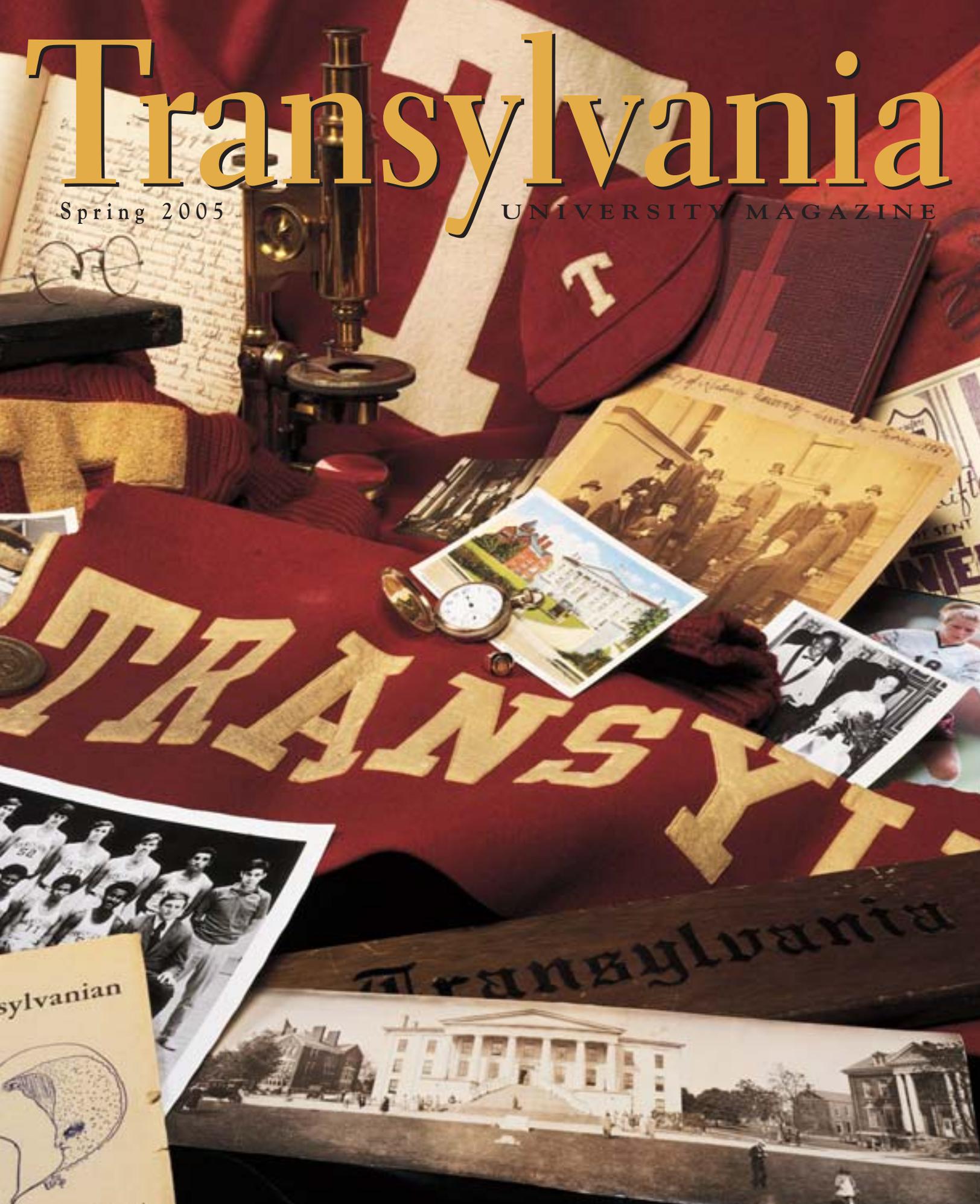


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## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2005 ✨ APRIL 29-MAY 1

**COME BACK TO TRANSY THIS SPRING** and join your classmates, friends, and faculty members for Alumni Weekend 2005, which will be highlighted by an observance of the University's 225th anniversary. Founded as the first college west of the Alleghenies, Transylvania has much to celebrate in its role as a pioneer in American higher education.

Activities include a golf outing, an afternoon at Keeneland, the Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner and induction of new members, TGIF kick-off party, alumni luncheon, class reunion receptions and dinners, the Coronation Ball, and lots more. An invitation with a detailed schedule is being mailed to alumni.

You can register on-line through a secure site using your Visa or MasterCard. Go to [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu), chose **For Alumni, News & Events**, then **Reunions/Alumni Weekend**.



### THE WRIGHT STUFF

Transylvania history professor emeritus John D. Wright Jr. will be the featured speaker at the Alumni Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, April 30.

Wright is the author of *Transylvania: Tutor to the West*, the definitive history of the University. His appearance is a highlight of the weekend's focus on Transylvania's 225th anniversary.

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A photo montage of Transylvania artifacts and memorabilia illustrates the rich history of the University as it celebrates its 225th anniversary during 2005. See story on page 10.

Photo by Mary S. Rezny



### COLLEGE STORE, COFFEE SHOP CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

**Construction of the Glenn Building**, which will include a college store and coffee shop, is on schedule for a September 1 opening. The facility faces Old Morrison circle and is adjacent to the J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library.

"We expect the location of the Glenn Building in the central part of our campus to be very attractive for visitors, as well as convenient for our stu-

dents, faculty, and staff," said President Charles L. Shearer.

The college store portion of the building will offer textbooks, school supplies, and insignia apparel and merchandise such as T-shirts and sweatshirts. "The additional space in the college store compared with our current facility will allow us to expand our merchandise offerings, while the coffee shop will provide a very pleasant and relaxed atmos-

phere for coffee, a pastry, and conversation," said Shearer.

The \$1.8 million, one-story (with full basement), 10,000-square-foot building will have a red-brick exterior and white columns that will blend in with other Transy buildings, including the Cowgill Center which it will face across Old Morrison circle.

The facility will be connected to the library so that the coffee shop can be used in its off-

hours as study space for 24 students. The basement will eventually provide more book storage space for the library.

The building is named after James F. Glenn, a Lexington native and member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees since 1982, whose gift of \$1.1 million provided major funding for the project. Glenn retired to Lexington after a distinguished clinical and scholarly career as chairman of urology at Duke University Medical Center, dean of medicine at Emory University, and president 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.



■ The architect's rendering shows the Glenn Building in its prominent location on Old Morrison circle.

### Transylvania receives \$500,000 grant from Brown Foundation

**Transylvania has received a \$500,000 grant** from the James Graham Brown Foundation, Inc., of Louisville for the renovation of laboratories and the heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems of the 35-year-old Brown Science Center.

"Having modern science labs is essential to Transylvania's continued leadership in the education of medical professionals, researchers, and teachers of the future," said President Charles L. Shearer. "This commitment from the James Graham Brown Foundation strengthens our efforts to secure the remaining \$6 million needed to fully fund this project. We are deeply indebted to the foundation's Board of Trustees for their generous support of Transylvania."

No major infrastructure work has been done to the Brown Science Center, named for for-

mer Transylvania biology professor Leland A. Brown, since it opened in 1970. Renovations will encompass eight biology, chemistry, and physics labs and include reconfiguring floor plans, moving and adding ventilation hoods and other safety equipment, and installing modern furnishings, fixtures, and workstations. The HVAC system will be completely modernized.

The renovations will benefit all Transylvania students regardless of their major, since a laboratory science course is a graduation requirement.

The first phase of the renovation project is planned to begin this summer.

■ Biology professor Peggy Palombi and junior Hamed Haghaziar discuss a point during a lab session in Brown Science Center.



Forrest Payne

## A TASTY TAKE ON SCULPTURE

**Students taking Transylvania art professor Kurt Gohde's Sculpture I course had to resist the temptation to snack on their materials for one project they completed during the fall term. Gohde had the class construct gingerbread houses, which after being evaluated for a grade, were given to the Volunteers of America organization for its annual gingerbread auction held in December.**

The project allowed students to learn the fundamentals of building structures from planar materials.

"The way of thinking about form is similar to building desks or anything that is created with sheet material," Gohde said.

To make the project especially challenging, Gohde commissioned the class to model their gingerbread structures based on houses that have been designated as "endangered," or on the verge of collapse.

"They were supposed to replicate them enough that you could recognize the house and make sure it didn't turn into a pretty gingerbread house. It had to actually look like a house that was on its way down," Gohde said.

Students could only use edible materials. In addition to gingerbread, they employed creative substitutes such as red gum for bricks, Hershey bars for roof shingles, candy canes for porch columns, Snowball cakes covered in icing for bushes, dyed coconut shavings for grass, and Listerine strips for window panes.

Most students selected homes near Transylvania's campus in Lexington, but an old family farm house near her Adams County home inspired English major Heather Riffle.

"It was built in the 1800s," she said. "My grandparents used to take me to it all the time. They used it for storage, and I always found really neat things in there."

Members of the class said the gingerbread project was unexpected and occasionally daunting, but also fun. Linda Kokenge, a sociology/anthropology major from Cincinnati, said it changed her perspective on architecture.

"Whenever I look at a house now, I think about how to make it out of candy."

## Horsing around in anthropology

**Seeing the Lexington Mounted Police Unit amble across campus is one of the many charming aspects of Transylvania's location near downtown Lexington.**

Some Transy students got a closer look at these sturdy creatures as part of the Urban Anthropology course offered in the fall of 2004. Officers from the unit spoke with the class and brought the horses by for a visit in October.

Urban Anthropology explores the nature of culture in urban settings and the unique challenges that urban environments present for human populations around the world. While much of the course focuses on cross-cultural settings, students also examined local issues such as the mounted police unit and strategies for the Bluegrass-Aspendale community in light of recent downtown revitalization projects.

Anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco, who taught the course, serves on the Horse Patrol Commission, a mayor-appointed advisory committee that works to raise funds and awareness for the mounted police unit.



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■ Alan Thacker, Brandy Savage, and Lee Eachus pet Smokey, one of the horses from the Lexington Mounted Police Unit. The students were part of an Urban Anthropology class that studied the influence of the mounted police on downtown neighborhoods. Officers Dan Edge, pictured, and Marty Parks visited campus to answer questions.



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■ Sophomore Shannon Leigh Morton stands near some of the gingerbread houses modeled after endangered structures she and her classmates constructed as part of art professor Kurt Gohde's Sculpture I course.

### Endowment giving offers personal returns

**Greg Bruce '60 and his wife, Ann,** joined with other family members in 2000 to create the Judge J. Gregory Bruce Endowed Scholarship Fund. They wanted to honor the memory of Greg's father, a 1921 Transylvania graduate from Straight Creek, a small community in southeastern Kentucky, who was appointed by President Harry S. Truman to the U.S. Tax Court in 1952.

"We wanted to help give young people an opportunity to further themselves, and that's what a Transylvania education does," said Bruce, who is in private practice as an oncology surgeon in Panama City, Fla. "An endowed scholarship lets us honor my father and do good in a way that we know would make my parents proud of us."

The Bruce Scholarship is awarded to students preparing for careers in law, civic service, or health professions, with preference given to full-time students from Bell County, Kentucky. Its endowment is now more than \$100,000.

The experience of Bruce and his family illustrates the fact that a college's endowment, which may appear to be a vast, impersonal resource, is actually made up of many very personal and meaningful gifts that target a specific area of an institution's needs and provide a great sense of fulfillment for the donors.

Two areas of Transylvania's endowment in particular—endowed scholarships and endowed academic chairs—offer many opportunities for donors to experience a personal return from their support of the University.

"It's primarily about the institution and the support of students, but it also pays dividends to the donor," said Richard Valentine, vice president for alumni and development. "Many people who fund scholarships get a nice personal payback in the form of letters from students who receive the scholarships."

**Endowed scholarships** can be

created with a minimum gift of \$10,000, but often range much higher through larger initial gifts and multiple donations from people who feel an affinity for the scholarship's purpose.

**Endowed academic chairs** represent another way to bolster Transylvania's endowment while providing the donor with a personal sense of accomplishment. These chairs help the University honor outstanding faculty members and also have a significant positive impact on the operating budget. They require a minimum \$1 million investment, which individuals may manage through life insurance or other financial instruments.

Transylvania recently received a \$500,000 challenge grant from the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation to establish the Lucille C. Little Endowed Chair in Theater—the first in any discipline at Transy—and a \$1 million deferred gift from Carol Goff Tanner '64 to fund the Carol Goff Tanner '64 Endowed Chair in Education.

Receiving an endowed chair is a significant milestone in a professor's career, says Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard.

"This honor is a culminating event for professors who have a long tenure of excellence in teaching, service to the institution, and professional development," says Pollard.

Endowed scholarships and endowed chairs are vital components of Transylvania's overall endowment, which currently stands at \$120 million. A healthy endowment affects virtually every area of Transylvania's quest to continue as a quality liberal arts college.

"Contributions to the endowment are a way to participate in the University's future life," says Valentine. "The endowment is really the lifeblood of the institution, and represents Transylvania's ability to reach new levels of distinction."



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### The science of learning

Laura Edgington, above, a junior biology major from Burlington, Ky., demonstrates an oscillation reaction to high school students who were visiting campus for Transylvania's Science Day in November. As part of the annual event, over 100 high school students from across the state observed and participated in laboratory experiments and learned about expanding career opportunities related to math, science, and computers.

Fielding Isaacs, below, a senior physics major from Lexington, explains the workings of a Stirling Engine, reputed to be one of the most efficient types of engines in the world.



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## After-school program pairs middle school students with Transy mentors

**While observing a class of students** with reading difficulties last year, education major Emily Baker began to realize that many of the children were struggling with more than just their studies. Baker took what she'd learned in that Lexington Traditional Magnet School classroom and developed an after-school program to give students homework assistance and positive social interaction.

"The academics are important, but I wanted to base the program on providing these students with a mentor," Baker said. "I just felt there was a real need for that when I was in the classroom. I was afraid there weren't many positive influences that these students encountered on a daily basis, so I really wanted to provide them with someone they could look up to."

Baker, who's now a senior, recruited nine other Transy students to serve as mentors during sessions held 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. A Transy mentor meets the students at LTMS and escorts them to the model classroom in the Cowgill Center. Students have a snack and then work on their homework. If they finish with time to spare, they can play a computer game, read a book, or just hang out with



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their mentor. The plan is for mentors to continue working with these students through high school.

Education professor Angela Hurley helped Baker obtain a grant from the Lilly Project at Transylvania to support the program and secured funding from another grant to pay for specialized software to meet each student's individual needs.

Hurley praised the program for helping students build up their confidence through one-on-one interaction that typical classrooms are rarely able to provide. This encouragement is especially important since these students have been isolated from the larger school populations because of their problems with reading,

"This offers students a haven and a supportive environment to let them know they're just as valuable as anybody," she said. "When Emily came back and was so interested in these students, it was music to my ears."

■ **Transy students Frances Ann Thomas, Mandy Todd, and Lauren Sandman, left, and Emily Baker, above, take part in the after school program for Lexington Traditional Magnet School students.**



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## Transy aims for No. 1 in license plate sales

**Transylvania led all** Kentucky colleges and universities in sales of special college-themed license plates in 2002, but slipped to second place last year. A new drive to sell 225 plates to honor Transylvania's 225th anniversary in 2005 also has the goal of returning Transy to the top spot.

"We're looking for 225 alumni and friends to show their Pioneer pride by buying a Transy license plate this year and helping us become No. 1 again," said Natasa Pajic '96, assistant director of alumni programs. "These attractive license plates promote the Transylvania name as well as independent higher education, and also generate scholarship money."

