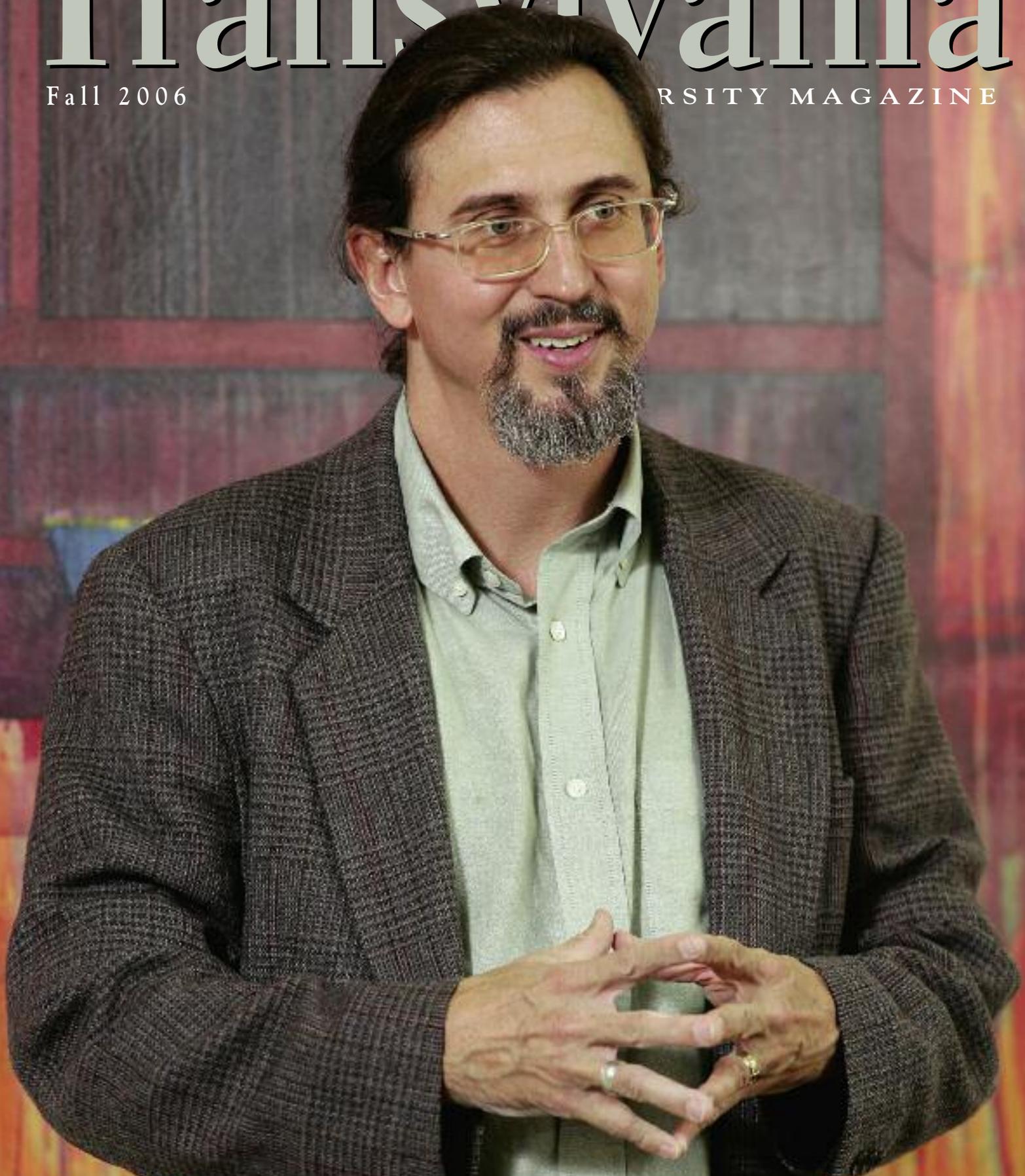


# Transylvania

Fall 2006

UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



KENTUCKY'S 2006 OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR ■ NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS SEMINAR



## A look at the class of 2010

Transylvania welcomed the 309 members of the class of 2010 to campus in September with new student orientation activities, highlighted by the traditional serenade on the steps of Old Morrison and the greet line.

Here are some interesting academic facts about these newest Transylvanians:

- 112 National Honor Society members
- 103 Beta Club members
- 38 Governor's Scholars
- 7 National Merit Scholarship finalists
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts participants

And some random facts showing the diverse interests and other characteristics of the class:

- 4 gymnasts
- 8 Eagle Scouts
- 3 homecoming queens
- 5 powder puff football players
- 2 sets of twins
- 1 Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state officer
- 1 DECA (international association of marketing students) state officer
- 1 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) regional president
- 3 Kentucky Colonels
- 1 pilot



# Transylvania

UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE

FALL / 2006

## Features

### 9 A CONTESTED CONCEPT

Transylvania, assisted by Phi Beta Kappa, hosts national liberal arts seminar

### 12 LIBERTY, SECURITY, AND JUSTICE

Bingham-Young Professorship draws from all disciplines to enrich learning environment

### 16 A BEST FRIEND

Virginia Marsh Bell '44 works to revolutionize Alzheimer's care by tending to needs of the spirit

### 18 THE LAST FOOTBALL TEAM

Historic run of 51 Transylvania football seasons ended with the beginning of World War II



page 18

## Around Campus

- 2 Transylvania welcomes three new faculty members
- 3 ODK makes Transylvania its new national home
- 4 Kenan speaker tracks hurricane history and science
- 6 Internship puts students with Canadian Parliament
- 7 The Kissing Tree gets a new bench

## Alumni News and Notes

- 22 Class Notes
- 25 Alumnus Profile: Thomas L. Steinemann '79
- 28 Alumnae Profile: Dominique '01 and Mignon '95 Brousseau
- 29 Marriages, Births, Obituaries



### On the cover

Philosophy professor Peter Fosl was named Kentucky's outstanding professor for 2006 by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education. See page 12 for story on his Bingham-Young Professorship and his teaching award. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au*

Director of Public Relations: Sarah A. Emmons ■ Director of Publications: Martha S. Baker ■ Publications Writer/Editor: William A. Bowden ■ Editorial Assistant: Lori-Lyn Hurley ■ Publications Designer: Barbara Grinnell

*Transylvania* is published three times a year. Volume 24, No. 1, Fall 2006. Produced by the Office of Publications, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY 40508-1797. Send address changes and alumni news to Alumni Office, Transylvania University, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797, fax to (859) 233-8797, or e-mail to [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu).

### Transylvania welcomes three new faculty members

Wei Lin



Three professors joined the Transylvania faculty for the 2006-07 academic year, with research interests that range from foreign direct investment to the literature of confinement.

**Wei Lin**, assistant professor of art history, most recently taught at The Ohio State University. She earned her B.A. in archaeology from Nanjing University, her M.A. in archaeology from Beijing University, and her Ph.D. in art history from The Ohio State University. Her research interests include typology and periodization of the Tang Dynasty and the Buddhist caves at Qixia Mountain.

**Michael W. Nicholson**, assistant professor of business administration, most recently taught at American University of Armenia. He is a 1996 graduate of Transylvania, where he earned his B.A. in economics. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Colorado. His research inter-

ests include international trade, antitrust policy, and foreign direct investment.

**Scott Whiddon**, assistant professor of writing, rhetoric, and communication, most recently taught at Louisiana State University. He earned his B.A. in English and creative writing from Winthrop University, his M.A. and M.F.A. in creative writing from McNeese State University, and his Ph.D. in English/rhetoric and composition from Louisiana State University. His research interests include writing pedagogy, the literature of confinement, and writing center administration.

The three were hired as a result of national searches and are distinguished by their rich academic backgrounds and novel fields of study, such as Whiddon's work with *The Angolite*, the award-winning news magazine produced by the inmates of the Louisiana State Penitentiary. "He brings a

fascinating perspective to campus," Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard said.

Lin has unique experience with caves on the coast of China, and is using her background to assist the development of Transy's library holdings. "She has had access to very restricted archaeological sites," Pollard said, "and it's possible that she will plan a trip with some of our students to China."

Nicholson has already planned a May term 2007 travel course to Armenia titled International Marketing. "He has worked as a consultant to the Armenian government," Pollard said, "and we're excited that he has returned to Transy's campus with this experience."

New courses are being planned that will reflect the backgrounds and interests of these newest faculty members.

Michael Nicholson



Scott Whiddon



### Emerging artists exhibit in Morlan

Four up-and-coming visual artists from New York, Philadelphia, and Virginia exhibited their newest work in Morlan Gallery October 23-November 17 in an exhibition titled *SNAP!*

Ceramicists Andy Byers and Ryan Kelly, sculptor Morgan Herrin, and painter Andrea Moreau showed works that included classically carved sculptures of foam and tape, sea animals languishing on the cool tile of the gallery floor, and some well known talking heads.

Kelly is resident artist at The Clay Studio in Philadelphia; Byers is assistant to an art director in New York City; Herrin got rave reviews for his exhibit *Diamonds Cut Diamonds* at Rare Gallery in New York City; and Moreau won a full fellowship to the Vermont Studio Center.

Morlan Gallery Director Andrea Fisher said the artists all have a gift for using materials from everyday life and turning them into "...the magical, the beautiful, and the humorous."



Lori-Lyn Hurley

**Andy Byers Morgan Herrin Ryan Kelly Andrea Moreau**

## Omicron Delta Kappa honor society makes Transylvania its new home

National leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa moved its headquarters to Transylvania's campus in August. Founded in 1914, the society recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character.

Chapters of ODK, known as circles, are located on over 300 college campuses, and the national headquarters serves as a resource for information related to circle operations, national convention, alumni, and the Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation.

"We have already begun to enjoy the hospitality and friendly atmosphere of the Transy community," said John D. Morgan, ODK executive director.

That sentiment was echoed by Mike Nichols '68, director of communications for ODK.

"Moving into my office on Transy's campus was like coming home," Nichols said. "We have already been warmly welcomed by President Shearer and Lampas Circle adviser Jim Miller (professor of mathematics and computer science)."