The license plate costs \$50 the first year and \$25 in following years, compared with \$15 for renewal of a standard plate. The extra \$10 supports scholarships for Transy students and also counts toward the annual alumni giving participation rate.

Transy tags may be purchased at any time during the year from county clerk's offices. Current registration, proof of insurance, and payment for vehicle taxes and the Transy license plate are required. It's advisable to call ahead and ask if Transy plates are in stock.

For more information, contact Natasa Pajic in the alumni office at (859) 233-8275 or (800) 487-2679, or by e-mail at npajic@transy.edu.

## Visiting lecturer discusses African-American culture and music

**Craig Werner, professor of Afro-American Studies** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, visited campus in February as part of Transylvania's celebration of Black History Month. He's the author of several books and articles on African-American culture and music, including *A Change is Gonna Come: Music, Race, and the Soul of America* and *Higher Ground: Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Curtis Mayfield and the*

*Rise and Fall of American Soul*. While at Transylvania, Werner gave presentations on music connected to the war in Vietnam and on black female singers as movement leaders. He also delivered an evening lecture titled "Sampling the Ancestors: Hip-Hop and the African-American Musical Tradition."

■ **Craig Werner talks with Transy students about the influence and proliferation of jazz music in the 21st century.**



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## Turner gets 300th career Transy win

**Transylvania head women's** basketball coach Mark Turner '77 recorded his 300th career win at Transylvania when the Pioneers defeated Centre College 61-42 on January 3 in the Beck Center.

After five seasons as assistant coach to Pat Deacon from 1982-87, Turner took over the

Pioneer women's program for the 1987-88 season and is now in his 18th year as head coach. Following the Centre victory, his Transy head coaching record stood at 300-170 for a winning rate of 63.7 percent. He has led the Pioneers to winning records in 15 of his 17 seasons.

"It's a great honor to achieve

this milestone at a school like Transylvania," said Turner.

"More important to me than all the wins is being a part of the evolution of women's athletics into such an important position in our society."

Turner guided the Pioneers to their first appearance in the NAIA national tournament in 1997 when the team's 27 wins were the most in the program's history. He was Co-Coach of the Year in the Great Lakes Region in 1997 and 1998. He was named Co-Coach of the Year in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference in 2003 after leading Transy to a 23-5 mark (a school record 82.1 winning percentage) and its second NAIA tourney appearance.

The win over Centre completed the pre-conference part of Transy's schedule and left the Pioneers with a 9-1 record heading into their first HCAC matchup.

(A wrap-up of the 2004-05 season will be featured in the summer issue of *Transylvania*.)



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■ Transylvania head women's basketball coach Mark Turner '77 gives a pointer to sophomore guard Haley Riney.

## Field hockey gets Senior Day win

**Transylvania's field hockey** team saved its best for almost the last as the Pioneers got a victory over Earlham College on Senior Day that provided something to cheer about in an otherwise disappointing season. The Pioneers had one additional win to finish with a 2-14 record.

Under first-year head coach Jill Meiring, Transy got its first win of the season by 2-1 in a Hall Field contest against Centre College. Playing a club team from Murray State University in a game that did not count in the official records, the host Pioneers had little trouble with the Racers in a 10-1 win. Transy was competitive in other games, losing four by just one goal, including a double-over-time loss.

On Senior Day, senior forward Deanna Cundiff got the first goal for Transy in her last home appearance, and junior midfielder Whitney Smith got the clinching goal.

Transy completed the season at the Independent's Tournament, hosted by Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., where they lost to Belarmine University and Seton Hill University.

For the season, junior forward Kay Kay Speer led the offense with 13 points on six goals and one assist, followed by first-year midfielder Meaghan Linker with five points.

■ Junior forward Kay Kay Speer was top scorer for the field hockey team with 13 points.



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# May 4

## TRANSY TO PLAY CENTRE AT APPLEBEE'S PARK



**In a game that the** Transylvania athletics office hopes will become a special annual event, the Transy baseball team will host Centre College at Applebee's Park in Lexington on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are encouraged to attend and take part in a fun-oriented evening that will include special events, all in the beautiful setting of Lexington's minor league baseball park. The Lexington Legends of the Class A South Atlantic League play their home games in the North Broadway stadium, which can accommodate more than 6,000 fans.

"This game will be a showcase for NCAA Division III baseball as well as a very entertaining evening for both the Transy and Centre communities," said Transylvania athletics director Ted Kinder. Both schools will have picnic areas and smaller reception venues available for their fans.

Mark Blankenship '81, director of alumni programs, issued a special invitation to Transy alumni. "The evening will be a wonderful alumni event, a chance to spend time with classmates and see a great college baseball game at the same time," he said.

The game will take place just three days after Alumni Weekend 2005 (April 29-May 1) and during the last week of the baseball team's regular season.

The Pioneers and Colonels have played very competitive games recently, with Transy holding a slight edge (8-5) in victories since the 2000 season.

For additional information, including ticket prices, contact Ted Kinder at (859) 233-8548 or Mark Blankenship at (859) 233-8402.

## Men's soccer is first to play in NCAA Division III post-season tourney

**Transylvania's men's soccer** team capped off an outstanding season by making the University's first appearance in an NCAA post-season tournament since Transy became an official NCAA Division III member in September.

After posting a 13-1-4 regular season record and winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament for the second year in a row, the Pioneers hosted Allegheny College on Thomas Field in a first-round national tournament game. Only 44 schools throughout the nation qualified for the tourney, and Transy was the only Kentucky school represented.

"It was a great honor to be in the NCAA championship field," said head coach Brandon Bowman. "Winning our conference championship and earning the school's first post-season bid were our major goals going into the season, and I'm happy for our players, particularly our seniors, that we were able to

accomplish those goals."

The Pioneers battled Allegheny through a scoreless double overtime tie before giving way 4-3 in a shootout. Transy's final record was 15-1-4, including an undefeated HCAC mark of 6-0-2 and an unbeaten streak of 12 games to end the season. The team also cracked the national rankings for the first time, reaching No. 14 in the National Soccer Coaches Association poll.

Transy got to the NCAA post-season by defeating Defiance College 2-0 in the HCAC tournament semifinals, then getting by Manchester College 2-1 in the championship game. The Pioneers had home field advantage for both games.

Bowman and senior sweeper Jon Kincheloe won two of the HCAC's highest individual honors as Coach of the Year and Player of the Year. Bowman became the first Transy coach to win that accolade. Kincheloe also became Transy's first All-American in the school's Divi-

sion III era when the National Soccer Coaches Association of America named him to the third team. He was previously named to the All-Great Lakes Region team along with senior defender Albert Gross.

Other Pioneers joining Kincheloe on the All-Conference team were Gross, senior forward Aaron Wathen, and sophomore forwards Matt Burton and Thomas Lefler. Kincheloe and Lefler were also HCAC Players of the Week.

Lefler led the team in scoring with 22 points on 10 goals and two assists, followed by sophomore forward Brad McLean with 14 points and Wathen with 12. At keeper, junior Nick Karaffa had a 0.17 goals-against average, followed by sophomore Marc Frank with a 0.48 mark.

Transy extended its dominance over the HCAC for the third straight year, giving the Pioneers a three-year 20-1-3 regular season record and a 6-1 tournament mark.

## Women's soccer wins HCAC title, finishes 12-4-3

**Transylvania's women's** soccer team won the regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title and advanced to the championship game of the conference tournament, falling just one victory short of qualifying for the NCAA Division III national tourney.

Under first-year head coach Michael Fulton, the Pioneers finished with a strong 12-4-3 overall record, including an undefeated 6-0-1 mark in the HCAC. The record included an eight-game win streak toward season's end.

Playing in its first HCAC tournament, Transy hosted Defiance College in the semifinals, taking a 1-0 win after tying the Yellow Jackets in overtime just three days earlier in the final regular season game. As the tournament's top seed, the Pioneers also had the home field advan-



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■ Senior midfielder Tandy Sutton was an All-HCAC player for the Pioneers.

tage for the title game, in which Manchester College downed Transy 2-0. Transy had defeated the Spartans 1-0 during the season.

First-year forward Brittany MacGregor had an outstanding season for the Pioneers, leading the team with 26 points on 12 goals and two assists. She led Transy in shots-on-goal with 42. For her efforts, she was named HCAC Freshman of the Year.

Pioneers named to the All-HCAC team included sophomore sweeper Elizabeth Poindexter, first-year goalkeeper Ally Tucker, first-year midfielder Toni Cannon, and senior midfielder Tandy Sutton. Tucker turned in an 0.41 goals-against average and was an HCAC Player of the Week. She teamed with Poindexter and Sutton to key a Transy defense that permitted only 12 goals the entire season while posting 12 shutouts.

Poindexter and Tucker were also named to the All-Great Lakes Region third team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Sutton was named to the second team of the All-District IV Women's Soccer College Division academic team for the second year in a row.



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■ Senior sweeper Jon Kincheloe makes a play on the ball against Muskingum College during a 2-1 Transy win.

## Cross country sees personal bests

**Injuries left the women's** and men's cross country teams with an insufficient number of runners to post team scores, but two Pioneers recorded personal best times. Toby Carrigan is head coach for both teams.

Senior Laura King, running in the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic, turned in a personal best time of 22 minutes, 59.77 seconds for the 5,000-meter course. First-year runner Adam Graham, competing in the same meet, set a personal best when he finished in 29:41.08 over the 8,000-meter layout.

## Women's tennis enjoys late win streak

**The women's tennis team** won three matches in a row toward season's end to finish with a 4-5 overall record (2-5 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference) under head coach Chuck Brown.

The Pioneers started their win streak by sweeping Sinclair Community College and HCAC foe College of Mount St. Joseph by identical 8-1 scores in a dual meet on the Transy courts. The third straight win came in

a home HCAC matchup against Anderson University by a 5-4 score.

Hoping to move up from their strong third place showing in last year's HCAC tournament, the Pioneers were disappointed with a seventh place finish. Sophomore Ashley Lowe was eighth in No. 1 singles and teamed with sophomore Jessica Hanson to capture seventh in No. 1 doubles. Her performance landed her on the All-HCAC team.

Hanson, playing No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles, was named HCAC Player of the Week when she won four matches in the Sinclair/Mount St. Joseph meet. She dropped only three games in winning two singles matches, then teamed with Lowe to get two doubles wins.



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■ **Sophomore Ashley Lowe made the All-HCAC team this season.**

## Women's golf takes third place in HCAC tourney

**Transylvania's women's** golf team showed the kind of improvement head coach Mark Turner was looking for, and that made them competitive for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship.

Fifth in the HCAC tournament last year, the 2004 Pioneers were in second place after the first round of play in this year's meet, then slipped one position to capture third place. Their team total of 712 was just 14 strokes back of Manchester College's winning score of 698 and eight back of second place Franklin College at 704.

First-year player Rhea Badgett led the way for Transy with a 170 (82-88), good for fourth place in individual competition. She was just two shots out of a three-way tie for medalist honors.

Earlier in the season, Transy also placed third

in a strong nine-team field at the Centre College Invitational. Once again, Badgett paced the Pioneers with an 80, followed by sophomores Elizabeth Buford (89), Carrie Keller (90), Laura Pyles (92), and Rachel Ward (98).

For her season-long record and her showing in the HCAC tournament, Badgett was named the conference's Freshman of the Year, which also placed her on the All-HCAC team.



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■ **From left, golf team members Rhea Badgett, Carrie Keller, Laura Pyles, and Elizabeth Buford.**



Denny Bridges

■ **Junior middle hitter Claire Tingle, left, and first-year outside hitter Rachel Ridder go for the block in a match at the Beck Center.**

## Volleyball's home wins encourage Beck crowds

**The volleyball team treated** enthusiastic Beck Center crowds to two exciting home wins this season, but could not find the key to consistent play as the Pioneers ended the season with a 2-22 record.

Under head coach Cindy Jacobelli, Transy got its first win in dramatic fashion by saving game point in the fifth and deciding game against Denison University. First-year outside hitter Rachel Ridder had two decisive scores near the end.

The Pioneers' second win came against Wilmington College in a match marked by impressive blocks, digs, and aces. Senior outside hitter Allison Ray led the way for Transy with 13 kills while junior middle hitter Claire Tingle had nine kills and seven blocks.

Transy was competitive in matches with Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference foes Anderson University and Manchester College, losing a heartbreaker to Manchester by virtue of a 31-29 fifth game score.

For the season, sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Journeay was tops in kills with 188 for a 3.08 per game average, followed by Ridder with 173 and a 2.58 average. Sophomore setter Allyson Fisher had 641 sets for an 8.32 average, while sophomore outside hitter Ashley Koch got the most digs with 313 and a 3.96 average.



# Celebrating 225 Years

TRANSYLVANIA LOOKS BACK ON ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN

by William A. Bowden

**F**ounded in 1780 in the midst of the American Revolution, Transylvania University stands among an elite handful of colleges that pioneered higher education in America. In 2005, the University celebrates its 225th anniversary while reflecting on a remarkable legacy that spans nearly the entire existence of the nation itself.

“We are at a special moment in the history of this university,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “The responsibility of being part of an institution this old and revered is significant. We celebrate this occasion not only for ourselves, but with an appreciation for all those who preceded us in serving Transylvania.”

The story of Transylvania is an intriguing one, from its humble birth in a virtual wilderness to its present status as a prospering and nationally recognized liberal arts college whose picturesque campus has deep roots in a historic north side Lexington neighborhood.

“Naturally, there have been high points and low points in Transylvania’s long history, but the college has steadfastly maintained the tradition of the liberal arts,” said John D. Wright Jr., Transylvania history professor emeritus and author of the college’s definitive history, *Transylvania: Tutor to the West*. “Having first arrived at Transylvania in the early 1950s during one of its challenging periods, it now gives me a great sense of wonder and satisfaction to see its current strength and prosperity.”

## ***The shape of a University***

Transylvania has great cause to celebrate its survival and many successes over a period of more than two centuries. The University has lived through civil war, two world wars, and profound changes in American society. It has also experimented with and reshaped its own educational mission to adapt to those changes, all the while focusing on the quality of its teaching and a personal concern for its students.

When Transylvania was founded, higher education was still the exclusive domain of the nation’s eastern and Atlantic Coast states. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and William and Mary are among the 15 colleges that predate Transylvania.

The Virginia General Assembly, under the governorship of Thomas Jefferson, granted Transylvania its charter during its 1780 session, making the University the 16th college in the nation and the first to be chartered west of the Allegheny Mountains. The college was to be located in a region of western Virginia known as Transylvania. This area became part of Kentucky when statehood came in 1792.

Today, Transylvania operates in a crowded marketplace of more than 2,400 American four-year colleges and universities. In its earliest years, however, Transylvania was a lone beacon of higher education in a largely unsettled and still dangerous region of the American frontier.

Transylvania’s historic mission was to educate the populace of the Trans-Allegheny West. It succeeded in that mission magnificently, educating thousands of future doctors and lawyers, as well as leaders in government and education, who would help shape the fortunes of the nation, especially in the emerging South and Southwest. It was largely responsible for endowing Lexington by 1825 with the title of “Athens of the West.”

“The first high point of Transylvania was from the establishment of law and medical schools in 1799 through the presidency of Horace Holley, which ended in 1827,” said Wright. “By that time, Transylvania had become one of the notable colleges in the country, producing many distinguished graduates who had come from all over the South to Lexington to obtain an education.”

Transylvania’s earliest graduates played key roles in the affairs of the nation, filling the halls of Congress and providing executive and judiciary leadership. They included two United States vice presidents—John C. Breckinridge and Richard M. Johnson—and John Marshall Harlan, a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

## ***The “Great Experiment”***

Following the Civil War, Transylvania began an affiliation in 1865 with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that continues to this day. It also embarked on what Wright refers to in his book as “The



## 'Be it therefore enacted...'

Transylvania traces its origins to an act of the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly, passed in 1780 as the assembly met in Richmond during the fifth year of the American Revolution. The act did not name the contemplated school, nor did it set a date for it to begin operation. Its essence was to confirm the importance of higher education even as the nation was still fighting for its right to exist.

Here is the essential text of that statute:

An act to vest certain escheated lands in the county of Kentucky in trustees for a publick school.

...it being the interest of this commonwealth always to promote and encourage every design which may tend to the improvement of the mind and the diffusion of knowledge, even among its most remote citizens, whose situation a barbarous neighborhood and a savage intercourse might otherwise render unfriendly to science: Be it therefore enacted, That eight thousand acres of land, within the said county of Kentucky...are hereby vested in...trustees, as a free donation from this commonwealth for the purpose of a publick school, or seminary of learning, to be erected within the said county as soon as the circumstances of the county and the state of its funds will admit...

## HIGHER EDUCATION

■ Old Morrison, completed in 1833 and the enduring symbol of the college, is pictured early in the 20th century. Other buildings, now demolished, are, from left, College of the Bible, Ella Jones Hall, and the Carnegie Science Building.

Great Experiment.” This proved to be a relatively short-lived attempt to house a religiously affiliated college together with a public, state-supported college under an administrative umbrella known as Kentucky University.

In 1878, one of KU’s components, the state-supported Agricultural and Mechanical College, pulled out of the organization to become State College of Kentucky and ultimately the University of Kentucky. By 1908 Transylvania had reclaimed its historic name and began life as Transylvania College, focusing on the liberal arts.

Changing times caused Transylvania to rethink its policy of having an exclusively male student body. The Board of Curators voted unanimously on April 28, 1889, to open the doors of the college to women, and 26 enrolled for the 1889-90 school year. Kate Van Arsdall became Transylvania’s first female graduate in 1893 and was also elected president of her class. History professor Anna Ruth Bourne became the first female teacher when she joined the faculty in 1890.

The college enjoyed relatively good times until the fall of 1941, when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor drew the nation into World War II. During the war years, student enrollment dropped to around 200 as many of the male students left for military service. The college’s dwin-

dling resources meant that academic programs and student life were severely curtailed, though learning did continue.

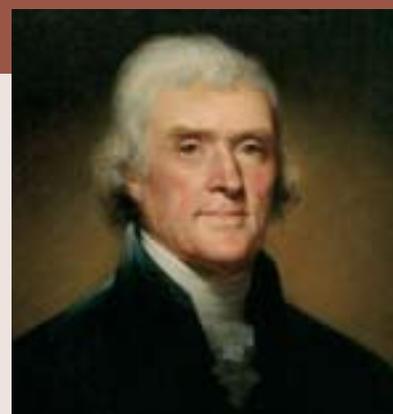
When hostilities ended in 1945, Transylvania, along with most other colleges and universities, saw an influx of returning veterans going to college on the GI Bill. The campus came to life again and was further energized by the inauguration of Frank Rose as president in 1951.

A 1942 Transylvania graduate, Rose was only 30 at the time and became one of the nation’s youngest college presidents. He brought a new-found sense of youth and enthusiasm to the by-now very historic school. During his six-year tenure, he spurred Transy’s financial recovery with a \$1.5 million fund-raising campaign.

### Modern Transylvania

Rose’s energy and fresh ideas set the stage for the emergence of the modern Transylvania under the impressive presidencies of the late Irvin Lunger and the University’s current president, Charles L. Shearer, and under the unprecedented leadership and benefaction of the late Chairman of the Board William T. Young.

Wright, who was a faculty member from 1950-86, witnessed firsthand the work of these leaders. “Transylvania had a remarkable resurgence, first under Frank Rose, then under Irvin Lunger, Bill Young, and Charles Shearer. The college has had an incredible growth right through to the present day, building a foundation in



White House Historical Association (White House Collection)

## Thomas Jefferson: A Transylvania supporter

Famed statesman Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States, was an early supporter of Transylvania.

Jefferson was governor of Virginia in 1780 when that state’s General Assembly passed the legislation establishing Transylvania. In 1793, he met with Harry Toulmin, who was on his way from England to Lexington to accept the presidency of Transylvania.

Jefferson also maintained a correspondence with Transylvania President Horace Holley. In 1825, shortly after the opening of the University of Virginia, Jefferson wrote to Holley:

“I am anxious to establish a truly fraternal spirit with all the other seminaries of our country...I am therefore sincerely pleased with the success of your institution, hope for it’s continuance to thrive and do good, and assure you that nothing could give us more pleasure than to render it good offices...”

# A TRANSYLVANIA TIME LINE

**1780** Virginia General Assembly enacts legislation establishing Transylvania as the first institution of higher learning west of the Allegheny Mountains

**1799** Medical and law schools established, the first in Kentucky and among the earliest in the nation

**1818** Horace Holley, a Yale-educated Boston minister, becomes president, then leads Transylvania into an era of national prominence

**1865** Kentucky University name adopted, encompassing a liberal arts college, commercial college, College of the Bible, and Agricultural & Mechanical College (later the University of Kentucky)

Transylvania begins affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**1880** Transylvania plays Centre College in first recorded college football game in the South

**1889** Transylvania welcomes its first 26 female students

**1895** Transylvania hires its first female faculty member

**1908** Historic Transylvania name reclaimed

**1941** College adopts academic quarter system as part of war time restructuring

**1951** College of the Bible moves from Transylvania campus to South Limestone, becomes Lexington Theological Seminary

**1954** President Eisenhower is featured speaker at dedication of Francis Carrick Thomas Library

**1963** Transylvania welcomes its first black student

**1978** Quarter system abandoned for present fall, winter, and May term academic calendar

**1982** William T. Young Scholarship Program established to offer full scholarships to incoming first-year students

**1987** Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching established to provide monetary rewards and recognition for outstanding faculty members

**1989** Transylvania rated No. 1 among regional liberal arts colleges in the South in *U.S. News & World Report's* prestigious annual rankings. The University is now included in the nationally ranked best liberal arts colleges.

**2003** Enrollment of 1,134 students sets record

**2005** Transylvania celebrates its quasiquibicentennial



**1886** Kentucky University faculty



**1923** Women's basketball team



**1954** President Eisenhower speaks at Transylvania

endowment and the physical plant that makes it the most remarkable period for the college.”

Lunger became president in 1957 and immediately set out to transform the physical campus and introduce stimulating academic concepts. Many of the buildings that comprise present-day Transylvania were constructed during his term in office, including the Mitchell Fine Arts Center, Haupt Humanities, Brown Science Center, Forrer Hall, Hazelrigg Hall, and Clay and Davis halls. Lunger also helped recruit outstanding faculty members, raise admissions standards, and improve Transylvania's image as a quality liberal arts institution.

The late William T. Young, who joined the board in 1967, was elected chairman in 1977. When Charles L. Shearer was named president in 1983, he joined with Young to form a synergistic chairman/president team that helped to achieve an impressive string of accomplishments until Young stepped down in 2000.

Together, and with the support of several other board members, Young and Shearer oversaw another round of physical plant improvements that added to what Lunger and Young had already achieved while also enhancing academic quality and growing the endowment.

Major capital campaigns totaling \$75 million helped to propel the endowment from just \$2 million in 1977 to its present level of \$125 million. Highlights of campus construction include the William T. Young Campus Center, Warren W. Rosenthal Residence Complex, Poole Residence Center, J. Douglas Gay Jr. Library, Lucille C. Little Theater, John R. Hall Athletic Field, William A. Marquard Field, and the Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education.

The last capital project that Young and Shearer collaborated on provides the best example of another aspect of Young's leadership genius—his ability to draw upon his widespread friendships and business connections and convince so many other resourceful and capable people to see the value of their becoming involved in the affairs of Transylvania.

Young came to know Graham and Rhona Beck, residents of South Africa, through his involvement in thoroughbred horse breeding and racing. The couple had prematurely lost a son, a great sportsman. Young suggested to the couple that supporting Transylvania's new athletic and

recreation center, and having it named for their late son, would provide a worthy tribute to his life. The generous lead gift from the Becks stimulated fund-raising for the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, a \$15 million jewel of a building that has become a campus gathering place.

“W. T. was such a dynamic person to get the right people on the board and involved with Transylvania,” said Elizabeth Moody Wagner ’37, a board member since 1981. “He was so innovative, coming up with the idea for merit scholarships and teaching awards.”

Young floated the concept of merit scholarships and monetary teaching awards in 1982. The Thomas Jefferson (now the William T. Young) Scholarship Program began that same year, followed by the Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1987. Together, these programs have significantly increased the academic profile of students and helped recruit and retain some of the University’s most outstanding faculty members.

Thanks to the efforts of Young, Shearer, Lunger, Rose, and countless other Transylvanians over the decades, the University today is consistently ranked among the nation’s outstanding liberal arts colleges. Four Kentucky Professor of the Year awards, a recent record student enrollment of 1,134, and a \$125 million endowment that is near an all-time high attest to Transylvania’s strengths in academic achievement and fiscal soundness.

### Looking to the future

Transylvania’s 225th anniversary is not only a time to reflect on the University’s

important history, it is also an occasion for considering the school’s future. Perhaps the central question is whether or not a liberal arts education will continue to be valued in a world that present Transylvanians can only imagine.

Wright, who has been an active or retired Transylvanian for nearly a quarter of the University’s history, believes the kind of education the University offers will not only be relevant, it may become more valuable to future generations.

“I think of the liberal arts curriculum as providing the type of individuals who will have the creative insight and intellect to foster solutions and provide leadership when things get critical,” Wright said. “The breadth of perspective found in a liberal education will be needed if we are going to preserve what is essential in the human enterprise. I have great expectations for the future of Transylvania.”

William T. Young Jr., who has provided strong leadership to the Transylvania Board of Trustees since becoming chairman in 2000, is confident that the University has built a foundation for future success.

“During my 20-year tenure on the board, I have seen Transylvania improve the academic quality of its incoming students and the teaching excellence of its faculty,” Young said. “Going forward, the University faces many of the same challenges as other schools that are competing for the best students and faculty. I feel that Transylvania today is in an excellent position to meet those challenges and remain one of the best small, liberal arts colleges in the country.” ■

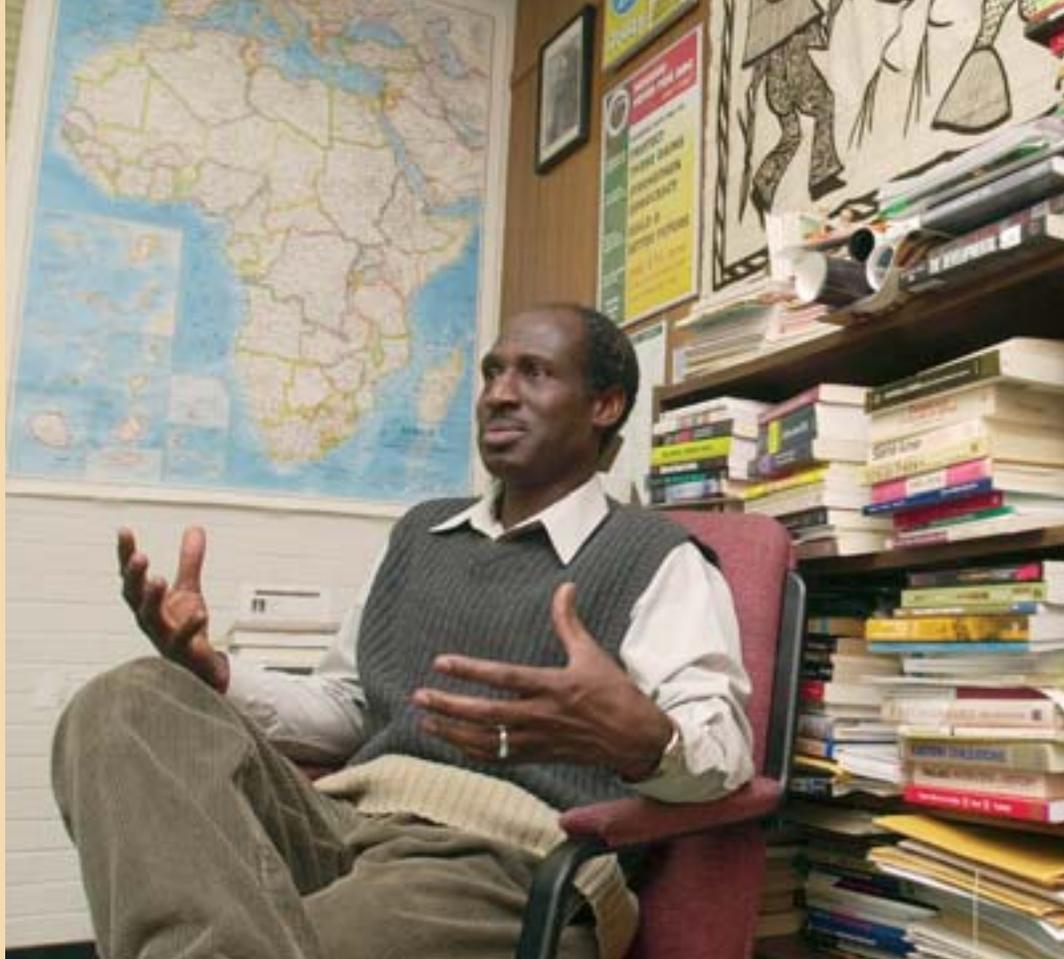


### Transylvania students over the decades

■ *Top to bottom:* These students are in a zoology class sometime around 1900, in the Carnegie Science Building, since replaced by the Brown Science Center. The student union in the basement of the Little Theater Building was a great place for a soda and conversation for these students during the 1944-45 school year. This building stood where the present Mitchell Fine Arts Center now stands. Some members of the class of 1955 pose for their first-year picture in the 1952 *Crimson*.



# A tale of two countries



**Rockefeller Fellowship allows political science professor Sakah Mahmud to research religion, conflict, and peace in African countries**

BY KATHERINE YEAKEL

**W**hat makes one country erupt in religion-related violence while another remains peaceful? Transylvania political science professor Sakah Mahmud spent the 2003-04 academic year looking for answers to this complex and increasingly relevant question as part of the Program in Religion, Conflict, and Peacekeeping (PRCP) sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Mahmud was one of three scholars from across the country selected to receive a Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship to join this ongoing program for the year.

Mahmud conducted a comparative study of two Sub-Saharan African countries, Senegal and Nigeria, to determine how and why Islamic activism has produced civic peace in Senegal as opposed to Nigeria, where activism has often led to confrontations and violence.

“My intent was to find out what the Senegalese Muslims have been doing differently from the Nigerian Muslims, to find a way that religious groups, especially Muslims, can obtain peace in their own countries,” he said.

A native of Nigeria, Mahmud specializes in comparative political economy, human rights and democratic theory, international relations, and comparative poli-

tics of Africa, Asia, and the Third World. His courses at Transylvania focus on the history of Africa, globalization and civic responsibility, and the politics of Sub-Saharan Africa, Japan, and the Middle East.