ODK shares a tradition of partnership with Transylvania that dates back to 1977 when the Lampas Circle was chartered. In addition to Nichols, other Transy graduates involved in ODK include Marc Mathews '80, national treasurer, Richard Mains '95, national counsel, and P. Gene Vance '87, a recent board member and current ODK foundation trustee. William Kelly, a foundation trustee,

was the president of Transylvania when the Lampas Circle was established.

Morgan said he is looking forward to meeting more of the Transylvania community and invites faculty, staff, alumni, and student members of the Lampas Circle to stop by the ODK offices in the 421 North Broadway building for a tour. Regular hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, but arrangements can be made to visit during off hours.

"Thanks in large part to the helpfulness of the University staff, we enjoyed a smooth transition to our new headquarters. I am beginning to understand why Transy students and graduates are so loyal and proud of their alma mater," Morgan said.

One such graduate, education professor Tiffany Wheeler '90, said that induction into Omicron Delta Kappa was one of the highlights of her college career. "I am very excited that ODK has moved its headquarters to Transy," she said. "Transy has a long history of cultivating outstanding student and faculty leaders, so it is especially fitting that the national collegiate honor society for leadership is now housed on our campus."

■ **Emily Wolfe '07, a member of ODK, and Mike Nichols '68, director of communications for ODK, are shown with a painting of past members of ODK that hangs in the new office on Transy's campus.**



## Transy names three new coaches

The athletics department recently named three new coaches:

**Chris Campbell '00** is interim head baseball coach. Formerly assistant coach for four seasons, he played and coached on three Transy teams that posted 20-win seasons, the best records in the



modern history of the program. Last year, the team qualified for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament for the first time.

**Michelle Manning**, former head coach at Albion College and Shenandoah University, is the new head softball coach. A former all-conference player at Mount Union College, she

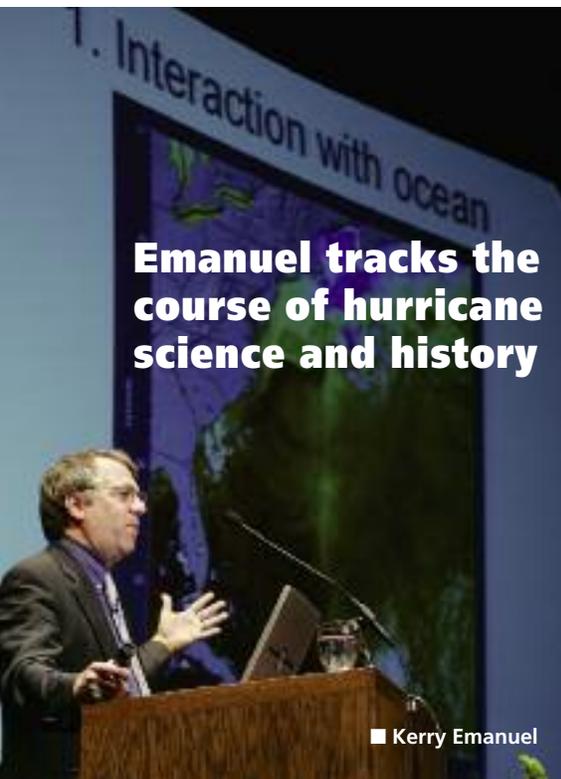


also coached at Bethany College, where she was a member of the East Region Coaching Staff of the Year in 2002 following a 32-10 record and an NCAA regional championship. The team was 31-8 in 2003. At Shenandoah, the team posted the second most wins in school history under Manning's leadership.

**George Villarreal**, former head coach at the University of Chicago, Frostburg State University, and Gallaudet University, has been named head men's and women's swimming and



diving coach. A graduate of Emory University, he was a four-time NCAA Division III qualifier, setting 11 school records along the way and earning University Athletic Association Swimmer of the Year honors in 1993 and All-American recognition in 1994. Villarreal guided Chicago to a pair of NCAA top-40 finishes and 28 school records. He was also a graduate assistant at Texas A&M University.



## Emanuel tracks the course of hurricane science and history

■ Kerry Emanuel

Joseph Rey/AU

Hurricanes are normally associated with catastrophic destruction and death, but the Japanese have a warm place in their hearts for two hurricanes that had a beneficial effect on their history, indeed on the survival of the nation itself.

After the Mongols in the 13th century had overrun large areas of East Asia, they set their sights on conquering Japan. However, an enormous invasion fleet was decimated by a hurricane in 1274 after making landfall in Japan. When another hurricane did the same thing seven years later, the Mongol leader, Kublai Khan, gave up. The Japanese considered these storms to be their saviors and coined the phrase “kamikaze,” or “divine wind,” to commemorate the events.

That historical tidbit was one way Kerry Emanuel illustrated the effect of hurricanes on the course of history during his Kenan Lecture on October 10 in Haggin Auditorium titled “Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes,” also the title of his 2005 book. Emanuel, one of the world’s leading authorities on hurricanes, is a professor of earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Emanuel spent most of his lecture explaining the science of the storms, trends in their frequency and intensity, and possible effects of climate change on hurricane activity.

He noted that, while the frequency of hurricanes worldwide from 1970 to 2005

has been relatively constant (about 90 per year), their intensity and duration have been increasing. His research has focused on ways to more accurately predict the intensity of the storms and on the relationship between ocean temperatures and hurricane activity.

In responding to a question from the audience about man’s influence on the climate through recent increases in greenhouse gases, Emanuel said, “There are, indeed, natural variations in climate temperatures, mostly attributable we think to solar cycles and volcanic activity. But it’s not a question of either/or—either natural variability or man-made variability. They’re both present. The question is, are the man-made effects emerging from the background? Yes, they are. It’s basic radiation physics.”

Emanuel’s paper “Increasing destructiveness of tropical cyclones over the past 30 years” was published by the journal *Nature* in August 2005, just three weeks before Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast.

In his lecture, he pointed out that 2005 saw more records set for hurricane activity than ever before, including records for the largest number of storms, category 5 storms, and U.S. landfalls.

In spite of the overwhelming destructiveness of hurricanes, they have an attraction to Emanuel based on his observations and on aerial and satellite photography that highlights their awesomeness.

“They have their own inner beauty,” he said. “It is often thought that science is antithetical to beauty because it demystifies things. That has not been my experience. To the contrary, when you discover things, you also discover mysteries.”

Sophomore Marcie Smith was impressed with how Emanuel placed his subject in a broader social and historical context.

“I can’t say how impressed I was with Dr. Emanuel and his presentation. I was very appreciative of his interdisciplinary approach. He was a top-notch communicator and possessed a social sensitivity that went beyond the science. I also liked his commentary on the relationship between the increasing intensity and duration of tropical cyclones and climate change.”

Emanuel also met with faculty, staff, and students both on the day of his lecture and the day after, and visited writing, rhetoric, and communication instructor Martha Gehringer’s Introduction to Journalism class for interviews.

**JOSH ELSTON**, a senior chemistry major, won second prize for his research poster as a part of the summer research program in Cell and Biology and Functional Genomics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. More than 70 outstanding students from across the country participated in the program.

**THE TAU OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA OMICRON PI** received international recognition at the 2006 AOII Leadership Institute. Tau Omega brought home five awards: the Pearl Award for outstanding chapter performance, Alumnae Advisory Committee Performance, Foundation Senior Challenge, Outstanding Support of the Road Trip Program, and Strike Out Arthritis Event recognition. In addition, past chapter president Kelsey Blankenship ’06 received the Collegiate Women of Leadership Award, the highest honor a collegiate chapter member can receive, for her involvement in AOII on campus and throughout the community.

**ECONOMICS PROFESSOR ROD ERFANI**, instructor of the Transylvania University Karate Club, was the U.S. coach for the 2006 World Junior Karate Championship, which was held at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Australia, in August. One member of his team placed third in the junior competition.

**ROSS-TARRANT ARCHITECTS, INC.**, was recognized for educational design excellence in *American School & University* magazine for the design of the Glenn Building’s bookstore and forum. Specifically, the design was commended for celebrating the history of the University and complementing the traditional design of existing buildings, while creating a modern atmosphere for the bookstore and coffee shop.



APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE APPLAUSE

## Parents Council begins annual fund-raising effort to support library

Members of the Parents Council are spearheading the effort to raise \$93,000 for the Parents Fund, which helps purchase books, academic journals, and electronic resources for Transylvania's J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library. They conducted a phonathon October 7-8, and additional phone sessions with students took place in early November.

"We support the Parents Fund because we believe in Transylvania and want today's and tomorrow's students to continue having the many advantages our son has enjoyed," wrote Chris and Debbie Johnson, parents of Jon Johnson '07 and co-presidents of the Parents Council, in a letter to parents and grandparents. "Jon's educational experience would be diminished if not for hundreds of parents and grandparents who came before us and, through their gifts of service and support, helped to make Transy the great school it is today."

The Parents Council's fund-raising focus is the library because it is essential to all students. Reliance on electronic resources, in particular, is increasing. In the past year, the library has added 5,000 on-line books, 3,000 on-line journals, and 10 on-line databases. The number of searches conducted through on-line databases increased from

161,000 in the 2004-05 academic year to 260,000 in 2005-06. These services are available anywhere on campus.

"Last year, the Parents Fund raised \$93,645, surpassing the goal of \$92,000," said Lori Burlingham, assistant director of development. "We'd like to raise at least that much this year from parents and grandparents of current students and alumni."

■ **Members of Transy's 2006-07 Parents Council are (front row, from left) Pete and Mott Gammon, Harley and Minga Trogden, Tim and Sarah Atkinson, Rusty and Jennifer Ashcraft; (second row) Mark and Kathy Zanni, John and Diane Harcourt, Judith Goldie, Chris and Deborah Johnson, Jack Riley; (third row) Rick Weber, Dominic Grisanti, Noel and Brenda Clayton, Bob and Joyce Keskey, Steve and Mary Self.**



## Book offers different take on Jewish and Christian traditions

For the last 20 years, Transylvania religion professor Paul Jones and his colleague, Rabbi William J. Leffler II, have been working on ways to facilitate respectful, constructive dialogue between members of the Jewish and Christian traditions. Drawing from their experiences, Jones and Leffler have written *The Structure of Religion*, a book that examines the two religions through a different lens than previous texts have offered.