Mahmud earned his B.S. degree from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Denver. When he joined the Transylvania faculty in 1998, he received a Bingham Start-Up Grant, an honor presented to promising incoming faculty members. In 1999, he was awarded a David and Betty Jones Faculty Development Grant to study emerging democracy in Nigeria and South Africa during a visit to observe election procedures.

## ***Focusing on Africa***

The Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship offered Mahmud an ideal opportunity to pursue his interest in Islam’s relation to conflicts, an interest that has intensified since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The PRCP selected Mahmud and the other two scholars—a distinguished professor in the humanities at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a social-cultural anthropologist from the University of Chicago—because of their expertise on Africa, which was the program’s focus for the 2003-04 year.



beyond a country's border, it's still devastating for the people involved, and most prolonged internal conflicts eventually expand to the international arena. Mahmud's findings from his comparison of Nigeria and Senegal offer important insights into the initial causes of internal religious unrest.

The demographics of each country play a major role. In Nigeria, the Muslim and Christian populations are almost equal, so the two groups constantly compete for the government's attention and favor. Senegal, on the other hand, has a population that is about 98 percent Muslim.

The Muslims in Nigeria can remember a time, before the Europeans arrived, when a part of the country had a Muslim leader and a government based on Islamic principles. The memory of this power has shaped Nigerian Muslims' sense of identity and reaction to confrontations. The Senegalese do not share that heritage, as Islam was established by small groups of preachers.

From 1960 to the present, Nigeria has been governed primarily by military

lent conflict. "When groups can express themselves, why fight?" Mahmud said.

### **Back at Transylvania**

While Mahmud has returned to Lexington, his work with his colleagues from the PRCP continues. They're currently editing papers from the conference in Uganda for a book to be published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

"At the end of the project, I might be able to propose some suggestions as to how a system of government can deal with religious leaders in order to promote peace," Mahmud said.

At Transylvania, Mahmud is developing a course on religion and politics, with a special focus on Islam, and says he'll incorporate what he learned through the PRCP into his Politics in the Middle East and African History courses.

Perhaps just as importantly, this year of exposure to new ideas and focused research left Mahmud reinvigorated and eager to return to his students.

"When I came back, I was really ready to go into the classroom," he said. ■

The three scholars took advantage of Notre Dames libraries, and also visited the University of Chicago and Northwestern University to conduct research. They conversed with other experts, attended conferences, and gave guest lectures.

The group's largest undertaking was the organization of a week-long conference in Uganda. Speakers from Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Ethiopia, Senegal, Uganda, and Sudan delivered presentations, giving conference participants from across the globe a clearer idea of what was currently happening in terms of religious conflicts in Africa.

Part of the conference's goals, and the PRCP Africa emphasis as a whole, was to determine if any African nations were poised to become as outwardly violent as some countries in the Middle East. Based on what he learned at the conference and through his research, Mahmud said that, for now, that scenario seems unlikely.

"As I look at the case in Africa, I'm seeing some major differences from what is happening in the Middle East," he said. "Most of the conflicts in Africa are domestic. They don't look at outsiders as the enemies."

### **Analyzing internal conflict**

Even when the violence doesn't extend



regimes, which have repressed religious movements and leaders.

"The military regimes don't have much legitimacy, so they rule by force," Mahmud said. "If, for example, they found a religious leader making provocative statements that they feared might become a major development, they'd arrest and imprison the leader. The more confrontational the Muslim groups became."

Senegal is a democratic state, which affords its people the freedom to speak their minds, eliminating the need for vio-

■ From left, Rashied Omar, coordinator of the Program in Religion, Conflict, and Peacekeeping (PRCP); Rosalind I. J. Hackett, distinguished professor in the humanities at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; James Smith, social-cultural anthropologist from the University of Chicago; Sakah Mahmud, Transylvania political science professor; and Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute. Hackett, Mahmud, and Smith were the 2003-04 Rockefeller Visiting Fellows for the PRCP sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

# Retired, but not Retiring

Five former Transylvania professors lead busy lives

BY MARTHA S. BAKER  
AND WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

**T**here's nothing retiring about the lives of five retired Transylvania professors. The faculty emeriti, all of whom left the University during the 1990s after impressive tenures that began in 1952 and ranged from 27 to 39 years, still lead very active and fulfilling lives.

Perhaps predictably for people who have devoted themselves to education, the life of the mind remains a singular value for these lifelong teachers and learners, along with social and recreational activities. Their interests in retirement remain as varied as the unique talents and personalities they brought to Transylvania during a remarkable combined tenure of 153 years.

## **CHARLES HOLMES: A worldly perspective**

When Charles Holmes retired from Transylvania in 1992, he had enjoyed more than a half century of the academic life, both as a student at Cornell University and Columbia University, and a teacher at Duke University, Washington Univer-



■ Charles Holmes

1971 *Crimson*

sity in St. Louis, and Transylvania.

The former English and humanities professor, who devoted the majority of his teaching career—32 years—to Transy, saw no need to let retirement stand in the way of further intellectual challenges.

Just a year after leaving Transy, Holmes became a Donovan Scholar at the University of Kentucky. This program allows anyone 65 or older to attend UK classes for free, on an audit basis. He veered away from the academic specialties he taught at Transylvania in favor of courses in international politics, American foreign policy, and world history.

“My interest had shifted, partly because the world was changing and I recognized that to understand the way things are, I would have to learn more about other countries and how they developed,” he said.

Since then, Holmes has parlayed his interest in international affairs into participation in the United Nations Association and the Great Decisions program, both of which serve to “nourish my intellectual curiosity,” as he puts it. He is a former president of the Bluegrass Chapter of the United Nations group and currently leads discussions for the Great Decisions program.

“The Foreign Policy Association publishes an annual booklet with eight essays on American foreign policy and other significant issues,” said Holmes. “In our Great Decisions group, about 25 of us meet at



■ Milly Rodes

1970 *Crimson*

Hunter Presbyterian Church and I facilitate the discussion, based on one of those essays.” Holmes was recently preparing for a session on China.

Travel is an interest Holmes shares with his wife, Carolyn. The two like staying at elder hostels and have been to Turkey, Yugoslavia, Spain, and Portugal. A trip to Germany was especially rewarding for Holmes.

“I had written a book on Aldous Huxley and I delivered a paper on him at the University of Münster,” he said. “We rented a car and toured Germany, which was where my mother was born, and also drove to Vienna and Prague.”

When Holmes turned 80 in 2003, his wife and one of his daughters planned a

surprise birthday party attended by family members and several of his former students, including Judith James Hatchett ’73, an English professor at Midway College. She, along with other former students, had each contributed a page of memories about Holmes to a booklet given to him at the party.

Holmes still keeps in touch with several Transy faculty members, including political science professor Jeff Freyman and English professors Tay Fizdale and Anthony Vital. A favorite Transy memory is working with humanities and fine arts professors to develop an interdisciplinary humanities program in the 1960s. “I’m not alone in remembering that experience very fondly,” he said.

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### MILLY RODES: Strike up the band

Milly Rodes reprised one of her favorite teaching situations during Alumni Weekend 2004 when she presented “Milly Rodes’ School of Dance” as a seminar for the returning alums. “We put some records on and my husband (Dyer) and I illustrated some dance steps,” she said. “I enjoyed reminiscing with some of the alumni I had taught in class.”

The former physical education teacher, whose 39-year Transy tenure began in 1952, taught all kinds of athletic and recreational activities, but was especially known for her introduction of modern dance to the Transy curriculum. Rodes even convinced coaches C. M. Newton and Lee Rose that their basketball players would benefit from dance class.

“C. M. and Lee would have their whole teams come to my classes,” said Rodes, who studied dance in New York before coming to Transy. “There’s no athletic discipline and training like a dance workout.”

These days, Rodes and her husband, who live in Lexington, can still be found on the dance floor, when she’s not involved with other family and friends in activities that show she’s keeping the “physical” part of education still very much a part of her lifestyle.

Rodes works out three days a week, using the facilities at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and brings along Elizabeth Moody Wagner ’37, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees and her neighbor. “We’re the oldest people out

there, and we really enjoy it,” said Rodes. “We do mostly weights and the mile jog.”

Family gatherings in the Rodes family often include spirited ping-pong matches, a game that Rodes taught to her son and daughter and is now teaching to her grandchildren. “Ping-pong tournaments down in our rec room are a big thing with us,” said Rodes. “My son was in town recently and he said, ‘Come on Mama, I’ll play you a quick 11 points.’ And I beat him 11 to 6. I was tickled about that.”

Rodes belongs to the Junior League Book Club and was recently preparing to lead a discussion of *A Royal Duty* by Paul Burrell, an account of the life of Diana, Princess of Wales. She also participates in a book club at her church, Christ Church Cathedral, where she retired from being flower chair but continues to help decorate for weddings and the altar.

A Mediterranean cruise in September found Rodes and her husband joining their son and daughter-in-law for visits to Monaco, San Trope, Venice, and other locales. When the family isn’t gathering in Lexington, she visits her daughter in Louisville and her son in Nashville, along with their families.

Rodes regularly attends Alumni Weekend and the Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner and reception. She was named to the Hall of Fame in 1997. She also stays in touch with some of her former students, especially Norwood “Buddy” Cowgill ’65 and Bill Arvin ’61, both Transylvania trustees.

One of her favorite Transy memories, naturally, has to do with dance. “The Hamilton Hall ballroom is where most of my dance classes were held, and I used to chaperone fraternity and sorority dances there with Monroe Moosnick (former Transy chemistry professor).”

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### J. HILL HAMON: Staying in touch

J. Hill Hamon has an interesting way of staying in touch—figuratively and literally—with three of his former Transylvania students: he depends on them for healthcare expertise in dentistry, primary care, and surgery.

The former biology professor, who retired in 1996 after 28 years at Transy, opens wide for J. B. Embry ’72, who practices dentistry in Lexington; sees Allen Haddix ’87, a physician in Frankfort, Ky., where Hamon lives, for general checkups;



■ J. Hill Hamon 1987 *Crimson*

and has Brian Shouse '87, a Frankfort general surgeon, for surgical needs.

"J. B. and I really enjoyed talking with one another, so he started adding a half hour to my appointment so we could talk after he cleaned my teeth," said Hamon. "This evolved into having lunch the first Wednesday of every month, and we're joined by other Transylvania friends like Mike Nichols ('68). I see Allen for lunch too."

Hamon and his wife, Elizabeth, live on 13 acres about eight miles outside Frankfort. Their daughter lives with them, one of their two sons also lives on the property, and the other lives in Lexington.

Those who knew Hamon while he was at Transy marveled at the extent of his interests, which range from typesetting and letterpress printing to photography, classical music, journalism, reading, and writing. He credits his Transy years with bringing out his Renaissance-like approach to learning. "I sat in on about 50 classes while I was at Transylvania," he said. "I was able to experiment and do things I probably couldn't have done at a large school."

Retirement has changed none of that—it's only given him more time to pursue his many interests. And, though he does travel some, Hamon has little need to. "I have everything at home—my darkroom, printing press and types, piano, and library," he said. "I don't need to go anywhere."

Hamon has long been involved in amateur journalism and private, or hobby printing, which preserves the art of letterpress

printing. He produces many of his essays and journalistic pieces in the pages of his *Whippoorwill Comment*, a small periodical. He belongs to the National Amateur Press Association, the American Amateur Press Association, and the Amalgamated Printers' Association, and attended the AAPA national meeting in Colorado last year.

Playing classical music on the piano, reading about music and musicians, and watching DVD movies almost nightly with his wife are among Hamon's favorite activities, along with writing. He has produced memoirs of his years growing up in Garrard County, Ky., and of his experiences at five universities that are now in the libraries of his hometown and those institutions.

Hamon keeps in touch with Transylvania sociology professor Richard Thompson and retired history professors John D. Wright Jr. and Paul Fuller, as well as with many former students. "I had 28 of the best years of my life at Transylvania, and now I'm blessed with a lot of friends and family," he said. "I'm never bored. I've got everything a person could want."

### CARA RICHARDS: Still a scholar

Former anthropology and sociology professor Cara Richards minces no words when asked what she has enjoyed doing after retiring from Transylvania in 1994 with a 27-year tenure. "Much of my pure enjoyment is intellectual in nature," she said. "I'm still active in my profession—I attend conferences and give papers. For fun, I do a lot of reading, and I'm trying very hard to get some writing done."

Though Richards has many other diversions, including swimming, attending Transylvania basketball games, and staying active in her church, she gravitates toward activities that continue to challenge her intellect.

A prime example is her participation in the Lexington Academy for Senior Professionals, a group that meets regularly to discuss interesting books. Members include teachers, professors, psychologists, theologians, economists, biologists—in short, a cross-section of professionals that makes for a lively interplay of ideas.

"It's very stimulating and a lot of fun," said Richards, who has led discussions on

works by a scientist and a theologian and was recently preparing for a session on *Rats, Lice, and History*, a book by Hans Zinsser that chronicles the impact of infectious diseases on society.

One of Richards' volunteer activities also relates to teaching. Richards spends two days a week reading books for recordings for the Kentucky Department for the Blind. The resulting cassette tapes are used by blind people who are taking classes or simply pursuing interesting subjects on their own.

She occasionally teaches alternative Sunday school classes at her church, Hunter Presbyterian, has written a collection of Bible stories for adults, and finds herself reading about religion more and more. "The amount of religious reading, writing, and talking I've been doing recently has been quite a surprise to me. It's always been an interest, but not to this extent."

Richards attends meetings of the Central States Anthropological Association. Her own areas of academic expertise in anthropology are in development and change and the North American Indian, but she enjoys attending sessions on other



■ Cara Richards 1977 *Crimson*

subject areas. "It's easier to go to the conferences than to keep up with the literature, and besides, it's more fun," she said. "I see a lot of my old friends there."

Richards wrote and had published *The Loss of Innocents: Child Killers and Their Victims* in 2000, and recently completed

the manuscript for another book titled *The Ivory Merry-Go-Round*, a light-hearted look at university life she wrote with her son and former husband.

A sports fan since her undergraduate days at Queens College in New York City, where she was a varsity athlete in basketball, field hockey, and softball, Richards now enjoys Transy basketball games and is not shy about expressing a fan's point of view. "I was at the men's Hanover game this season, screaming my head off," she said. "When people ask me why I go, I say, 'Where else can a woman my age jump up and down and scream?'"

As for other Transy connections, Richards has been asked to teach in classes of sociology professors Richard Thompson and Brian Rich, and anthropology professor Barbara LoMonaco. Her fond memories of the University include appearing in plays directed by former drama professor David Haller, including *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Mousetrap*. "I really enjoyed doing those plays, especially the camaraderie with the students," she said.

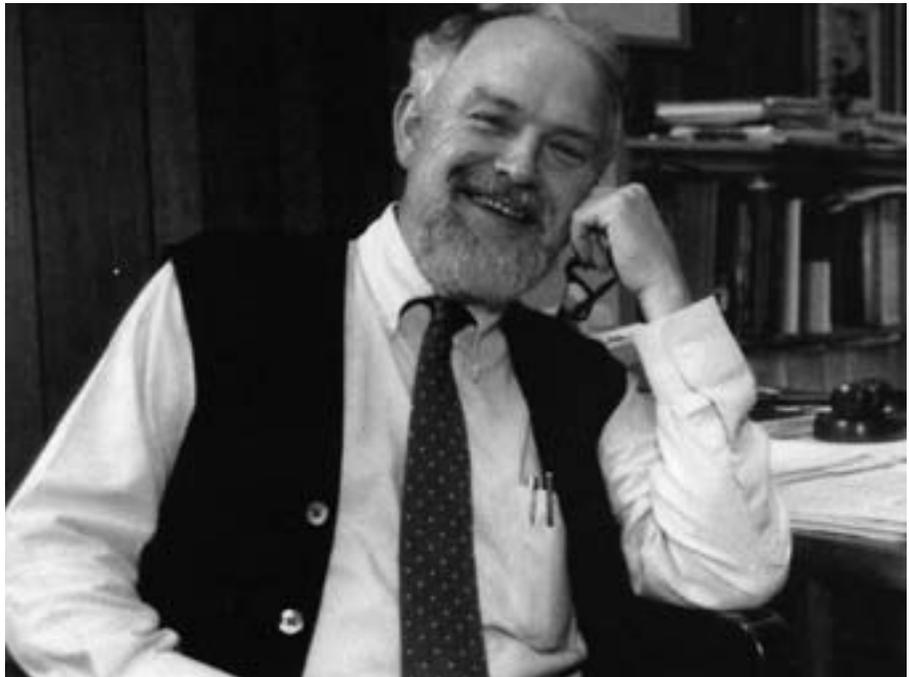
"Last year we raised \$70,000 for the library," he said. "That money is very significant—even essential—to the library's operations, especially since its budget has been cut by the local government."

Fuller serves on the board of a com-

vania has been a wonderful fit for him, just as he's a wonderful fit for Transy."

Fuller's most vivid memory of his time at Transy is the cold winter night in 1969 that Old Morrison was gutted by fire.

"Students, faculty, and staff came



■ Paul Fuller

1990 *Crimson*

## PAUL FULLER: Back home and busy

Community volunteer, book reviewer, gardener, grandfather, caregiver. Those are a few of the many hats that Paul Fuller has donned since retiring as professor of history in 1995 after a career that spanned 27 years at Transylvania.

"I miss teaching so much that I hesitate to speak of the joys of retirement," Fuller said during an interview from his home in the Chattanooga suburb of Soddy-Daisy, Tenn. "But one of my greatest joys is spending time with our two grandchildren."

Since Fuller and his wife, Peggy, moved back to the community where he grew up, they are 120 miles from their grandchildren, who live in Atlanta, instead of 400 miles when they lived in Lexington. Their major incentive for the move was to help care for Fuller's late older brother—an experience that he says has increased his sensitivity to the needs of others.

Fuller's days are filled with a variety of activities. He is vice president of the Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library board and helps coordinate a biannual sale of discarded and donated books.

community kitchen that provides meals for the needy and is a member of the local Civil War Roundtable. He remains an avid flower and vegetable gardener, specializing in roses and day lilies.

"I used to bring my roses into Transylvania and give them to faculty and staff members," he said. "Since we've been in Tennessee, I've found that bluegrass soil is much better for roses. I can raise them down here, but I have to work harder at it."

Fuller says his chief source of pleasure is still reading. "I read as much history, if not more, than I did when I was teaching, and I do book reviews for historical periodicals."

He keeps in touch with former Transy students and colleagues and has visited campus several times. He was the featured speaker at the Alumni Weekend luncheon in 2003 and spoke to the class of 1969 when they celebrated their 35th reunion in 2004.

Fuller often helps recruit prospective Transy students. "I was so high on one young man that I brought him to campus, and he's now a sophomore. Transyl-

together like never before," he recalled. "Students worked with the firefighters to save important records from the registrar's office and other parts of the building. My office was on the third floor, and knowing that my unfinished dissertation was there, some students talked the firemen into going through a third story window and retrieving it. In the scheme of things, my little research project wasn't very important, but my students knew it was extremely important to me, and they made sure it was looked after."

The next day, John Bryden, who was dean at the time, and President Irvin Lunger, gathered the campus community together and resolved that Old Morrison would be rebuilt to its former glory, despite horrible damage to its central section.

"Looking back on that day, I am proud of the spirit of quiet determination in the campus community," said Fuller. "I still see a great sense of pride in today's students and alumni, and that makes me appreciate the great history and tradition of Transylvania." ■

# In the news

Jay Ambrose '66 shares his love of the written word through journalism career and literacy campaign

BY KATHERINE YEAKEL

When Jay Ambrose '66 arrived at the *El Paso Herald-Post* in 1983, he quickly noticed a problem. "Here we were in a city with half a million people and we were only selling 30,000 newspapers," he said.

As Ambrose soon discovered, it wasn't that people didn't want to read the news, it was that many of them couldn't. El Paso, Tex., had a staggeringly high illiteracy rate with an estimated one out of three people unable to read on a functional level.

To combat this problem, Ambrose spearheaded a literacy campaign that eventually spread across the United States and earned the *Herald-Post* a Pulitzer Prize nomination for public service. The experience proved to be a highlight of a career that took Ambrose from small town Kentucky newspaper reporter to director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard News Service in Washington, D.C.

In his 38 years as a professional journalist, Ambrose has developed a deep esteem and affection for this unique industry.

"A newspaper is a product that has to reinvent itself every day," he said. "There's nothing quite like it in the world. I've often thought that if somebody came up with the idea of newspapers, without having the long train of experiences, people would say that's impossible, you could never pull it off. And you couldn't without all the learning that went on over the decades."

## Starting small

Ambrose inherited a love of the written word from his mother and knew early on he wanted to be a writer. He served as associate editor of his high school paper and editor of Transylvania's newspaper,



■ This Scripps Howard News Service photo accompanies Jay Ambrose's columns, which appear in newspapers across the country.

the *Rambler*, and literary magazine, the *Transylvanian*. Ambrose found journalism interesting, but he envisioned a career as a college professor and novelist.

Then, during his senior year, he and his college sweetheart, Fran Page '66, got married in a ceremony conducted by the late Benjamin F. Lewis, a former Transy history professor. Ambrose found himself in need of a job, and landed a position at the *Winchester Sun*, an 8,000-circulation daily in Winchester, Ky.

Ambrose said his Transylvania education was the ideal foundation for his career.

"A journalism education is fine, but I don't think there's anything that prepares you better for journalism than a liberal arts education," he said. "You learn history and study literature, the very best imagi-

native writing. You become familiar with philosophy and political science. You put all that together, and you've got a good background."

For most of the year he worked at the *Winchester Sun*, Ambrose was the paper's sole full-time reporter, which meant he did everything from typing obituaries and writing features to covering breaking news and taking photographs. At age 23, Ambrose became editor of the *Clay City Times*, a weekly paper serving the Appalachian town of Clay City, Ky. With few staffers, Ambrose once again had a hand in almost every aspect of production, including helping to fold papers the night before distribution. These early experiences proved invaluable later in his career.

"What happens with a lot of reporters is if they start at very large papers, they never see anything about how newspapers operate outside of their reporting job," he said. "Because of being at those two small papers, I learned how an entire newspaper runs and operates. I came to understand deadlines—why they're there and why they're important. It's a collaborative enterprise, like a theatrical performance."

Although the *Clay City Times* was a small paper, Ambrose wound up covering some big stories. He reported on how the Sierra Club, with help from a personal appearance by controversial Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, defeated an Army Corps of Engineers plan to build a lake; how the growing concern for Appalachian poverty brought Robert F. Kennedy to a one-room schoolhouse, where he addressed local residents; and the discovery and excavation of 2,000-year-old artifacts from a nearby cave.



■ While at Transylvania, Jay Ambrose '66 served as editor of the college's newspaper, the *Rambler*, and literary magazine, the *Transylvanian*.

## Up North and out West

Wanting to venture beyond his home state of Kentucky, Ambrose took a job at the *Knickerbocker News*, a 65,000-circulation daily covering Albany, New York. The move was a big change professionally and culturally (his coworkers nicknamed him ya'll), but Ambrose adjusted and enjoyed covering state politics and government during Nelson Rockefeller's term as governor. Ambrose went from reporter, to assistant city editor, and finally editorial page editor. He also spent a year at the University of Michigan, having been one of 12 people from across the nation selected for a professional journalism fellowship through a National Endowment for the Humanities program.

After nine years in Albany, Ambrose joined the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver as a reporter, and was promoted to editorial page editor about two months later. He won a Colorado Press Association Award for best editorials and the Walker Stone Award, a national honor for outstanding achievement in editorial writing.

Ambrose became managing editor of the *El Paso Herald-Post* in 1983, and assumed the role of editor a year later. Supported by Scripps Howard, the *Rocky Mountain News* and *El Paso Herald-Post's* parent company, Ambrose launched a literacy campaign that included newspaper features and series and several community awareness events. He became the founding chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors literacy committee, literacy adviser to the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and a member of the state commission on literacy. He also gave speeches on the issue throughout the U.S.

"By the time we were through, almost every daily newspaper in America had a literacy program," Ambrose said. "It was one of the most exciting things in my career."

In 1987 the *Herald-Post* was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist in public service for its efforts to promote literacy and in investigative reporting for a series of reports on drug smuggling across the Mexico/Texas border.

Following his success at the *Herald-Post*, Ambrose returned to the *Rocky Mountain News*, where he began a six-year stint as editor of the 300,000-circulation newspaper. Once again, Ambrose was at the helm of a newspaper when it became a Pulitzer Prize finalist, this time for spot news coverage of a wildfire that killed 14 firefighters.

## Editorializing

Ambrose had written opinion pieces and editorials since his time at the *Winchester Sun*, so becoming chief editorial writer for Scripps Howard News Service in Washington, D.C., in 1995 was a natural progression. While Ambrose is a firm believer in objective reporting, he says the value of having strong opinions expressed in the newspaper is undeniable.

"News begins to have meaning only when you begin to think about, put it in context, and voice opinions about it," he said. "Opinion is crucial to a democracy. Having people discuss and debate has a way of clarifying thinking."

As chief editorial writer, Ambrose produced editorials and the occasional column, which were syndicated for use by Scripps-Howard papers across the country. In 1999, he was promoted to director of editorial policy. He continued writing and started working closely with editors and editorial writers at various newspapers to coordinate Scripps Howard guidelines and policies.

Ambrose began to write columns more frequently after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. "It hit me really hard,

and it seemed to me our civilization could be at stake in how we responded to that," he said. "I started writing regular columns, and I've done two or three columns a week since then."

At the end of 2004, Ambrose left his job as director of editorial policy to pursue other interests.

"I've tried to avoid calling it retirement, because I'm still doing columns," he said. "And I have book projects that I hope to write over the next few years."

He may also find a little more time to pursue two personal passions, watching University of Kentucky basketball and reading from his library of more than 6,000 volumes.

"It's impossible to read them all, but there they are, my friends and my invitation to wisdom," he said. "It lifts my spirits to walk into a room and realize there are all these things to be known, and there it is, and I can know it."

Ambrose and his wife have moved back to Denver. They now have three grown sons, Gordon, Andrew, and Adam, and four grandchildren.

Throughout his career, Ambrose has continued to value education. He took courses at the Smithsonian, earned a lay diploma from Virginia Theological Seminary, and served as a distinguished professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

He has also frequently reflected on what he learned in his history, philosophy, English, and other courses at Transylvania.

"I remember in one sociology course, a professor explained that democracy is a word that people can use in a lot of ways to mean a lot of different things," he said. "I have seen that hold true time and again in my career of trying to deal with issues in this country and this world. When you really began to try and define democracy, you find there are a lot of different understandings." ■

# 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.



■ Julie Billips Wylie '85 and Britt Reynolds '85 were crowned Miss Transylvania and Mr. Pioneer during T-Day activities in 1985. Julie now lives in Lexington and stays busy raising two small children while Britt is an admissions officer at the University of Maryland.

**'36 Eleanor Reed Schneider**, Huntington, W.Va., has celebrated her 90th birthday. She and her husband, John, have a great-grandson and another great-grandchild on the way. They hope to have a granddaughter attending Transy in 2005.

**'38 J. Kenneth Baird**, Grand Junction, Co., and his wife, **Frances Bierlin Baird '39**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in January. Age and health issues prevent them from returning to their home state of Kentucky for reunions, but they would still like to hear from classmates and friends.

**George L. Ross**, Port Huron, Mich., has retired twice—once from the U.S. Air Force in 1969, and again from working for universities that offered college courses to U. S. military personnel in Wiesbaden, Germany, where he lived for over 20 years.

**'40 Nena Hale Hash**, Galax, Va., and her husband, Kelly, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 31, 2004. They are both active in their church, community, and fraternal organizations.

**'41 Morton Reitman**, Frederick, Md., is still playing the clarinet in the Frederick Orchestra and in a Dixieland Band.

**'42 Inez Bell Bivins**, Terrell, Tex., writes that she is a widow and the women she served with in the U.S. Navy WAVES during World War II are becoming fewer, but she is still blessed with Transy friends.

**Hiram A. Morgan**, Danville, Ky., is retired and spends his winters in Florida.

**'44 Virginia Marsh Bell and Tonya Tinchler Cox '95**, along with David Troxel and Robin Hamon, have written a book on activities for persons with dementia. *The Best Friends Book of Alzheimer's Activities* offers 147 versatile, easy to implement activities to bring out the best in individuals with dementia. The book is based upon the Best Friends model of dementia care, which was developed by Bell and Troxel in 1996 and is now widely used.

**'45 Mary Ellen Nichols Johnston**, Joplin, Mo., has written and published a book titled *Up the Creek by Highway* describing the search for the headwaters of Bird Creek and the Native American and European settler histories of the towns along the way. The book is available from the Oxley Nature Center, 5701 E. 36th Street North, Tulsa, OK, 74115, or [oxley@ci.tulsa.ok.us](mailto:oxley@ci.tulsa.ok.us).

**'52 Mildred Nisbet Gould**, Chambersburg, Pa., and her husband moved last year from their home of 36 years to a smaller one-story duplex. Their two sons are educators and have given them five grand-

children.

**Patsy Barton Seay**, Bloomfield, Ky., took a trip to New York City and Atlantic City with friends from church. The group saw two Broadway shows and many other sights, but they were most impressed by the Statue of Liberty.

**'57 John S. Akers**, Greensboro, S.C., and his wife, Sandy, were treated to a trip to Las Vegas by their three children in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on August 8.

**Joanne Ralston McNeil** and her husband, Donald, moved to Boise, Idaho, after many years in Hawaii, to be near their children and grandchildren.

**C. William Schiphorst Jr.**, Louisville, is serving the Christian Church Homes of Kentucky as interim director of pastoral care and church relations.

**Cora Anne Lewis Thomas** has moved from Stoney Brook, N.Y., to the top of a mountain in Laurel Park, N.C. She retired from special education in 2003.

**'62 Robert S. Stauffer**, Richmond, Ky., is serving as interim senior minister of First Christian Church in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

**'63 Suzanne Bence Mayes** and her husband, Gary, have retired after serving First Christian Church in Kennett, Mo., for more than 27 years. Gary was the full-time pastor and Suzanne was licensed by the Christian Church in Mid-America to also serve the church during the last four years of his pastorate. They have moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn., where their daughters live.

**Anne Hector North**, Sun Prairie, Wis., has retired from teaching high school after 31 years. Last June, she retired from her position as education coordinator at River Park Center (performing arts center) after five years.

**'65 Charles P. Taylor Jr.**, Nashville, and his wife, Susan, are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, a boy named Wesley. Charlie's music CD "Once Upon A Time" was listed in the 2003 Grammy Awards Guide and was named one of the "Records to Die For in 2003" by *Stereophile Magazine*. The CD is available at [www.charlietaylormusic.com](http://www.charlietaylormusic.com) and other on-line music retailers.