"Normally when you study Judaism and Christianity, you study the beliefs, the differences in the way Jews and Christians understand the afterlife or salvation," Jones said. "Our book's purpose is to address why Christians and Jews manifest their traditions differently, why their actions are different. We want people to understand the headwaters of their behavior. This will help adherents of both traditions recognize why they do what they do and why the other does what they do, and to respect those differences."

The first half of the book describes the structure of Judaism and Christianity, and explores particular themes like the role of God, Christian myths about Judaism, and the place of Israel, while the second half presents Jewish responses to common Christian ques-

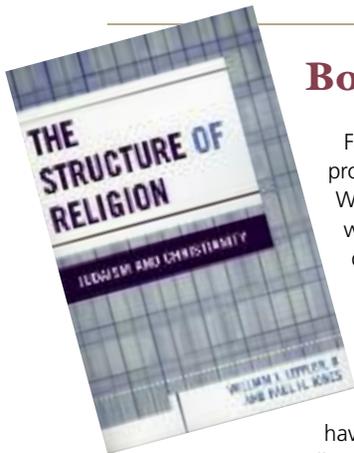
tions and Christian responses to Jewish questions. Several of the questions originated from interactions between Leffler and students taking Jones' Judeo-Christian Heritage course over the years.

While the book draws from classroom discussions, it isn't strictly for undergraduate college students. Jewish/Christian dialogue groups, synagogues, and Sunday school classes, among other groups, will also find it useful, Jones said.

"The book is primarily for people who are trying to understand the other tradition, but it can also help adherents to think systematically about their own tradition," Jones said. "Most people take for granted that what they've experienced is normative, but with over 32,000 varieties of Christianity identified in the *Religious Encyclopedia* of 2002, I don't think there's such a thing as a normative understanding."

"It's like taking a foreign language. You not only learn about another culture and tradition, but also you learn how your language and the way in which you view the world is structured."

Jones' other publications include *Christ's Eucharistic Presence: A History of the Doctrine* (1994), a historical examination of the sacrament starting from the New Testament texts and continuing through to the contemporary era, and *500 Illustrations: Stories from a Life of Preaching and Teaching* (1998), a collection of narratives and anecdotes for preachers, which Jones co-authored with his father, G. Curtis Jones.



# Internship puts students in touch with Canadian Parliament

Watching a session of the Parliament of Canada and hearing something he had researched and written being read to the assembly by the leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP) was one of sophomore Andrew Owen's most memorable experiences during his Canadian Parliamentary Internship in May and June in Ottawa.

"I had researched some health issues associated with pesticides and drafted a brief," said Owen, who worked for five weeks as an intern in the office of Member of Parliament (MP) Nathan Cullen, an NDP member. "It was very cool to hear my words being read during the debate."

Owen was one of five Transylvania students who participated in the internship, along with 25 other students from U.S. colleges and universities. The internship began in May term and ended in mid-June. The students were assigned to MPs based on their political preferences—liberal or conservative.

The overall purpose of the internship was to give students an up close and personal experience with the government of a foreign country that happens to be very convenient to the United States.

"Students were able to have the experience of a very different country, one with a European flair, without traveling very far and without the problem of a language," said political science professor Jeff Freyman, who directed Transylvania's participation in the internship program. "Despite its apparent similarities to the United States, Canada is actually quite different in terms of its structure and its political culture."

The most obvious political difference between the two countries lies in the basic form of government each exhibits—a presidential system in the U.S. and a parliamentary system in Canada. Exploring those differ-

ences was at the core of the learning experience for the students, most of whom have at least a political science minor or a related special major pattern.

The learning began almost immediately, said Freyman, and the assigned tasks were quite substantial.

"It's quite remarkable. I was amazed how important the jobs were that our interns were asked to do right off," said Freyman. "The Members of Parliament rely very heavily on their interns, partly because they have relatively small staffs. That's not true for almost all interns in the American Congress, who do more secretarial kinds of things—filing, giving guided tours of the capitol, and so on."

Owen's brief was one example of the students' significant internship experiences. Laura Pyles, a senior political science major, performed research for her MP, Keith Martin, and even helped him write an op-ed piece on Canada's role in the Mideast. She used the Internet extensively for research, along with the

Library of Parliament.

"I also drafted letters to constituents that would respond to issues and questions they were raising," said Pyles. "Dr. Martin's staff knew his tone of voice and his stance on many issues, so they helped me out and checked my work before it went out."

Martin serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which put Pyles in touch with international issues that gave her a glimpse of her own possible future.

"One of the biggest voting sessions I went to was about Afghanistan and whether Canada was going to extend its stay there," said Pyles. "Seeing foreign relations up close, seeing how exciting that is, drew me toward international and domestic politics."

Owen has similar interests and is putting together a special major pattern in international affairs. His MP also put him in touch with a real issue Canada is currently dealing with.

"While I was there, Nathan went to Germany for a United

Nations conference on climate change," Owen said. "When he came back, he held a press conference that I attended and I got to see him rail against the prime minister."

Both Owen and Pyles enjoyed living in Ottawa, a city they described as very walkable and friendly. They stayed in a residence hall on the campus of the University of Ottawa and easily walked the mile to work each day. Also within easy walking distance was historic Byward Market with its shops, food stalls, and restaurants.

"I loved Ottawa," said Pyles. "It's a great city. We walked everywhere. The restaurants and pubs are very casual, where you can sit and eat, watch hockey on TV, and enjoy the conversation."

Freyman received positive feedback on the Transy interns from Western Kentucky University history professor James T. Baker, who oversees the program.

"Dr. Baker talked with our students' supervisors and there were some rave reviews," said Freyman. "Apparently our students did very well, and a number of offices wanted our students back. Based on reading our students' papers and journals, I felt it was a successful internship experience. They got a good introduction to Canada and its political culture."

The internship is being offered again this coming May term, and Freyman said the plans are to continue offering it every year.



■ Transylvania students taking part in the Canadian Parliamentary Internship are pictured in front of the Parliament Building in Ottawa, from left, senior Laura Pyles, Rusty Belue '06, sophomores Denise Sachtler and Andrew Owen, and senior Rachel Wilson.

## Transylvania's traditional 'Kissing Tree' gets a new bench

When a new wooden bench is built around a campus tree, the news is hardly startling. But when the bench surrounds Transylvania's beloved Kissing Tree, that's another story.

Like a too-tight collar, the old bench was crimping the growing style of this huge white ash, which stands in regal splendor in front of the J. Douglas Gay Jr./Frances Carrick Thomas Library. The new bench gives the ancient tree breathing room for a few more decades.

And that's good news for the past generations of Transy students for whom the Kissing Tree was one of the most romantic places on campus.

While today's students make good use of the bench—sitting and talking with friends, reading a book, or just watching the people stroll by—few of them have more than an inkling of what the Kissing Tree meant in decades past.

To understand how this tree became so special, you have to go back to a time when PDAs, or public displays of affection, were frowned upon by not only Transylvania administrators, but by colleges in general. On many campuses, kissing in public was a strict no-no.

Alumni tell many stories about the customs surrounding the Kissing Tree, but the most prevalent seems to be that it functioned as a giant piece of mistletoe for the students. If you and your main squeeze found yourselves under its protective branches, college officials would look the other way while you stole a kiss. This was said to be the only public place on campus where a tacit agreement existed between students and administrators that kissing was allowed.

But even then there were limits, recalls Virginia Marsh Bell, a 1944 graduate.

"The Kissing Tree was sort of like walking under the mistletoe—you had permission to stop and kiss, but only on that one spot on campus," recalls Bell. "Otherwise, you were really a loose woman if you kissed out in public. But even then, you didn't have a kiss that you just held on. You were discrete, but it was allowed."

Mark Johnson, from the class of 1958, recalls another tradition associated with the Kissing Tree.

"It was said that you weren't a true or real Transylvanian until you had been kissed under the Kissing Tree—preferably by a student who was a sophomore or better. It was sort of a rite of passage, an initiation of sorts."

How old is the Kissing Tree? Probably older than Transylvania itself.

Biology professor James Wagner provided the proper Latin identification for the tree—*Fraxinus americana*—and speculated on its age, based on a 1940 *Crimson* photo and some measurements taken today. "If we calculate an annual growth rate of about three percent, we can estimate that the tree is somewhere around 260 years old. It's actually nearing the average maximum lifespan for its variety."

Although current students and recent alumni may have heard mention of the Kissing Tree during a campus tour or first-year orientation, they may know little of the details of the tree's traditions. Regardless, some have an appreciation for the tradition.

"I really enjoy Transylvania history," said David Riley, a senior from Mayfield, Ky. "Anytime I can learn about something like the Kissing Tree that ties me back to past students, I think that's fantastic."

■ **Sixty-six years after an unidentified Transylvania couple were pictured in the 1940 *Crimson* walking past the Kissing Tree, junior Meg Phillips and senior David Riley find themselves in the same location.**

Changes in social mores may have rendered some of the quaint traditions of courting obsolete for today's students, but for the ghosts of Transy lovers past there will always be the blissful memories of one of their favorite romantic places—under the Kissing Tree.

*Alumni interviews for this article were originally conducted by publications director Martha S. Baker, publications writer/editor William A. Bowden, and publications assistant Katherine C. Pearl for the article "Isn't It Romantic?" in the spring 2004 Transylvania magazine.*



Joseph Rey, Au



## Professor David B. Choate dies



David B. Choate, mathematics professor at Transylvania for 21 years, is remembered by colleagues, students, and friends as an original thinker, a wonderful storyteller, a person of unusual wit and humor, a gifted mathematician and teacher, and a devoted husband and father.

Choate died unexpectedly on July 25, 2006, while taking part in a Wye Faculty Seminar in Queenstown, Md. He was 59. A man of varied intellectual interests, his final hours were spent engaging the topic of the connections between curriculum and themes of personal responsibility, service, and civility.

Speaking at a September 12 memorial service that recalled and celebrated Choate's life, President Charles L. Shearer said, "The legacy of David Choate will extend well beyond this service and tomorrow and next month. His pure goodness as a person, a teacher, a friend, and a father will have a lasting impact on our lives in the ways that he knew us and touched us."

Choate held the Ph.D. in mathematics with a specialty in algebra from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He came to Transylvania in 1985 and received a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995. His faculty service included chairing at various times the judicial, academic standards, and program and curriculum committees.

Choate's scholarship led him to become the principal investigator for three grants on signal processing spon-

sored by the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research. He took part in a number of other research projects for that office, as well as for the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In conjunction with his research partner at Wright Laboratory, he was the holder of two U.S. Patents.

Lindy Ley, a sophomore math major, spoke of the profound impact Choate had on her. "Dr. Choate changed the course of my entire life. I'm a math major because he saw something in me—a talent for and a love of mathematics—that I had never thought to see in myself. He cared about each and every one of his students."

Speaking at Choate's funeral on August 3, mathematics professor David Shannon recalled his colleague's spirited teaching style.

"David lectured with passion, often enlivening the class with stories and a dry wit, but never sacrificing rigor and precision. Many of us do not see the beauty in mathematics. David loved what many of us in the discipline call 'mathematical gems'—proofs or solutions to problems that have a special elegance. His gift to his students was to open the door to this aspect of mathematics so they could share the beauty that he saw."

Choate is survived by his wife, Amy Rutenberg '88, and their three children, Ruth, Aaron, and David.



## Author Frank X Walker is visiting professor

*Frank X Walker*, poet, founder and former executive director of the Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium and co-founder of the Affrilachian Poets, joins Transylvania's faculty this year as a visiting professor of writing, rhetoric, and communication. A multidisciplinary artist, Walker is a native of Danville, Ky., and a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Spalding University.

At Transy, Walker hopes to develop a reading series that would bring African American writers from around the country to campus, and is proposing a May term travel course titled "Harlem to Hip Hop."

He has charged his writing students to explore where creativity comes from as they hone art reviews, poetry, and book reviews that will be considered for publication in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. He also hopes that some of his students' writings will be published in *Pluck*, a new journal of Affrilachian art and culture due out in spring 2007. Walker is the publisher.

"I'm pleased to be at Transylvania," Walker said, "where I can enjoy a freedom in what I teach, and share my passions."

Transylvania awarded Walker an honorary doctor of letters degree in 2002, but his introduction to Transy came earlier during his tenure as executive director of the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, which he was instrumental in relocating to Transylvania's campus. "In Transy, I found the ideal home for GSA," he said. "President Shearer always made us feel welcome; it was, and remains, a great relationship for all involved."

In 2005, Walker was awarded a Lannan Literary Fellowship, which honors a significant contribution to English-language literature. He is the editor of *Eclipsing a Nappy New Millennium* and the author of three poetry collections: *Black Box* (Old Cove Press, 2005); *Buffalo Dance: the Journey of York* (University Press of Kentucky, 2003), winner of the 35th Annual Lillian Smith Book Award; and *Affrilachia* (Old Cove Press, 2000), a Kentucky Public Librarians' Choice Award nominee.

# A Contested Concept

Transylvania, assisted by Phi Beta Kappa, hosts national liberal arts seminar

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY

It can be a daunting endeavor to pin down a philosophical concept, but even when there are no absolute answers, the questions and discussions that surround them are vital to the survival and growth of an educational community.

This is something political science professor Jeff Freyman, biology professor Kathleen Jagger, and former religion professor Trina Jones know well. In the fall of 2005, the three were invited to give presentations on liberal arts education during a conference at George Washington University, sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Society and the American Conference of Academic Deans. To prepare for the event, they invited their Transylvania colleagues to join them for a campus seminar.

"We needed to educate ourselves," Freyman said. "At a liberal arts institution, we should constantly ask ourselves what it means to be liberally educated, and remind ourselves of purpose."

The seminar for Transylvania faculty, which was supported by the Betty and

David Jones Faculty Development Fund and the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment, proved enlightening and provided Freyman, Jagger, and Jones a springboard for the presentations they delivered in Washington D.C.

During a question and answer session at that conference, an associate director of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most respected honorary society, took great interest in the mention of Transy's faculty seminar and suggested that such an event would hold national appeal. With that, the idea was born to host a national liberal arts seminar on Transylvania's campus.

After six months of planning, presidents and academic deans of prestigious liberal arts colleges from across the country were invited to nominate professors from their institutions for a place in a seminar titled "Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept," made possible by friends of Transylvania with support from the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

From approximately 60 nominations, 15 representatives were chosen from institutions such as Smith College, Austin College, Centre College, Hollins University, and Connecticut College. The seminar

participants, who all expressed thoughtfulness about the issues of educational philosophy and a commitment to liberal education, were selected to reflect the diversity within the professoriate at liberal arts colleges.

■ Professors and Phi Beta Kappa Society officials taking part in the seminar included, front row, from left, Jefferson Hunter, Smith College, English literature and film; Delores Wagoner-Shirley, Bennett College, social work and sociology; Martha Andresen, Pomona College, English; Marta Tucker, Monmouth College, computer science; Ellen Cox, Transylvania, philosophy; Stephen B. Herschler, Oglethorpe College, politics; second row, Joe W. Leedom, Hollins University, history; Jeff Freyman, Transylvania, political science; Robert W. Cape Jr., Austin College, classics; John Svarlien, Transylvania, classics; William K. Friert, Gustavus Adolphus College, classics; Teresa Gilliams, Albright College, English and African American literature; Elizabeth Manwell, Kalamazoo College, classics; back row, John Churchill, executive secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society; Colin Anderson, Hiram College, philosophy; Scott Lurding, associate secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society; W. David Hall, Centre College, religion and philosophy; David C. Paris, Hamilton College, political science; Robert Proctor, Connecticut College, Italian language and literature; Lawrence K. Schmidt, Hendrix College, philosophy.



Lori-Lyn Hurley



■ Transylvania Special Collections Librarian B.J. Gooch, center, led a tour of some of the University's interesting holdings for the seminar participants.

eral arts education, and the attitude of the seminar was less practical than it was philosophical.

"The seminar was oriented less toward the construction of specific curricular regimes and more toward a better appreciation of the nature and varieties of the liberal arts enterprise itself," Freyman said.

### ***The joy of teaching***

The opening session, a presentation titled, "I will speak as liberal as the north: Tales of Teaching at a Liberal Arts College," was given by Martha Andresen, the Phebe Estell Spalding Professor of English at Pomona College and an original member of the selection committee of the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching at Transylvania.

"In my view," she said, "the entire seminar experience served not only effectively to 'contest' the concept of the liberal arts, but to exemplify the liberal arts as we have come to understand and affirm the concept."

Andresen's concept of liberal arts education includes a view of teaching as a journey of great fulfillment and joy. "My goal has always been the vibrant connection of a scholar to the text and then of my students to the text," she said, "and then the connection of all of us, in a community of learning, to one another."

### ***A contest of ideas***

The conference was held in August and, as the title suggests, brought about a lively exchange of ideas. Except for the opening and the plenary session, the meetings were conducted as discussion groups, each dealing with a selection of readings. These pieces included both seminal items and more contemporary ones, all articulating different perspectives on the nature and purpose of liberal education.

Perhaps there is no concise definition, but it is widely accepted that a liberal arts education familiarizes students with the past while preparing them for the future, and that the liberal arts have adjusted to changing conditions over the course of societal progress.

"Throughout history, there have been a variety of understandings of what liberal education is or should be," Freyman said. "There is a debate between those who emphasize intellectual virtues and those who emphasize the transmission of moral and civic virtues."

Rather than advance an agenda based on these issues, the intention of the seminar was to make its participants more aware of the spectrum of conceptions of liberal education, and hence more thoughtful about their own commitments. To some, the term "liberal arts" has come to mean studies that provide general knowledge rather than specialized skills. Vocational training in the liberal arts, in the context of a "calling" toward a specific career, is a concept that Freyman feels bears examination.

"Over time, the people who support the notion of the liberal arts as character development have yielded ground to the other side, expanding the concept of what is included in liberal education," he said.

Seminar participants were asked to consider this and other applications of liberal education principles in the classroom, in the preparation of course offerings, and in the construction of curricula at their academic institutions.

With sessions such as "Alternative Traditions in Liberal Arts" and "The Current State of Liberal Education in America," however, emphasis was placed on the ongoing debates about the purpose of lib-



■ Martha Andresen, Pomona College, who delivered the opening session of the seminar, and John Churchill, Phi Beta Kappa Society, who delivered the plenary session, exchanged ideas outside of the Glenn Building.

Andresen spoke of the importance of feeling passionate about the subject matter one teaches and the need to encourage what students have to offer, which is often directly related to the smaller class size of liberal arts institutions. “Students have so much to teach their classmates, and their teachers,” she said. “Every effort must be made to include them in the conversation, and that often means limiting class size.”

This vision of liberal arts education is shared by seminar participant Elizabeth Manwell, a professor of classics at Kalamazoo College, who left a position at a research university to teach at Kalamazoo.

“When asked why I gave up a 2-2 load (2 courses in the fall, 2 courses in the spring) at a large state university, I typically answer that I prefer teaching smaller classes, have more engaged students, and enjoy more academic freedom at Kalamazoo,” said Manwell. “In the process of reading for, then participating in this seminar, I’ve come to see that the community I cherish here is specifically one of liberal educators. My colleagues daily practice and model for students a life of rich intellectual engagement in their fields of study and the world around them.”

### **Freedom of inquiry**

The plenary session of the seminar, which addressed the current state of liberal education in America, was delivered by John Churchill, secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, who believes that liberal education involves three dimensions—knowledge, values, and critical thinking.

He asserted that a liberal arts education asks that educators and students take the high road of free inquiry, avoiding the “ditches” of fundamentalism and cynicism. “Liberal education is the acquisition of knowledge necessary to deliberate about things that matter,” he said, “the development of the capacity to see what does matter, and the honing of skills of reasoning about those things.”

From this point of view, the liberal arts can be seen as a key to success in any field. The ability to analyze, think critically, and compile knowledge in a cohesive way is an empowering skill set, regardless of career choice.

While Churchill contended that learning in and of itself is a worthwhile endeavor, he pointed out that the liberal arts instructor also hopes for a further purpose that serves the good of the individual as well as that of the larger society. “We hope to carry forward the well-being of American democracy,” he said.