**'66 Susan H. McDevitt**, San Diego, became a grandmother for the first time in January 2004. Her grandson's name is Drake Austin Frederickson.

**Karen Rice Ramirez**, Houston, has returned from a missionary trip to Cambodia and Thai-



### Transy alumna recognized for philanthropy

**Elizabeth Moody Wagner '37**, a member of Transylvania's Board of Trustees since 1981, was named an Outstanding Community Honoree at Lexington's National Philanthropy Day observance held November 10.

Transylvania nominated Wagner for her dedication to the college as well as her involvement with the Lexington community. Transylvania had previously recognized her outstanding service to the University by awarding her the Morrison Medallion in 1981. She has also received the Lexington Optimist Club Award and the John Wesley Hunt Award from the Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation.

Wagner has served two terms as president of the Bluegrass Trust and worked with many other local organizations, including United Way of the Bluegrass, Girl Scouts, the International Book Program, the Florence Crittenton Home, Planned Parenthood, and the Living Arts and Science Center. A long-time member of the Junior League of Lexington, she was instrumental in acquiring the Bodley-Bullock House in Gratz Park for the league's headquarters.

Wagner regularly volunteers as a docent at the Hunt-Morgan House, explaining the history of the antebellum home in Gratz Park.

land. She and 10 other members of the Second Baptist Church in Houston spent two weeks helping indigenous people.

**'70 Robert D. Bowen** has left First Christian Church in Hiram, Ohio, to become pastor of Hyde Park Christian Church in Austin, Tex.

**Wyatt L. Gragg**, Prospect, Ky., writes that what he learned at Transy serves him well as a sculptor. He invites all to check his Web site at [www.WyattGragg.com](http://www.WyattGragg.com). His yearly art show in Louisville keeps him away from T-Day and he misses seeing the "old group."

**Sharon Young Pastras**, Manahawkin, N.J., has been named regional executive of community banking for Sovereign Bank.

**'74 Larry W. Moore**, Frankfort, Ky., published two books in 2004—*Fault Lines*, poetry by Jonathan Greene, and *On the Banks of Monks Pond: The Thomas Merton/Jonathan Greene Correspondence*. For more details, visit [BroadstoneBooks.com](http://BroadstoneBooks.com).

**'75 Bruce B. Coates** and his wife, Connie, have moved to Cromwell, Conn. Bruce is a technology provider for Insurity, Inc., in Hartford.

**Stephen R. Nunn**, Glasgow, Ky., has been a Kentucky state representative for 14 years and ran unopposed for the 2004 election in November.

**Martha L. Shopmyer**, Greenwood, S.C., was promoted to Children's Room manager of the Greenwood County Library in August.

**'76 Robert H. Barr**, Cynthiana, Ky., principal and athletic director of Harrison County High School, has been elected president of the Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals for the 2004-05

school year.

**Brynn K. Bennett**, a colonel in the U.S. Army, is currently stationed in Baghdad, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



**Bruce K. Dudley**

**Bruce K. Dudley**, Louisville, a partner at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, has been named a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**Linda Hurte Wardlow**, Lancaster, Ky., has accepted a position with Farmers National Bank in Danville, Ky., as an internal auditor after 25 years as a financial analyst for Whirlpool Corporation/Matsushita Appliance Corporation.

**'78 Lisa Black-Hawkins** lives in Amherst, N. Y., with her husband and two children, Whitney, 17, and Jacob, 13. Lisa works for Delaware North Companies as director of quality assurances and guest services.

**'79 Cicely Jaracz Lambert** lives in Louisville with her husband and two children. She is a senior staff attorney with the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

**William H. McCann Jr.**, Lexington, is a certified personal property appraiser and partner at McCann & McCann in Lexington.

**'80 Carl A. Penske**, Lexington, has been retired since 1990 and is still enjoying it. He taught GED for 12 years and now volunteers at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

**John W. Thompson**, Lexington, is the director of administration and human resources for the Lexington Housing Authority.

**'82 John P. LeMaster**, High Point, N.C., a dentist in Kernersville, has received the designation of Certified Forensic Con-



**John LeMaster**

sultant by the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. With this distinction, he is certified as a competent and knowledgeable forensic consultant in the American judicial system.

**'83 Stephen K. Hall** and his wife, Jennifer, live in Versailles, Ky. Steve is in private practice as an OB/GYN in Frankfort and delivered his son, Silas Henry, in July 2004.

**R. Hunt Sidway**, Cincinnati, has released a new CD titled *Balance*, which is available at [www.huntsidway.net](http://www.huntsidway.net). The CD features some of Louisville's finest musicians performing original songs ranging from high energy pop-rock to melodic ballads.

**'84 Thomas G. Simpson**, Lexington, and his wife, Susan, adopted a baby girl named Hannah from China. Hanna turned two in November.

**'86 Dianna S. Howard**, Lexington, continues to work in the bone marrow transplant and leukemia unit at the Markey Cancer Center and is on the board of trustees for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Her daughter, Lucy, is almost 3 and her son, Will, is 9. Her husband, Joe, teaches at Centre College.

**'87 Joseph I. Castro**, Louisville, executive chef at the Camberley Brown Hotel, and his brother, John, executive chef at Winston's Restaurant, taught the art of cooking with bourbon at the Kentucky Bourbon Festival in Bardstown, Ky., in September.

**'88 Karen Utz Allen**, Fort Thomas, Ky., was elected to the Fort Thomas school board in November.

**'89 Douglas C. Smith**, Bowling Green, Ky., has been tenured and promoted to associate professor of sociology at Western Kentucky University and has ended his second and final term as chair of the WKU senate. His most recent publication, "Education, Managed Health Care Experiences, and Health Outcomes," appeared in *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*. Douglas, his wife, Tamela, and stepdaughter, Morgan Maxwell, are also restoring their turn-of-the-century bungalow.

**'90 A. William "Bill" Barber** and his wife, Beth, live in Owensboro, Ky. His father, **Al Barber Jr. '63**, served as best man at Bill's August 7 wedding and **Jeff Hoehler '90**, **Joe Maze '89**, and **Tim Sprague '90** were groomsmen.



■ **Corbin Crutcher '47**, left, celebrated her 80th birthday by flying in an open airplane. She and pilot Charlie O'Connell took off from the Georgetown, Ky., airport on November 9.

## Finding a new way to smile



■ **Tim Henson '80 poses with an infant he helped using nasoalveolar molding, a relatively new technique that can reduce the number of surgeries needed to correct cleft palates.**

**When a neurological problem** caused him to lose the use of his right hand 10 years ago, Tim Henson '80 thought his career in pediatric dentistry was over. But what seemed like a dead end turned out to be just a detour, which directed him to the academic sphere and introduced him to nasoalveolar molding, a relatively new procedure for correcting cleft palates. Henson is now an expert and champion of the technique, having personally witnessed its dramatic impact on hundreds of patients and their families.

"The problems with my hand led me into this, which has been by far the most rewarding aspect of my career," said Henson, who is now an associate professor in the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. "When one door closes, a window opens."

Henson came to Transylvania with plans to become a pediatrician, but switched his focus to pediatric dentistry after talking with some Transy friends who'd enrolled in dental school. He knew he liked working with kids thanks to the experiences he had as the oldest of five children and as a lifeguard teaching kids how to swim near his home in Aberdeen, Ohio.

Henson majored in biology and, at the suggestion of the late Monroe Moosnick, former Transy chemistry professor, he took the Dental Aptitude Test and applied to the University of Kentucky dental school his junior year.

"I believe Dr. Moosnick's words were, 'Knowing full well that you won't get in this time, our goal will be for you to get an interview, so you'll have that experience under your belt for next year when you go for the real thing.'"

Much to Henson and Moosnick's surprise, Henson was accepted on his first try. He reluctantly gave up his senior year at Transy, and all of the fun times he had planned with his Kappa Alpha brothers, to begin dental school.

Despite his early departure, Henson was ready for the challenges at UK.

"I feel I was prepared more than amply and probably better than many of the people in my class," he said. "My Transy experience was the quintessential send-off into adult life."

After completing his DMD at UK, Henson undertook a two-year pediatric specialty residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he later opened a private practice. In 1987, one of his mentors from UK alerted him to an exceptional opportunity in Massachusetts, and Henson became the director of the City of Boston Department of Health and Hospitals Dental Division. Through this position, Henson practiced clinical pediatric dentistry and served as the pediatric dentistry referral center for the city's public health system.

Henson enjoyed his post in Boston until 1995 when he developed the neurological problem that affected his hand. Despite a dire prediction following surgery, he eventually regained some use of his hand, though not enough to return to a full-time practice.

Having taught college courses in Charleston and Boston, Henson decided to turn his part-time academic involvement into a full-time occupation by joining the faculty of Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. When the university wanted to incorporate nasoalveolar molding into the curriculum, it sent Henson to New York to train with the doctors who developed the technique.

Nasoalveolar molding uses an acrylic appliance to rearrange the gums and lip of an infant with a cleft palate prior to surgery. The device, which is comparable to a retainer for older children, closes the cleft and helps mold the nose, resulting in fewer surgeries and a more aesthetically pleasing outcome.

"Prior to the development of this technique, children with cleft lips and palette would be subjected to 12-18 separate surgical procedures between birth and late adolescence in order to adequately address all of the aspects of the clefting syndrome," Henson explained. "Nasoalveolar molding, which is performed during the first weeks of the child's life, streamlines the plastic surgery. In best case scenarios, it allows the surgeon to correct every aspect of the cleft with two surgeries before the child's first birthday."

Fixing the cleft so early in life allows children to avoid social stigma and speech impediments. The technique also helps prevent the sunken upper lip, flat nose, and scarring that can result from traditional approaches.

Nasoalveolar molding has been slowly gaining acceptance in the medical community, and Henson anticipates it will become the standard of care for cleft palates in the next few years. He's been helping accelerate this process by lecturing on the technique at pediatric medical and dental conferences across the U.S. and in Mexico City and Paris. News stories quoting Henson have reached national audiences, and he's scheduled to appear on the *Oprah* show later this year.

Henson, who joined the University of Texas Health Science Center faculty in 2000, has personally treated more than 200 children using nasoalveolar molding. During the 10-12 weeks the infants undergo treatment, he sees them on a weekly basis. In many cases, he forms a close relationship with the families and receives updates on his patients long after their adjustments are complete.

"The plastic surgeon I work with often quips that he's the one who does the surgery, but I get all the credit."

—Katherine Yeakel



■ Class of 1966 members Larry Langan of Bardstown, Ky., Kelly Lannum Zaeh of Roswell, Ga., Billy Reed of Louisville, Steph McGann Gardner of Lexington, and Billing Keeling of Pewee Valley, Ky., got together for lunch at Lexington's Campbell House Inn on August 20.

**Gretchen "Gigi" Gladfelter Lange**, Versailles, Ky., is a student at Eastern Kentucky University working on her Rank I and Principalship in Education.

**James B. Napier**, Indianapolis, is a math/physics teacher in Carmel, Ind. His wife, **Stacy A. O'Reilly '91**, received tenure as an associate professor of chemistry at Butler University.

**'91 K. Jane Grande-Allen**, Houston, is an assistant professor in the bioengineering department at Rice University.

**Betsy Jay Langness**, Shelbyville, Ky., was promoted to assistant professor at Jefferson Community College in July.

**Mary Taylor Stone**, Louisville, is the Homeplace Culinary Manager for Brown-Forman Corporation.

**'92 Beth Neubauer Brunsmann** and her husband, Robert, live in Phoenix. Classmates can contact Beth by e-mail at [bethneubauer@global.t-bird.edu](mailto:bethneubauer@global.t-bird.edu).

**Stacie Waters Grindstaff**, Covington, Ky., has been named a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society. She is a senior actuarial analyst at Great American Insurance Companies in Cincinnati.

**'93 Michelle D. Harrison**, Lexington, is an assistant attorney general in the opinions branch of the Civil and Environmental Law Division at the Office of the Attorney General in Frankfort, Ky. Prior to this position, she served as staff attorney to Judge Joseph R. Huddleston, Kentucky Court of Appeals, in Bowling Green, Ky. Chelie would enjoy hearing from classmates

and welcomes them to stop by the capitol.

**'94 Dale Amburgey**, Port Orange, Fla., passed the comprehensive examinations and successfully defended his dissertation proposal for his Ph.D. in education at the University of Central Florida. He has been promoted to associate director of admissions information technology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and survived the wrath of hurricanes Charley and Frances with little damage.

**Danielle Tharp Clore** lives in Lexington

with her husband, Patrick, and daughter, Kelly. Dani is director of the nonprofit leadership initiative at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

**Stephanie Collinworth Diaj** has returned to Lexington after living in Tucson, Ariz.

**Michelle M. Holmes-Hassell**, Berry, Ky., choral director for Harrison County High School in Cynthiana, Ky., has earned Rank I certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She and her husband, Brian, adopted a son, Samuel Justice Lianjiaze Hassall, who was born on January 24, 2003, in China.

**Jason D. Morgan**, La Grange, Ky., is vice president of commercial lending at Stock Yards Bank. **Emilee Sims Morgan '95** is an instructional coach for the Oldham County Education System.

**Elizabeth Wright Oldendick** lives in Gahanna, Ohio, with her husband, Bruce, their seven-year-old triplets, and three-year-old daughter. Bruce is the golf pro at New Albany Links, and Beth teaches eighth-grade reading and language arts at Yorktown Middle School in Columbus.

**Erwin Roberts**, Louisville, has been named secretary of the Personnel Cabinet for the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Governor Ernie Fletcher.

**'95 Brandy Fulkerson Baird**, Johnson City, Tenn., graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May and is serving a one-year term as law clerk to Marcia Phillips Parsons, U. S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.



■ Class of 1967 members Virginia Neuhoff, Grady Lehman, Jan Allinder Anestis, and Chris Watkins, and Mary Elizabeth Williams '68 rang in the New Year with Elvis at Jan's house in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

**Faith S. Atwell-Wilmes**, Louisville, is owner of Whimsy, a unique gifts and home accessories shop, in Georgetown, Ky.

**Nathan S. Floyd**, Pensacola, Fla., graduated from residency training in radiation oncology at Baylor College of Medicine in June. He is in private practice treating cancer patients, and his wife, Katrena, is an internist. He would love to hear from friends.

**Courtney Jacobs Lockwood**, Georgetown, Ky., has opened Hopscotch Childrens Boutique in Georgetown and specializes in custom embroidery, especially for little "Pioneers."

**Kyle D. Monhollen** lives in Davis, Calif., with his wife, Amy George, and their one-year-old daughter, Hazel Brodie George. Kyle received his MFA in painting from the

San Francisco Art Institute in 1998 and is the sculpture resident at the University of California, Davis.



Jennifer Moore

**Jennifer A. Moore**, Louisville, has joined the law firm of Fernandez Friedman Grossman Kohn & Son as an associate.

## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 16

Join Transylvania's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2005 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 16, at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. First and second place prizes will be awarded at the closing reception.

Registration fee is \$100 for an individual or \$400 for a foursome. Three levels of sponsorship are available—Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500), and Bronze (\$250). For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Cindy Jacobelli, associate athletics director, at (859) 233-8663, [cjacobelli@transy.edu](mailto:cjacobelli@transy.edu), or Mark Blankenship, director of alumni programs, at (859) 233-8402, [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).

### Support Transy's blood drive

In honor of its 225th anniversary, Transylvania is partnering with the Central Kentucky Blood Center for a campus-wide blood drive to be held throughout 2005. The goal is 225 pints of blood. Alumni are encouraged to participate by mentioning Transy when giving blood. They may also participate in the campus blood drives on May 2 and October 25. For more information, contact the alumni office.