This sentiment was echoed by seminar participant Jonathan Miller-Lane, professor of education at Middlebury College. “While every interaction between students and professors need not and should not have any other purpose than the cultivation of our humanity,” he said, “if we are to preserve the liberal arts in higher education we must explicitly link it to the preservation and renewal of democratic life.”



■ From left, Delores Wagoner-Shirley, Bennett College; Jeff Freyman, Transylvania; Robert W. Cape Jr., Austin College; and Teresa Gilliams, Albright College, enjoy a lively seminar session.

Miller-Lane felt the seminar at Transylvania provided a much needed opportunity to engage colleagues from across the nation in an exploration of a variety of ideas. “The seminar helped me clarify two beliefs that I hold in creative tension,”

Miller-Lane said. “First, a liberal arts education is characterized by opportunities to examine, interrogate, and celebrate the human experience – not simply the Western experience, but the human experience. Second, the notion that we can separate the possibility of a liberal arts education from the democratic political system that enables and is sustained by such an education is myopic.”

Manwell also felt the conference served her well. “This seminar helped me to clarify that my colleagues are whole people for whom teaching, research, and service to the campus and to the wider community are pieces of a pathway to new possibilities in all aspects of their human experience,” she said.

### **Spotlight on Transylvania**

In turn, the conference served Transylvania, allowing the University to play a national role in the ongoing discussions surrounding liberal education. “It is important to establish Transylvania as the institution that conducts this seminar,” said Freyman, a task that has been taken on by the Center for Liberal Education at Transy, operated by Freyman, Jagger, classics professor John Svarlien, and philosophy professor Ellen Cox. The Center, which holds the seminar as its chief focus, is working toward the goal of securing the funding that would enable the conference to be an annual event on campus.

“Transylvania has been in the liberal arts business for a long time,” Freyman said. “We have a record of historical excellence in liberal education. This type of seminar needs to look to the past in order to go toward the future. In that way, Transylvania is an ideal host for such an exploration.”

This exploration of liberal arts education has no ending point. There will always be discussion and disagreement about the core of education known as the liberal arts, and new ideas born as a result.

“It could be said that the purpose of liberal education is to enhance self-awareness,” Freyman said, and the conference did just that by contributing to a national conversation on the idea of liberal education and the mission of the liberal arts college in twenty-first century America. ■

# LIBERTY, SECURITY,

## Bingham-Young Professorship draws from all disciplines to

Children's literature, coca fields in Bolivia, and Danish cartoons may appear to be unrelated topics, yet they, along with many other seemingly disparate subjects, easily fell under the umbrella of philosophy professor Peter Fosl's Bingham-Young Professorship titled Liberty, Security, and Justice.

Presentations by Transylvania faculty members on using stories to educate Muslim children in the United States, the security implications of a leftist government's decision to allow coca production in Latin America, and the impact of satiric cartoons on a society lacking the tradition of free speech were examples of the wide-ranging topics taken up during Fosl's professorship, which ended in May after covering two academic years from 2004-06.

These presentations were the tip of an iceberg of prominent guest speakers, panel discussions, debates, symposia, curricular development workshops, art exhibits, theatrical productions, film screenings and discussions, and other events that allowed the entire Transylvania community, along with outside guests, to explore the professorship's timely issues. At the height of the program, there was an event every week.

"Peter's professorship was on a theme that touched all of our academic disciplines," said Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard. "It made our students and faculty think about such things as individual rights versus public safety, the possible infringement of individual rights, and other effects of heightened security since the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001."

Fosl deliberately cast a very wide net

when seeking participation in the professorship.

"I tried to create a culture of reflection that would gather the entire Transylvania community around a common set of topics," he said. "As a liberal arts college, we don't just speak to these issues of liberty, security, and justice in political science or history. They may be the most obvious places to go, but you have these ideas being engaged in art, philosophy, English, and many other disciplines."

Participants, both Transy faculty and outside speakers, represented a spectrum of political and philosophical points of view. For example, two prominent early outside speakers were Kentucky author Wendell Berry and political and literary critic Christopher Hitchens, who put forth

polar opposite views on certain U.S. foreign policy matters.

Berry's convocation presentation in the fall of 2004 drew upon ideas in his essay, "Thoughts in the Presence of Fear," and featured his view that war only justifies violence and leads to further violence. Hitchens, on the other hand, believes the case for overthrowing the regime of Saddam Hussein was unimpeachable and makes the case that the use of military force by the United States is morally correct and critical for our nation's security.

These presentations were typical of the range of thought and viewpoint that characterized the professorship.

"It was pretty broad based," said Pollard. "Peter had people speaking from fairly conservative perspectives and from liberal perspectives. And that was balanced, it seems, throughout the two years of the program."

### ***A matter of education***

Among the many sessions presented by Transy faculty were three interesting events that considered the issues involved with Muslim children in American schools, the rise of leftist regimes in Latin America, and the social psychology seen when a fundamentalist society is faced with criticism of its sacred beliefs.

Education professor Kathy Egner hosted "Understanding Muslim Children—A Symposium for Educators" that focused on things teachers should know in order to work effectively with Muslim students in the classroom. Area university faculty along with all levels of public and private school teachers were invited.

"One of the changes necessary to protect our society in an increasingly danger-



■ Illustrating the breadth of philosophy professor Peter Fosl's Bingham-Young Professorship on Liberty, Security, and Justice, civil rights was the topic of a presentation titled "Negroes with Guns: Violence, Non-Violence and the Future of the United States," given by the late Kentucky civil rights activist Anne Braden and Timothy B. Tyson (right), the John Hope Franklin Senior Fellow at the National Humanities Center and professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (pictured with Fosl).

**In the Presence of Fear/Wendell Berry, Herb Smith // The Trial of Henry Kissinger/Christopher H  
Kentucky/Suzanne Pharr//The Human Rights Struggle in Guatemala/Rudy Monteroso//Understanding  
an Era of Brain Imaging/Colloquium//A Murder of Ravens/David Choate//Derridian Justice/Wilson D  
James P. Ziliak//Cyber Crime and Cyber Ethics/James Harris//Sampling the Ancestors: Hip-hop  
Druids, Maccabees, and Syncretic Empire/Frank Russell//A View of the 2004 U.S. Electio  
Palestine/Pat Geier, Sharon Wallace//Faith/Panel Discussion//Decline of the Washington Consensu  
Meat/Carol F. Adams//War on Compassion/Carol F. Adams//U.S.A. Patriot Act: A Debate/Gregory T  
show//Sena Jeter Naslund/Poet Laureate of Kentucky 2005//Drucilla K. Barker/Professor of Economi  
Williamson//The Role of Women Artists in the Transformation of South Africa/Sue Williamson//  
States Today/Daniel Levitas//The Recontextualization of the New Testament: Justice and the J**

# & JUSTICE

## enrich learning environment

ous world is a better-informed citizenry,” said Egner. “When we educate our children toward tolerance and understanding, we are investing in a more secure and peaceful world. Tolerance of those who are different from ourselves is crucial in this tense and uncertain time.”

The keynote speaker was Mubeen Mohiuddin, a Muslim who is a native of India and serves on the National Council of Community Justice and The Interfaith Alliance. She has spoken at schools, libraries, and churches throughout Central Kentucky about Islam.

“Mubeen gave a talk that was very practical and down-to-earth, fielding questions about dress and diets,” said Egner. “There is a lot of anxiety about Muslims in America, and the symposium participants got to see a real person talking about her faith, and they suddenly no longer could make categorizations the way they used to.”

Egner said one of the most effective teaching tools in many subject areas is literature, especially children’s stories. Part of the grant she received for presenting the symposium was dedicated to purchasing children’s literature, to be used for the symposium and then placed in the Transy library.

“We examined a lot of literature that can be helpful in assisting teachers and other children to understand, through the medium of story, Muslim people who live both in America and other countries,” said Egner. “It helped them to see that Muslims are not one-sided—they are Arab, Indian, American, black, and white.”

Ashley Linville ’05, who teaches kindergarten at Paris (Ky.) Elementary School, participated in the symposium and appreciated the new perspectives and the chil-

dren’s literature in particular.

“It was very informative to learn about Muslim school systems and things their children have to deal with,” she said. “We also talked a lot about the value of multicultural children’s literature. Having those materials was great when we did our lessons in Fayette County schools. It was a powerful symposium, and I’m glad I took part.”

### **Latin American concerns**

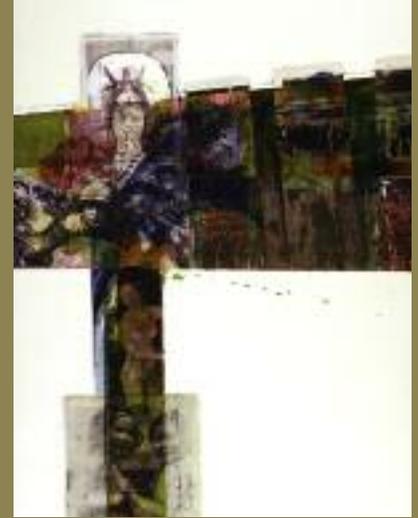
History professor Gregg Bocketti gave a talk titled *The Decline of the Washington Consensus in Latin America* that described the establishment of populist and leftist governments in a number of Latin American countries and some of the subsequent implications for United States foreign relations and national security.

The “Washington Consensus,” Bocketti said, was a point of view held by the United States and most Latin American countries, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund that the American model of business-friendly economic policies, international investment, and small expenditures for social services was the best choice.

“The Washington Consensus is built on giving business as much free hand as possible, because business is felt to be the driving force of any country and the growing point for a society,” said Bocketti.

In terms of American foreign policy, the Washington Consensus meant that the U.S. did not have to be overly concerned with Latin American countries. But in the past six years or so, many Latin American nations have turned toward the left, Bocketti said, and their populist leaders often take stands on issues that are counter to America’s stance.

*Continued on page 15.*



Rale

### **ARTWORKS SYMBOLIZE PROFESSORSHIP**

Art professor Jack Girard used found, drawn, and painted images in a mixed media collage approach to create two drawings—“Canon” and “Rale”—that served as artistic symbols of philosophy professor Peter Fosl’s Liberty, Security, and Justice professorship.

“I considered that liberty, security, and justice do not always exist in collective and equal harmony, and that one might be achieved best with some loss or diminishment of another,” said Girard.

While some might see the drawings as abstract, Girard says he does not.

“The images are as literal and as narrative as I ever get with my work. In ‘Canon,’ you have a canon, shell, abandoned playground and tricycle, conflict and violation, and lost innocence all very readable. In ‘Rale,’ you can see a centrally positioned metaphorical ‘lady liberty’ figure, Vietnam veterans, the send-off of the first commercial BOAC passenger plane (a thought to 9-11), and two children of different ethnic origins recalling what we did to Japanese-American civilians during World War II.”



Canon

itchens//**Today’s Struggles for Civil and Political Rights in  
ng Muslim Children/Mubeen Mohiuddin//Justice and Liberty in  
Dickinson//Panel on Economic Justice/Alan Bartley, Eugene Ghotz,  
and the African-American Musical Tradition/Craig Werner//  
n from Abroad/Panel Discussion//Non-violent Resistance in  
s in Latin America/Gregg Bocketti//The Sexual Politics of  
. Nojeim, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove//Reponse/Morlan Gallery group  
cs and Women’s Studies, Hollins University//Trauma as History/Sue  
The Terrorist Next Door: The Radical Right in the United  
ew as Religious Other/Paul Jones//A Psychologist’s Work at**

## Fosl named outstanding teacher in Kentucky

Philosophy professor Peter Fosl unabashedly admits to having a love affair with his students, philosophically speaking, that is.

“The word philosophy means a love of wisdom or knowledge, so there’s a kind of love of learning and inquiry and reflection that I try to ignite in students,” Fosl says. “In that sense, teaching is to some extent creating lovers.”

Fosl’s passion for the entire learning experience of his students, from classroom teaching to his support of related activities such as the philosophy club and a film series, along with his scholarship and publishing achievements, were enough to convince the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education that he was worthy of its Acorn Award as Kentucky’s outstanding four-year college professor for 2006.

“Transylvania has always placed a high priority on teaching excellence,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “Peter is one of the finest teachers I have known. His talent and dedication reflect the overall quality of our entire faculty.”

Fosl joined an impressive group of Transylvania faculty members who have been recognized for teaching excellence. Philosophy professor Jack Furlong won the Acorn Award in 2000, and Transylvania recently has dominated the Kentucky Professor of the Year awards, bestowed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Winners include biology professor Peggy Palombi (2005), political science professor Don Dugi (2003), Furlong (2002), biology professor James Wagner (2001), and retired economics professor Larry Lynch (1996).

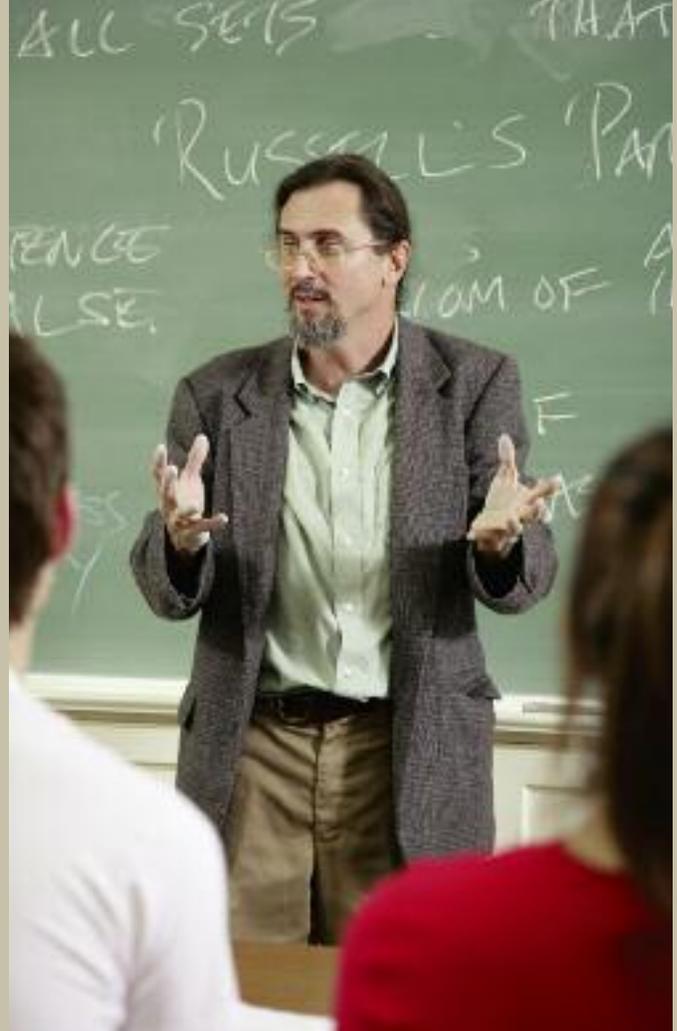
Fosl received the Acorn Award at a banquet held in Northern Kentucky in September that was hosted by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education as part of its 2006 Governor’s Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship.

In his introduction of Fosl, Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson said, “The outstanding quality of his teaching, expertise in his fields of study, the originality of courses and scholarship, and the role he plays as a mentor to students and faculty make Dr. Fosl an outstanding professor.”

Fosl earned bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and economics from Bucknell University and a master’s and doctorate, both in philosophy, from Emory University. He joined the Transylvania faculty in 1998 and is the recipient of a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Fosl is program director for philosophy and has served on the personnel, diversity, writing assessment, and faculty concerns committees. He developed Sophia, the University’s philosophy club; the philosophy program’s Web site; a philosophy film series; and a philosophy lecture series. He has launched courses in environmental philosophy, feminist philosophies, and medieval philosophy.

The most comprehensive example of Fosl’s overall commitment to learning at Transylvania is his recently completed Bingham-Young Professorship on Liberty, Security, and Justice. This broad-based two-year program brought prominent guest speak-



ers to campus and featured panel discussions, a film series, symposia, and other events that focused the Transy community on heightened issues of liberty, security, and justice in the era following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

The scope and depth of Fosl’s commitment to enhancing the learning experience for students and other faculty members at Transylvania has drawn praise from his colleagues.

“In my years as a professor and as a college administrator, I know of no one who has been able to accomplish as much as has Peter Fosl during his eight years at Transylvania, especially during these past two years as Bingham-Young professor,” said Vice President and Dean of the College William F. Pollard.

History professor Frank Russell team-taught a May term travel course with Fosl titled *The Ancient Polis* that took students to Greece to study the Greek conception of the “good life” as seen in the city-state. “Peter’s intellectual guidance created a course and a learning environment that was transformative for all of us,” said Russell.

Fosl gives much of the credit for his Acorn Award to Transylvania, which has provided him “good soil to work in. I’ve found a place that supports me in so many ways and has helped me grow as a teacher and a scholar.”

Fosl’s best reward for his efforts comes on commencement day, he says.

“I’ve seen these students in Foundations of the Liberal Arts in their first year, and then I see them four years later and realize that we are able to transform students and help them find their voice and a course in life. That’s very satisfying.”

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



Continued from page 13.

The U.S., for instance, has long held to a policy of trying to eradicate coca growing in Latin American countries so that the drug derived from the plant—processed cocaine—would not fuel drug addiction problems in America. Bolivia's new leftist government objects, on what it sees as economic justice issues.

"Bolivia elected a man who says he is going to decriminalize coca production," said Bocketti. "He is no longer going to allow American troops to spray coca fields. In Bolivia, coca production is pre-Columbian. The leaf gives a mild narcotic, but nothing like processed cocaine. He is saying, to criminalize quasi-religious activity in his country is to deny his people their traditions and economic justice. Cocaine is your problem—we don't have a cocaine epidemic in Bolivia.

"Because of the breakdown in the Washington Consensus, and the resulting disagreements such as the coca situation, the U.S. now has to worry about cultivating relationships with people we may not see eye-to-eye with. Not to say that they become enemies, but that they complicate things from a security point of view."

A little closer to home was the recent rising tide of support for a leftist politician in Mexico, which prompted the outgoing conservative government of Vicente Fox to try to create a more populist attitude. One result was the publication of a guide on how best to cross the Mexican-American border without compromising health concerns.

"This was a response to his own domestic problem of losing popularity," said Bocketti, "and it presents a problem for American security on our southern border."

### **Social identity theory**

Psychology professor Mark Jackson used the recent publication in Denmark of satiric cartoons aimed at the prophet Mohammed, and the subsequent uproar in the Islamic world, to present *Social Emotions and Social Unrest: Speculations* by a Social Psychologist.

Jackson said it was predictable, based on social identity theory, that some Muslims would react violently to the publication of cartoons that disparaged the image of Mohammed.

"We derive a sense of our self-concept from the groups to which we belong," said Jackson. "For some, certain group memberships are much more central to their self-concept than others, particularly for fundamentalists of any religion. The very public exposure and ridicule of Mohammed in those cartoons represented a kind of ego threat."

Jackson also tied this situation to his research on social emotions, in particular the distinction between shame and humiliation.

"Shame is an emotion we feel when we believe we've failed to live up to some internal standard that we have," he said. "Shame makes us want to run away and hide. Humiliation is a consequence of someone doing something to us that lowers us in the eyes of others. We become angry and want to get back at somebody. This is the emotion that sparked the most vehement Islamic reaction to the cartoons."

Exacerbating the problem is the absence of a tradition of free speech in the Islamic world, said Jackson. "The idea of free speech is very much a Western concept.

In Eastern cultures, particularly the fundamentalist theocracies, free speech is not a part of their world view. There are psychological consequences for those who live their entire lives in such a culture."

### **A rich learning experience**

In the final analysis, Fosl's energetic program stimulated lots of discussion and thoughtful inquiry into issues of liberty, security, and justice that are central to American's views not only of homeland security, but also of the world as a safe and just place for future generations.

It also energized the academic environment of Transylvania, enriching the curriculum and stimulating fresh approaches to teaching and learning, both of which are primary goals of the Bingham-Young Professorship program.

"There was a tremendous amount of curricular enrichment during the two-year program because it touched on so many disciplines and involved so many of our faculty and students," said Pollard. "The events took different forms and enhanced the art of teaching by modeling a sustained conversation on a topic."

Fosl believes his professorship experience illustrates the advantages of a liberal arts college and the potential for learning enrichment.