### Transy hosts luncheon at General Assembly

Make plans now to attend the Transylvania luncheon at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Portland, Oregon, on Monday, July 25, at 12:15 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Cost is \$13 per person. For more information, contact Dolores Roberson in the alumni office at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8512. Ticket reservations must be made by July 1.

### Plan a San Francisco Getaway, or Discover Tuscany

The Transylvania Alumni Association, in partnership with Collette Vacations, is offering alumni and friends two exciting travel destinations during 2005 in celebration of Transy's 225th anniversary—San Francisco and Italy's Tuscany. Both tours include round trip air travel from Lexington or Cincinnati.

**The San Francisco Getaway** takes place September 26-30 and includes six meals. Highlights are San Francisco, Chinatown, 17 Mile Drive, Carmel, Monterey, and the Napa Valley Wine Train. The cost per person for double occupancy is \$1,299.

**The Discover Tuscany tour** will be November 1-9 and includes 12 meals. Highlights are Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Florence, Tuscan Feast, Siena, Pisa, winery tour, Lucca, and the Uffizi

Museum. The cost is \$1,999 per person for double occupancy. An optional post-tour extension of two nights in Rome is an additional \$399-\$449.

Collette Vacations will present a travel preview show during Alumni Weekend 2005

on Saturday, April 30. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic, assistant director of alumni programs, at (800) 487-2679, [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).



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## A career of many colors

*During her relatively brief* career, Claria Horn Shadwick '91 has already worked for one of Atlanta's oldest and largest law firms, been an assistant United States attorney in Louisville and Lexington, bought into a small Lexington law firm, and just recently become a high-profile professional advocate for the horse industry in Kentucky.

That kind of versatility is just what Shadwick was hoping for when, after her sophomore year at Transylvania, she decided to become a pre-law student. Shadwick had come to Transy set on a pre-med curriculum, with thoughts of following her siblings into the healthcare profession. Her brother was in medical school at the time, a sister was in dental school, and another sister was completing a pharmacy program.

"For some reason, my brother and sisters and I all gravitated toward math and science in high school," says Shadwick. "Coming from a small town, my sights were set on becoming a small-town doctor."

Then a funny thing happened. After successfully completing her first-year courses in chemistry, biology, and math, Shadwick found herself intrigued by several history and political science courses she was taking as part of her general education requirements.

"It's one of the great things about Transy, that you are required to take courses you might not otherwise experience," Shadwick recalls. "For me, it opened up so many other worlds."

Political science professor Don Dugi and former history professor Paul Fuller had an especially strong influence on Shadwick.

"I really enjoyed their courses, because they started me thinking about how we organize and govern ourselves, how we establish laws and create a workable, responsible society. After my sophomore year, I became a history major and began to focus on law as a career, primarily because I thought it would be such a versatile degree."

Shadwick completed her law degree at Vanderbilt in 1994, spent a year in a clerkship, then joined King & Spalding in Atlanta, all set to take on the glamorous lifestyle of a young, single attorney at a high-stakes firm in one of the nation's largest cities. She was amused to find that the workforce surrounding her at the 450-plus attorney firm was larger than the entire population (c. 500) of her hometown of Inez, Kentucky.

"It was a fantastic experience to work in one of the nation's premier law firms with some of the country's smartest lawyers on huge litigation," said Shadwick. "We represented 3M in the breast implant litigation, and the U.S. Olympic Committee when the Olympics were in Atlanta. I was working crazy hours, but I loved every minute of it."



■ Claria Horn Shadwick '91 has a scenic work setting—the Kentucky Horse Park—where the offices of the Kentucky Equine Education Project are located. She is executive director of KEEP.

Shadwick's small-town Kentucky roots eventually drew her back to her home state, first to Louisville, then to Lexington, working as an assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting mainly white-collar criminals. She especially liked the public service aspect of the position.

"It's one of the proudest feelings I've ever had, to introduce myself to the court by saying, 'My name is Claria Horn Shadwick and I'm representing the United States in this matter.' It's an awesome responsibility, especially when you're dealing with people's liberty."

Shadwick's next move was to invest in Strother, Shadwick and Handel, a small Lexington firm specializing in real estate and corporate law.

Not long after that, KEEP (Kentucky Equine Education Project) came calling. Though Shadwick is still connected to her law firm, she now spends most of her time as executive director of KEEP, an educational and advocacy organization with the mission of advancing the horse industry in Ken-

tucky. Former Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones is chairman of KEEP and the late Breeders' Cup founder John R. Gaines was its first honorary chairman.

"The horse business is a \$4 billion industry in Kentucky, it's the state's largest agricultural cash crop, it creates tens of thousands of jobs for Kentuckians, it's the signature attraction of our state's \$8 billion tourism industry, and it gives Kentucky a special identity to the world," says Shadwick. "We need to protect its future."

Among KEEP's primary goals is to change the state's tax laws so that horse farming receives the same tax breaks that other forms of agriculture do. "Other states, like New York and Pennsylvania, have become better places to do horse business because of their tax situations and other incentives," says Shadwick. "We have to make Kentucky the best place in the world to do horse business."

KEEP's offices are located on the grounds of the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington. Shadwick commutes to work from her home in the country just south of Lexington, where she lives with her husband, Richard, and their three daughters, Sara, 3, and twins Abby Jean and Emma Kate, 2.

Having proven to herself that she could make it in the big city gave Shadwick a special sense of satisfaction upon returning to her rural Kentucky roots, she says.

"When I was living in Atlanta, I asked myself, 'Why am I doing all this so far away from my family and friends?' I ultimately realized that Kentucky is the greatest place in the world to live, have a career, and raise a family. In a lot of ways, I ended up where I began. And that feels wonderful."

—William A. Bowden

**Joel Serdenis** and **Travis A. Young**, both of Lexington, are members of Blind Corn Liquor Pickers, an award-winning Bluegrass quartet. The group tours regularly and recently released a CD. Visit [www.BlindCorn.com](http://www.BlindCorn.com) for a sampling of their music, or go to [www.HarpringHill.com](http://www.HarpringHill.com), founded by **Robert J. Hill**, for booking information.

'96 **Tina Naylor Bradley**, Louisville, has joined the practice of Spring Hill Internal Medicine in Jeffersonville, Ind.

**Jeremiah D. Harris**, Knoxville, Tenn., and his wife, Renee, have a four-year-old daughter, Maddy, and a one-year-old son, Colin.

**Eric W. Jones** and **Rebecca Modys Jones** live in Sanibel Island, Fla., with their daughter, Libby. Eric is in his first year of private practice with MacKoul Pediatrics in Fort Myers. Rebecca graduated from Florida State University with a master's degree in library and information studies and is a librarian for the Sanibel Public Library.

**Natalie Hibbard Robbins** lives in Muskegon, Mich, with her husband, Scott. She is working for Orchard View Elementary in Muskegon while pursuing her master's degree in reading at Grand Valley State University.

'97 **Mandy McMillian**, Los Angeles, appeared in an episode of the NBC drama *Medical Investigation* that aired October 29 and in seven episodes of the NBC soap opera *Passions* in January.

**Gregory O. Shenton**, Atlanta, became head coach of the Ocee Stars, a 12-and-under baseball team based out of Atlanta, in the fall. The team will play in a national championship tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y., in June and July. Greg practices construction and environmental litigation law at Morris, Manning & Martin in Atlanta.

**William I. Wood IV**, Owensboro, Ky., has started his own business, Ira Wood & Sons, Inc.

'98 **Christopher A. Carter**, Lexington, has been named banking center manager for Bank One (Eastland).

**Jaime Groom Davis**, Macon, Ga., is a third-year pediatric resident and her husband, Greg, is a pediatric pharmacist. In July, she will be taking a staff attending position at the Medical Center in Macon.

**Leanne Smith Field** and her husband, Clint, live in Lexington, where Leanne is manager of Bauman Physical Therapy & Wellness. Her e-mail address is [lfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lfield@hotmail.com).

**Julie Underwood Jorgensen**, Franklin, Tenn., is in medical sales with ConMed Corporation and her husband, Mike, is a sales manager with Rapid Restoration. The wedding party for their June wedding included

**Ellen C. Underwood '02**, **Stephanie Swartz Macy '98**, **Carol Munson Caudill '98**, **Whitney Franz Sparks '99**, and **Anne Hutcherson Martin '97**.

'99 **Heather R. Godsey**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, has co-authored a book titled *Wisdom from the Five People You Meet in Heaven*. It was published by Chalice Press in December 2004.

**Tammy Hammond Natof**, North Bellmore, N.Y., is a board-certified behavior analyst working at a clinic for autism intervention, and is also a Ph.D. candidate. Her husband, Paul, is an attorney.

**Peter V. Swanz** graduated from the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in December and received the Daphne Blyden Award for his commitment to naturopathic medicine, academic excellence, and positive outlook. He lives in Arizona with his wife, **Jane Collins Swanz '98**, and two daughters, Lilly, 4, and one-year-old Laurel.

'00 **Jacob D. Goodine**, New Orleans, deployed to Kuwait in the fall on his third combat tour in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He expects to be gone for at least one year.

**Benjamin W. Guerrant** and his wife, Laura, live in Danville, Ky., and work together at Guerrant Real Estate.

**Kara L. Kleinschmidt**, Lexington, graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in June and was ordained at Bellevue Christian Church in Nashville. She is now a minister in residence at Central Christian Church in Lexington.

**Laura Ann Rice**, Louisville, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in May and is a partner at the law offices of Hulse & Rice, PLLC. Friends can contact her at [lriccatty@600westmain.com](mailto:lriccatty@600westmain.com).

**Stephanie Bisig Unverzagt**, Herndon, Va., is in technical sales for TEKsystems, a national IT consulting firm.

'01 **Cirris E. Barnes**, Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May and is staff attorney with the Kentucky Court of Appeals, working for Judge Laurance VanMeter.

**Alison Smith Crowley**, Lexington, is an eighth-grade teacher at E. J. Hayes Middle School in Lexington.

**John M. Davidson**, Gainesville, Fla., is director of a campus ministry student center at the University of Florida, working with both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Presbyterian Church (USA). He plans to return to school and finish his Ph.D.

**Paige Presler Jur**, Raleigh, N.C., received her master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of South Carolina in May

and is working at RTI International in Raleigh Triangle Park. Her husband, Jess, is working toward his Ph.D. in materials science at North Carolina State University.

**Juliet Bishop Meredith**, Virginia Beach, Va., is marketing coordinator for Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group in Virginia Beach.

'02 **William O. "Skip" George**, Indianapolis, received his master of music degree in choral conducting from Butler University in December.

'03 **Kelly L. MacDonald**, Tampa, teaches physical education at Shaw Elementary.

'04 **Sarah Kearns Ezziati**, Lexington, is customer service representative for ACS and Nextel.

**Nicholas D. Mudd**, Louisville, is a software developer at Lexmark.

## MARRIAGES

**Martha Croker Busby '69** and Ralph Roberts, May 29, 2004

**Stephen S. Holmes '79** and Christy E. Kaeser, August 7, 2004

**Lisa Ann Blythe '80** and Antonio Q. Stuckey, July 11, 2004

**Geoffrey Duncan Marsh '88** and Stephanie Dawn Robinette, October 8, 2004

**Douglas Clayton Smith '89** and Tamela Williams Maxwell, June 5, 2004

**Albert William "Bill" Barber '90** and Elizabeth Bradley, August 7, 2004

**Robin Jeanine Bowen '90** and Daniel Bucca, December 12, 2004

**Beth Ann Neubauer '92** and Robert Brunsmann, September 9, 2004

**Amy Lin Underhill '92** and James Graeme Lang III '92, October 16, 2004

**David Anthony Wilmes '92** and Faith Shantelle Atwell '95, July 3, 2003

**Jenny Lynn Varner '93** and Harland Hatter, September 4, 2004

**Brandy Lynne Fulkerson '95** and Chad Michael Baird, August 11, 2004

**Shantie Devi Harkisoon '95** and David Layman, August 8, 2004

**Kyle David Monhollen '95** and Amy George, July 22, 2000

**Angela Beth Moore '98** and Michael Schnuerle, August 14, 2004

**Julie Ann Underwood '98** and Michael Jorgensen, June 5, 2004

**Kristy Lynn Allen '99** and Jonathan Scheibly, September 18, 2004

**Sara Elizabeth Norment '99** and Marvin Paul



Jenny Lynn Varner '93 and Harland Hatter

Bartlett, September 18, 2004  
**Stephanie Reid Bisig '00** and Jay Unverzagt, September 18, 2004  
**Mindy Ellen Block '00** and **Evan Keith Dick- en '00**, October 22, 2004  
**Johan Franklin Graham '00** and **Aimee Lee Hicks '03**, July 17, 2004  
**Benjamin Wood Guerrant '00** and Laura Wed- dle, May 22, 2004  
**Jamie Lynne Shewmaker '00** and Steven Craig Morrison, October 16, 2004  
**Kelly Elizabeth Wicker '00** and James Den- nis McMaken, July 24, 2004  
**Ardath Paige Presler '01** and Jess Jur, July 17, 2004  
**Sarah Jennifer Bell '02** and **Matthew Joshua Simpson '02**, June 12, 2004  
**Cassie Lee Critchfield '03** and Derek Thomas Perkins, October 1, 2004

## BIRTHS

**Laura Katherine Howard '89** and Louis R. Kelley, a daughter, Elizabeth Lyda Kelley, July 8, 2004  
**Billie Jo Hall Setzer '89** and Brett Setzer, a daughter, Laurel Hall Setzer, August 18, 2004  
**Shannon Dyer Burris '90** and Brian Wallace Burris, a son, Chase Nathaniel Burris, July 9, 2004  
**James B. Napier '90** and **Stacy A. O'Reilly '91**, a daughter, Zoe Kathryn Napier, Febru- ary 13, 2004  
**Angela Logan Edwards '91** and Brian Edwards adopted a son, Logan Lee Edwards, born October 14, 2004  
**Betsy Jay Langness '91** and Brian Langness, a son, Micah Cole Langness, September 29, 2004  
**Andrea Toth Batson '92** and **James H. Batson '92**, a daughter, Megan Leigh Batson, March 30, 2004  
**Martha K. Bruner-Breeding '93** and Bradford L. Breeding, a daughter, Eleanor Madden Pearl Breeding, October 6, 2004  
**Muffett Harmon Eskra '93** and Todd Eskra, a son, Clayton Harmon Eskra, October 11, 2004  
**Jan Johnson Patton '93** and R. Joseph Pat- ton, a daughter, Lauren Jan Patton, May 22, 2004  
**Derik A. Rubsch '93** and Laurelee E. Rubsch, a daughter, Isabelle Donna Rubsch, May 17, 2004  
**Ephraim Woods III '93** and Kerri Pruitt Woods, a daughter, Lillian Leigh Woods, March 29, 2004  
**Danielle Tharp Clore '94** and Patrick Clore, a daughter, Kelly Elizabeth Clore, Octo- ber 11, 2004  
**Elizabeth Young Cole '94** and Andrew K. Cole, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Cole, June 15, 2004