"At a small liberal arts college, you have the possibility of focusing everyone on the same set of topics. This would be either impossible or much more difficult at a larger institution. As a result, I believe Transy faculty members can now bring more sophistication, depth, and knowledge to their teaching about these compelling issues." ■

**Baumholde Health Clinic and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center during Operation Iraqi Freedom/Mark Hovee//After the Deluge: An Open Discussion of the Effects of Hurricane Katrina//On Lost Mountains and Just Societies/Erik Reece//Eyes Wide Open: The Human Cost of War//Justice or Just Us: Questions Facing the LGBT Movement/Mandy Carter//Stalker for Hire-Community Art Project//Fair Trade Week//Feminist Philosophers: In Their Own Words/Joan Callahan// Social Emotions and Social Unrest: Speculations by a Social Psychologist/Mark Jackson//Mississippi Praying: Southern White Protestants and the Quest for Black Equality/Carolyn Depont//Negroes with Guns: Violence and Non-violence and the Future of the United States/Timothy B. Tyson and Anne Braden// Homeland Security Gallic Style: France's Struggle with Social Unrest/Brian Arganbright//Giving Justice Its Due/George Perkovich**



■ Virginia Marsh Bell '44 and her writing partner David Troxel traveled to Beirut, Lebanon, to speak at the first conference on Alzheimer's Disease in the Arab world.

## A Best Friend

**Virginia Marsh Bell '44** works to revolutionize Alzheimer's care by tending to the needs of the spirit

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY

In September, Virginia Marsh Bell '44 flew to Berlin, Germany, to attend her 18th international conference on Alzheimer's Disease. As a pioneer in the field of Alzheimer's care, Bell has seen great change come about as a direct result of her work, all of which has taken place long after most people would have considered retirement to be their main purpose in life.

At age 60, Bell returned to school to pursue her master's degree in social work at the University of Kentucky. Thirty-five years had passed since she graduated from Transylvania with a mathematics and biology major. During those years, she and her husband, Wayne H. Bell '40, who was president of Lexington Theological Seminary, had raised five children, and she had been energetic in her volunteer work.

"It was a good time to go back to school," she said. "When you're older, you're focused. You know what you want to do and you don't have many of the distractions that younger students have."

Bell did earn her master's, with an emphasis on gerontology. Upon completion of her final practicum at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, she was asked to stay on as a family counselor, which she did for 11 years. One of her first assignments was to create a day center for Alzheimer's patients that would provide a respite for family caregivers. In response, Bell not only created Helping Hand (now the Best Friends Day Center), she also developed a whole new model of care for patients with dementia, based on a relational approach.

In 1996, Bell and her writing partner David Troxel wrote *The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care*, the acclaimed first book in the Best Friends series, describing the philosophy of care that has helped many family and professional caregivers. "Some people said if something's gone wrong in the memory part of the brain then there's really not much you can do," Bell said. "I contended that there's a person underneath, and that even though you might not be able to do anything about the damage being done to the brain, you could relate to the strength of that person."

At the Best Friends Day Center, volunteers are paired with participants, whom they treat as best friends. The focus is not as much on caring for them in accordance with a medical model as it is relating to them on a human level.

"What a person needs most of all if they can't remember, is a friend," Bell said. "We want them to feel respected and loved, and those are spiritual needs, which are foremost for a person with dementia. They long to be connected and they long to be known as someone with dignity, and what we do best, I think, is we become the biographers for the person."

Bell's own biography includes an affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which led her family to Transylvania. "What a wonderful experience for this little country girl to go to Transylvania," she said. "My graduating class had 12 people in it. Transylvania looked huge."

She remembers spending time with mathematics professor Harvey Wright and chemistry professor Virgil Payne, and views her life at Transy through the lens of connection to others. "What I got from Transylvania was the whole ambiance of family. We helped one another. I think that part of college is not just your studies, but the experience of being with other people for four years. I don't think there's any better place for me to have gotten my experience."

It is that same notion of caring for others as family that motivates Bell's work today. Though she retired in 1993, she continues to volunteer at the Best Friends Day Center, and she and Troxel are in the process of writing their fifth book. They travel extensively to assist centers around the world adopt the methods they describe. In October, Bell spoke in Budapest, Hungary, where workers have been trained in the Best Friends approach. Oregon, Maine, and Illinois have also adopted the methods; plans are underway in Michigan; and Canada is working toward the Best Friends model.

Bell and Troxel are not possessive about the Best Friends name, but they insist upon an adherence to a whole new way of doing things—the caring for dementia patients through relationship. Their books have been translated into numerous languages, including Arabic, and last year the pair traveled to Beirut, Lebanon, to speak at the first conference on Alzheimer's in the Arab world.

"I think one of the mistakes we make in this country is to feel

that we have the last word on things," Bell said. "In our culture, we are hypercritical if someone can't remember well, and this is not true in other cultures."

Bell said she continues to learn from the countries she visits, the dementia patients she works with at the day center, and her own family. "My husband has always been supportive of even my wildest notions of what I wanted to do," she said. "And we have five wonderful children. They grew up in the sixties, and I think they grew through me with their ideas."

While Bell credits the younger generation for giving dimension to her work and life, she added that one of the nice things about being older is being able to stand on the hill and look equally back across the past and into the future.

"Dementia, as devastating as it is, has taught us a wonderful lesson and that is, you'd better not bypass a person's spirit," Bell said, and she continues to uphold the ideals of that lesson as she reaches out to the world of care-givers and the patients they serve. She has spent thousands of hours caring for Alzheimer's patients and educating those who live with them, and she has no plans to slow down.

If you ask her, Bell will tell you she does not deserve all of the credit for her achievements. She attributes the inspiring life she has lived to her upbringing and early influences. "When I think about it, there's no reason why I shouldn't do something to help others, because it was just laid out for me," she said.

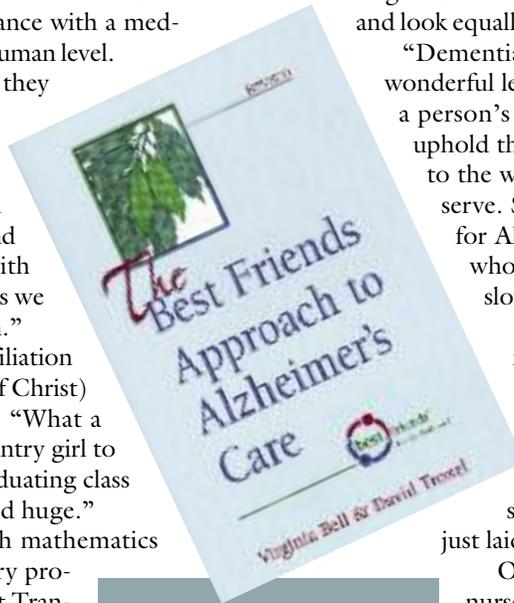
One of Bell's grandmothers served as parish nurse for the community she grew up in, even though, Bell pointed out, she had no formal training, just an innate way of knowing how to care for people. Both of her parents also worked for the betterment of others, providing help where it was needed. "So often our meals were interrupted because mother would have to go to someone who was having a baby and daddy would have to go to someone who was having a calf," Bell said. "So you see, I just thought life was supposed to be partly helping someone else."

While packing up the family home after the death of her parents, Bell discovered a box of calendars that had been kept by her mother. The entry for June 30, 1922, Bell's birthday, read, "22 hen eggs, 5 turkey eggs, baby girl born."

"When I read that," Bell said, "I thought, really this is the essence of what the farm was like. You were part of the whole operation."

That spirit of working together, which was introduced to Bell early in life, carries through in her work today.

"I can not imagine that I wouldn't do something for someone else. I've been in training all of my life to do that," Bell said. "What I've done has accumulated from the time I was born with all those eggs—everything has come together that I should do something to help other people. It's what I should have done." ■



"Dementia, as devastating as it is, has taught us a wonderful lesson and that is, you'd better not bypass a person's spirit."

# The last football team



Historic run of 51 Transylvania football seasons ended with World War II

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

If the phrase “We will hear the whistle blowing tonight” means anything to you, then you are among a special group of alumni who experienced football at Transylvania in the 1920s, 1930s, and early ’40s before World War II brought the venerable program to an end.

“If the team was playing out of town and we won the game, they blew the steam whistle over at the Power Plant building,” remembers Ann Moore Medaris ’42. “The campus is small, and even up in Hamilton Hall you could easily hear the whistle. There was no such thing as hearing it on

the radio or picking it up on TV or your cell phone.”

Medaris is among many Transylvanians who remember football as a colorful part of their student experience. As it turned out, she and her classmates were witnessing the final seasons of a historic program that pioneered college football in the South in the 19th century while providing fans with exciting games for more than 50 years.

After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the University suspended the football program “for the duration,” but few suspected the duration would become 65 years and counting. Most assumed the normal meaning of that phrase at the time—for the duration of World War II—meant that the Pioneers would kick off the next football season when hostilities ended.

It never happened. For a variety of reasons—primarily financial—there was little support for resuming the program after the war. The original suspension turned into cancellation.

Today, more than six decades after Pearl Harbor, Transy football is a fast fading

memory, kept alive only by the reminiscences of alumni of the era, through faded and yellowing press clippings, the eloquent prose of old *Crimson* yearbooks, and the sardonic tee-shirts created by Transy students several years ago that carried the tagline, “Transylvania Football: Undeclared since 1941.”

## **The spirit of football**

By the time Wolford Ewalt ’38 arrived at Transylvania in the fall of 1934, the Pioneers had already seen many of their best seasons go by. (*See sidebar.*) But there were still plenty of victories and lots of school spirit to come for Ewalt and his teammates and classmates.

For the program’s final eight seasons (1934-41) that began with Ewalt’s freshman year, the Pioneers had an overall record of 26-37-2, highlighted by winning seasons in 1935 (5-3-0) and 1940 (5-3-1). The final season record of 3-5-0 in 1941 included wins over Franklin College, Union College, and Otterbein College, along with losses to the University of Louisville and the University of Cincinnati.

“I’ll never forget one game against Union College down at Thomas Field, and it had just poured down rain. I mean, that field was a quagmire. On one play, we had to punt, and he got it up there pretty high, and I took off down the field. The guy waiting to catch the ball didn’t see me coming, and just as the ball hit him, I hit him too. We slid I know a good 30 feet. It was so funny. That was a dooley, I’ll tell you.”