**Brian C. Wood '94** and Lori Wood, a son, Hewitt Robinson Wood, November 11, 2003  
**Dawn Parvin Malkemus '95** and Gary L. Malkemus Jr., a son, Ryan Malkemus, August 29, 2004  
**Kyle David Monhollen '95** and Amy George, a daughter, Hazel Brodie George, June 11, 2003  
**Rebecca Williamson Shaw '95** and Colby L. Shaw, a son, Eli Miller Shaw, October 18, 2004  
**Loren McBride Stinnett '95** and **T. Clay Stin- nett '95**, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth Stin- nett, March 24, 2004  
**Rebecca Wistrom Clissold '96** and **Edward M. Clissold '97**, a daughter, Abigail Marie Clis- sold, May 24, 2004



**Susan Moore Monohan '96** and **Gregory P. Monohan '96**, a daughter, Amelia Elizabeth Monohan, November 1, 2004

**Carolyn Morris Pugh '96** and Will Pugh, a daughter, Clara Nancibelle Pugh, Decem- ber 20, 2004  
**Brian H. Dawahare '97** and Tracey Dawahare, a daughter, Allyson Lea Dawahare, Novem- ber 20, 2004  
**William I. Wood IV '97** and Haley J. Wood, a son, William Ira Wood V, October 2, 2003  
**Leanne Smith Field '98** and Clint Field, a daughter, Reagan Dailey Field, Septem- ber 30, 2004  
**Mandy Yates '98** and Lee Yates, a daughter, Callie Krystine Yates, June 28, 2004  
**Jessica Gipson Dawson '00** and Duane Daw- son, a daughter, Sarah-Catherine June Dawson, March 14, 2004  
**Adrienne Combs Harmon '00** and Wesley A. Harmon, a son, Xavier Mark Harmon, October 2, 2004  
**Nicole Bremer Nash '01** and Christopher S. Nash, a son, Peyton Ezra Nash, August 20, 2004



**Julie Whitaker Hensley '03** and Donald Heath Hensley, a daugh- ter, Nicole Marie Hensley, Febru- ary 11, 2004

**Kristin Reneau Harrington '04** and Nathan Harrington, a daughter, McKenna Grace Harrington, October 24, 2004

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed*

**Cinderella Power Battenfield '30**, La Mesa, Calif., died August 17, 2003. She taught high school Latin and elementary school, and after taking classes at San Diego State College, she joined the faculty of The Boy- den School, a private college-prep acade-

my. While at Boyden, she also taught Eng- lish as a Second Language in adult educa- tion programs. She retired in 1973, but remained active as a member of the San Diego Genealogical Society. Survivors include her daughter, **Virginia Battenfield Hill '64**.

**Walker R. Humble '31**, Winchester, Ky., died December 7, 2004. He attended Lexing- ton Theological Seminary and founded Humble Plumbing and Heating Contrac- tors. During World War II, he was a sheet metal instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a Scoutmaster for 15 years, an elder emeritus at First Christian Church in Winchester, and a Sunday school teacher.  
**Jewel Humphress Baxter '33**, Clearwater, Fla., died April 21, 2003. He was a retired minister in the Christian Church (Disci- ples of Christ).

**Alma Lucille Fields Cushman '37**, Frankfort, Ky., died October 27, 2004. She was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and earned her master's degree from Georgetown College. She taught ele- mentary school for 40 years and served as Sadieville city clerk for several years. She was a member of Sadieville Christian Church, 4-H, Phi Mu Alumni Association, Scott County Homemakers, and the Georgetown College Women's Associa- tion. Survivors include her daughter, **Susan Cushman Case '70**.

**Clarence T. "Rip" Cannon '39**, Lexington, died September 12, 2004. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and Books and Bones Men's Senior Hon- orary fraternity. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired salesman with Quantrell Cadillac, a charter member of Crestwood Christian Church, an adult Sunday school teacher for 30 years, a lifetime member of the Cadil- lac Crest Club, and a former Rotary mem- ber.

**Dixie Paritz Morris '39**, Lexington, died November 9, 2004. She was a private pilot who flew frequently before and after World War II. She was a partner of Paritz Fash- ions and a member of Christ Church Epis- copal.

**William O. Atkinson '41**, Lexington, died October 24, 2004. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and earned his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He was a retired agronomist with UK, an accomplished woodworker and furniture maker, and a member of Woodland Christian Church. Survivors include his son **Robert O. Atkinson '69**.

**Barbara Jones Hartwell '41**, Louisville, died July 22, 2004. A first-place finish in a state- wide English competition won her a schol- arship to Transylvania, where she became

a member of Delta Delta Delta. She joined the staff of the *Louisville Times* during World War II and became the paper's first female general news reporter. She was active in the women's movement within the Episcopal Church, serving on several committees of the Diocese of Chicago, and also belonged to the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women in Louisville.

**Nancy McClure '42**, Lexington, died September 5, 2004. She earned her master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky, served as assistant principal of Lafayette Junior High School, and retired as an assistant professor in the UK College of Education. She was a member of Park United Methodist Church, and served in various roles within the church, including president of the Park United Methodist Women. She was a member of several teacher associations, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the Alpha Gamma of Kentucky.

**Winston C. Bell '43**, Brentwood, Tenn., died October 15, 2004. He graduated from the College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary). He served as a student pastor in three Christian churches in Kentucky, as pastor of Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, and retired as pastor of Nameless Creek Christian Church in Indiana. He had been a member of the Ministerial Association, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Kiwanis, and Rotary. Survivors include his brothers, **Wayne H. Bell '40** and **Raymond L. Bell '46**.

**Ruth M. Harnar '43**, Indianapolis, died November 10, 2004. She earned a master's degree at Western Reserve University School of Nursing and her Ed.D. in nursing education at Columbia University. As a missionary for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), she dedicated herself to training Indian nurses and village health workers. She served as nursing superintendent and director of nursing education at Jackman Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, director of the Graduate School for Nurses at Indore, and worked with the Voluntary Health Association of India in Delhi, where she co-authored a curriculum for training village health workers that is now widely used. After retiring from missionary work, she became a visiting professor at the University of California, San Francisco, nursing school. The Indiana University School of Nursing honored Harnar with a Lifetime Achievement in Nursing Award, and in 2002, the newly renovated nursing school building at Jackman Hospital was renamed for Harnar and Mary Gregory Jarvis, becoming the Jarvis Harnar

School of Nursing.

**Harrison C. Allison '45**, Liberty, S.C., died August 11, 2003. He was a graduate of Georgetown College and earned his master's degree from the University of Alabama. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, taught chemistry at the Marion Military Institute in Marion, Ala., for 38 years, and was a member of Liberty Presbyterian Church.

**Virginia Henderson Pieratt '45**, Lexington, died December 20, 2004. She was a homemaker and an associate of Pieratt's, Inc., for 58 years. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority, a charter member of Crestwood Christian Church, founding sponsor of the Junior Woman's Club, a volunteer for Good Samaritan Hospital, and a member of the Lexington Woman's Club where she was active in the clothing center and danced in the Follies for 22 years. Survivors include her siblings, **Joseph S. Pieratt '50** and **Helen Henderson Gannon '51**, and her son, **Thomas B. Ashford '66**.

**Thomas C. Coleman III '47**, Monticello, Ark., died November 25, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and earned a master's degree from the University of Louisville and a doctorate from the University of Southern California. He was a retired professor of language and literature at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

**Lyle Brooks Marquess '47**, Bentleyville, Pa., died February 11, 2000. She was the author of nine books that chronicled the history of southwestern Pennsylvania families and church congregations. She researched genealogy in England, Scotland, the Midwest, and the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and helped countless individuals trace their family histories at no charge. She served as a substitute teacher for 19 years and taught kindergarten. She was one of the first members of the Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania and volunteered with the organization for nearly 30 years.

**Stokely B. Gribble '49**, Morgantown, W.Va., died March 15, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and earned his master's degree in library science from the University of Kentucky. He worked as assistant director of libraries at UK, assistant director of libraries at West Virginia University, and retired as the associate dean of the WVU libraries.

**Jacob T. Holzwarth '49**, Lexington, died November 24, 2004. He was a retired IBM vendor consignment technician and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, the Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion, and U.S. Submarine Veterans of

World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, and worked for the Kentucky State Police from 1949-1953.

**Charles B. Honeycutt '50**, Glasgow, Ky., died December 2, 2004. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and earned an M.A. degree from the University of Kentucky. His 20-year tenure as director vastly improved the quality and reputation of the Glasgow Scottie Band. Following a distinguished career in education he was elected mayor of Glasgow, an office he held for 17 years. His vision for the city included many projects that are ongoing, such as the city's outer loop, the formation of the Glasgow/Barren County Industrial Economic Authority, and a downtown restoration program.

**Ellin Eastwood Sucheston Carter '51**, Columbus, Ohio, died November 5, 2004. She earned her master's degree from the University of Chicago and received two Fulbright Scholarships to study in Germany and Italy. She was an English professor at The Ohio State University for 25 years, a widely published poet, and founder of the Women's Poetry Workshop. For several years, she wrote a poetry column for the *Columbus Dispatch*. She was an active playwright in the Footsteps of the Elders drama group and served on the board of the First Unitarian Universalist Church.

**Sally Crawford Hatchett '53**, Evansville, Ind., died November 23, 2004. She taught second grade, was a homemaker during her husband's 25 years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps, and later became a member of the orthodontic team in her husband's offices in Henderson, Ky., and Evansville. She retired in 2002 and had recently served on the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library Friends Board. Survivors include her husband, **Robert K. Hatchett '53**.

**Regina Marshall McElroy '55**, Brownsville, Ky., died October 18, 2004. She was a graduate of Arizona State University and earned her master's degree from the University of Tennessee. She was a social worker, a devoted Western Kentucky University Lady Topper fan, and an active participant in 4-H horse events.

**John J. Crowden '56**, Berea, Ky., died December 23, 2004. He graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary and was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky and taught in the sociology department of Berea College, serving as chair of the department for several years. Before retiring in 2004, he was coordinator of the convocations program at Berea. Survivors include his wife,

**JAMES C. CODELL JR.**  
1919-2004



James C. Codell Jr., a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees for 41 years, died December 21, 2004.

Codell was chairman of the college's Physical Plant Committee for over 30 years and vice chairman of the board for 18 years.

"He was always ready to lend a hand and support Transylvania in any way he could throughout the time I knew him and the time he served on the board," said President Charles L. Shearer. "He was an enormous help to me, both as chief financial officer and as president. I could always count on his advice. He was a loyal supporter of Transylvania and a good personal friend."

During Codell's years as chair of the physical plant committee, the Transylvania campus expanded both in terms of land acquisition and new construction. Working closely with other trustees, including the late William T. Young and the late Homer Hail, Codell oversaw the purchase of properties along Fourth Street and on Kenilworth Court, adding space for the construction of the Warren Rosenthal Residence Complex and the Poole Residence Center.

"He cared deeply for the University and, just as importantly, he had a strong background in construction," said Board of Trustees Chairman William T. Young Jr. "His knowledge of construction and care for the physical plant was unequaled on the board."

A well-known Kentucky businessman and civic leader, Codell was president of Codell Construction Co. from 1948 to 1993. The Winchester-based company, which Codell's father founded in 1906, built numerous schools, jails, and courthouses in Kentucky. It also constructed a 160-mile section of the 800-mile Trans Alaska Pipeline System; the Oroville Dam, which provides electric power, drinking water, and irrigation to central and Southern California; and 500 miles of railroads

and 2,000 miles of roads and bridges throughout the United States. For a decade, the company worked in Guatemala. Today, it specializes in municipal building projects, and managed the construction of Transylvania's Poole Residence Center.

Codell held leadership positions with many professional organizations, including the American Road and Transportation Builders Association and the Associated General Contractors of America. He was chairman of the board at Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington, and served on several boards, including the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky Utilities, and Lexington Theological Seminary.

In his personal time, Codell traveled to India and throughout Europe, Canada, and South America, mostly to hunt and fish, and was a passionate collector of work by 18th-century English silversmith Matthew Boulton.

"Whether it was in higher education, the construction business, art, collecting silver, or sports, he was a man of many dimensions who could speak with expertise on a wide range of subjects," Shearer said. "He was as comfortable in a Transylvania board meeting as he was fishing in Canada or visiting a construction job site."

Transylvania presented Codell an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1981 and the Transylvania Medal in 1991. The Codell Memorial Organ in Haggin Auditorium is the result of a gift from Codell Construction in memory of James C. Codell and John R. Codell.

Survivors include his wife, Michele "Mike" Harrington Codell; sons James C. Codell, J. Hagan Codell, and David W. Codell '74; daughter Alice C. Roberts '75; two sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the J. C. Codell Jr. Scholarship Fund at Transylvania.

**Jacqueline Daniels Crowden '57.**

**Robert B. Wylie Jr. '56**, Corbin, Ky., died September 10, 2004. He was a Xerox sales representative, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Corbin Lions Club, and Red-hound Varsity Club, and past president of the Corbin Jaycees.

**Claude A. Shumate Jr. '57**, Columbus, Ga., died April 23, 2004. He graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary, was ordained at Dover Christian Church in Dover, Ky., in 1960, and went on to serve several congregations in Kentucky, Georgia, and Alabama. He earned an M.Ed. from Columbus State University and was a teacher and coach with the Muscogee County School District in Columbus.

**Stephen E. Hoertz '75**, Lexington, died September 29, 2004. He earned his MBA from the University of Kentucky and worked for Morgan-Stanley for over 20 years, eventually becoming associate vice president. He was a graduate of the Leadership Lexington class of 1984, and a member of First United Methodist Church and Kappa Alpha Order. He was the foreman of student investment clubs at McDowell and Wolfe County high schools. The clubs taught students ways to earn and invest money with the goal of keeping them in school through graduation. Survivors include his siblings, **Scott O. Hoertz '79**, **Stewart C. Hoertz '84**, and **Mary Hoertz Baesler '87**.

**Sherri F. Williams '75**, Gainesville, Ga., died September 13, 2004. She earned a master's degree in physical therapy from Texas Woman's University, a Ph.D. in special education from Georgia State University, and was an American Physical Therapy Association Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatrics. She was an associate professor at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Ga., and practiced both adult and pediatric physical therapy.

**Mark P. Mayoue '81**, Cincinnati, died February 4, 2004.

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As a history and political science major, Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon '56 had many classes with Transylvania history professor emeritus John D. Wright Jr. and the late Benjamin F. Lewis, a former Transy history professor.

Their insights and guidance helped shape Harmon's view of the world and inspired her to work for social change.

“I took my interest in peace, justice, and nonviolence with me and worked for the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee during the 1970s helping initiate a gender-fair resources project for a four-state area,” she said. “One aspect of the project successfully aided school districts in achieving specific gender-fair goals, for example, adding or broadening sports for women students.”

Harmon also helped found the Lebanon Peace Fellowship, which lasted 20 years, Warren County Race Unity, and most recently the Warren County Democrats in Action.

“I see a little bit of Dr. Wright and Dr. Lewis in all of this,” she said.

To honor the two professors who had such an impact on her life, and to help ensure future students will have the same opportunities she did, Harmon and her husband, Albert L. Harmon, established a two-life charitable remainder trust (CRT) to support Transylvania.

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## Transylvania turns 225



Members of the Transylvania softball team show their spirit during the January 25 kick-off event for the 2005 celebration of the University's 225th anniversary. Transylvania was chartered by the Virginia General Assembly in 1780 as the first college west of the Allegheny Mountains. During the event, held in the Beck Center, President Charles L. Shearer gave remarks, drama professor Tim Soulis appeared as Thomas Jefferson, an early supporter of Transylvania, and birthday cake was served to all. For an overview of Transylvania's distinguished history, see article on page 10. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au*