Robert Rapier ’42  
Position: end



■ 1930s era Transylvania football



Transylvania Archives

"I was impressed in knowing we had some football players from New York and New Jersey. I was lucky enough to be a cheerleader during the 1941 season, and those football games provided such school spirit for Transylvania. After that season, things changed pretty quickly with December 7, 1941. We immediately got used to a very small student body, but we carried on with all our traditions and very strong friendships were formed."

Tevis M. Owen Rose '44



Ewalt, inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2004, was a starting tackle who lettered all four years and was an All-Kentucky, All-Southern, and Little All-American player his senior year. He remembers a different game from today's college football, one focused almost exclusively on running the ball.

"I played on both offense and defense—that's the way everybody did it in those days," he says. "On offense, colleges back then played mostly a running game, with very little passing, and that's how Transy played."

Harry Stephenson '46, former varsity athlete, coach, teacher, and current admin-

istrator at Transy, is even more emphatic about the nature of the game in the 1930s.

"Passing just wasn't a part of the game," he says. "There was one guy who played at Eastern who did most of the passing in the entire state of Kentucky. Coaches discouraged the forward pass. Their attitude was, every time you put the ball in the air, it can be intercepted, and you lose all the yardage you've ever gained."

Padded uniforms were not nearly as elaborate as they are today, and the helmet was still made of leather, unlike the hard composite helmets of today.

"Our helmets were that old leather with a cross strap in the top of them," recalls Robert Rapier '42, who played left end (equivalent to a tight end today) for four years. "There's many a time we busted through that strap when you'd hit somebody."

### The playing field

Transy played most of its home games on Thomas Field, but not the one today's students are familiar with. The original Thomas Field was located on the west side of North Broadway between what was then 7th Street (now Delcamp Drive, named after longtime Transylvania classics professor Ernest Delcamp) and the railroad tracks, which at that time was the edge of Lexington. Ben Allen Thomas II '12 donated the land to Transy that became the field his son played on.

"We just walked up to Thomas Field," recalls Medaris, who lived in Hamilton Hall, the women's residence hall that was demolished in the 1960s. "I went to all the games. I was president of the Crimson Club (pep club) in 1941. I was a Chi Omega, and all the sororities and fraternities kind of pushed everybody to go to the games."

Tommie Hartman Houston '44 can confirm that sentiment. "I was a member of Delta Delta Delta and we did a lot of things our sororities told us to do, especially when we were pledges."

Medaris was also editor of the *Crimson Rambler* student newspaper and was ahead of her time as a woman sportswriter, covering Pioneer games. "I didn't know much about football, so I asked coach (Tate "Piney") Page if I could attend his chalk talks. That's when I learned about the Xs and Os. Anything for a good story."

Tevis M. Owen Rose '44 had a student

## Transy wins historic game

To Transylvania and Centre College belongs the distinction of having introduced intercollegiate football to the South.

The Pioneers and Colonels played the first recorded college game in the South on the afternoon of April 9, 1880, on a site now occupied by the University of Kentucky's Singletary Center for the Arts. It was formerly the location of Stoll Field, UK's old football stadium, where Transy played occasional home games.

An observer for the *Lexington Herald* filed this account:

the two teams met in a cow pasture...near Lexington....there were fifteen players on each team and a player once injured or removed for other reasons could not re-enter a game. At the end of much scuffling and butting of scholarly foreheads, Transylvania was declared the winner by a score of 13-3/4 points to 0...The team members were older men, a good many of them having whiskers. And they wore extremely heavy shoes and heavily padded apparel.

The account also said that spectators paid 50 cents to see the game and that the presence of a good many female spectators "...induced the boys to exert themselves more."

Transylvania played Centre twice the following year, winning one game and tying the other, before suspending football until 1892 when the sport was revived and played until 1941.

"We were playing Morehead and they were using the Notre Dame box formation, where three backs run ahead of the runner and block for him. I was playing left end and coach Page had me dive under the feet of the lead back, knocking him down and stopping the runner. The next time I tried it, it didn't work so well. I got disoriented by a blow to my nose and had to be taken out of the game. Fortunately, it wasn't broken."

Ben Allen Thomas Jr. '42  
Position: end



job working for Page and intramurals director Algie Reece and was also a Pioneer booster. “Everybody came to the games,” she says. “It was a big thing. There were lots of afternoon games, and I also remember lights on the field.”

Sometimes the student body became part of the team. Richard Bradley ’43 was sitting in chapel one day when coach Page made an appeal for players. “This was in the middle of the 1941 season and it seems to me he had a squad of only about 18 men. I volunteered to join the team and played in two games.”

Bradley remembers being told of a game in Tennessee against Maryville College in which Transy quarterback Harry Herman ’42 astounded the crowd with a tremendous “Hail Mary” pass long before that term was coined. “Harry threw the



Julian Wilson/The Lexington Herald

“The football players all lived in Ewing Hall. One of the things we didn’t like very much was running up the sidewalk on North Broadway from the campus to Thomas Field (near Seventh Street) with our uniforms on. The cleats in those days were different from today—they were made of hard rubber, and sometimes we’d slip and fall. We never could walk—coach made us run or jog. But it was all right—I enjoyed it.”

Gordon Harold Wilson ’41  
Position: tackle, end



■ The “old chapel bell” was the trophy for the winner of the annual Thanksgiving Transylvania-Georgetown game. These happy Pioneers claimed the bell on November 21, 1940, with a 7-6 win. From left, Carmen Biazzo ’43, student manager Leon McKinney ’43, Dick Frain, unidentified student, Robert Rapier ’42, Frank Roye ’41, and Pete Norton.

ball 80 yards, and the people in the stands, their mouths just dropped open. I don’t think anybody caught it.”

### The rivalry

One thing everyone who was part of Transy football agrees upon is that Georgetown College was far and away the big rival. As a 1941 *Crimson* editor stated, “Every Transylvania football season is a success if the Pioneers defeat Georgetown.” A bonus was that a victory over the Tigers meant the Transy first-year students no longer had to wear their freshman beanies.

Adding color to the intense rivalry was the “old chapel bell”, a trophy that went to the winning team, which would proudly ring it at halftime the next year.

“In the fall of 1940, my senior year, we beat Georgetown and got the bell back,” recalls Gordon Harold Wilson ’41, who played tackle and end. “We got to keep the bell for a year. We used to hang it in front of Ewing Hall where several sidewalks came together. People passing by would give that bell a ding-dong.”

The two teams played a remarkably even series, with the final tally showing Transylvania with 17 wins and 397 points while Georgetown had 20 wins and 410 points. Appropriately, the 1941 game with Georgetown was the Transy program’s final game.

Even that colorful rivalry was not enough to ensure football’s future at Transy. With the outbreak of World War II, Transylvania President Raymond F. McLain was quoted in the 1942 *Crimson* as to the University’s position on football:

“In view of possible reduced enrollment next fall and a consequent reduction in income from student fees, we have already decided to make adjustments in various departments of the college with a view to living within our means. It hardly would be consistent to continue an inter-collegiate football program which has been operating at a deficit for some time.”

Rose remembers being back at Transy for the fall of 1942, for the first time without football games to go to. “There wasn’t anything to miss because there were

so few of us by then, and we couldn’t do anything about it anyway. We carried on with the Student Union and the jukebox to make up for no football.”

So, it all came down to money in the end, along with a shortage of male students during the war. The financial point-of-view apparently had not changed by the fall of 1945 when World War II had ended and the college resumed its first post-war academic year. “We had sold the University of Kentucky a lot of our prac-



“We were in college right in the middle of the big band era. We had formal dances practically every Saturday night, often in Hamilton Hall ballroom. One of the events in the fall was called the Football

Dance, but I think it really was just an excuse to have another dance. I believe the Crimson Club sponsored it. Some of the football players were very good dancers. They all dated someone, and the girls always wanted to go to the dance.”

Ann Moore Medaris ’42

tice equipment,” says Stephenson, “and I don’t think Raymond McLain had any ideas of starting football again.”

Perhaps the final straw was the fact that Thomas Field was now covered with surplus World War II barracks converted into mini-apartments for the married couples among the swarm of ex-servicemen returning to college on the G.I. Bill

### The final score

What is a fitting requiem for a program rooted in the history of Southern intercollegiate football and an integral part of student life for many generations of Transy students?

Rapier is among the former players who have a soft spot in their hearts for memo-



“We were playing Western Kentucky, a bigger school with bigger players, and some of our players got knocked around pretty good. After the game, we spent the night in a hotel in Bowling Green and we were having a pillow fight when I broke a finger. So when I got home, other players were banged up from the game and they asked me how I got mine. I had to say, ‘A pillow fight.’ My wife still tells people that story.”

*Wolford Ewalt '38*  
Position: guard, tackle



■ 1905 Transylvania (then Kentucky University) Pioneers

Transylvania Archives

## Glory years include now-major opponents

Transylvania vs. the University of Texas? How about Transy against the University of Tennessee, Indiana University, and the University of North Carolina?

In the early decades of the football program when the Pioneers experienced two especially successful periods, Transy kicked it off against all those schools, and many more that are now major college powers.

As implausible as it may seem today, Transylvania owns football victories over Texas, Tennessee, Indiana, North Carolina, the University of Kentucky, the University of Arkansas, the University of Missouri, the University of Virginia, and Texas A. & M. University. The Pioneers tied Northwestern University and also took on the Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Vanderbilt University, and Mississippi State University.

Some of the wins came during two periods that highlighted what could be called the golden era of football at Transy. The first encompassed five seasons, from 1901-05, when Transy had a cumulative record of 31-8-4, including an 8-1-1 mark in 1901 and a 7-1-0 record in 1903.

At 6-0-3, the 1905 season was one of three undefeated years for the Pioneers and a season in which Transy’s opponents scored a total of just 12 points:

Transylvania	34	Central University	0
Transylvania	6	Kentucky Military Institute	6
Transylvania	27	Virginia	0
Transylvania	29	Louisville Art College	0
Transylvania	0	Marietta	0
Transylvania	0	Northwestern	0
Transylvania	6	Texas	0
Transylvania	29	Texas A. & M.	6
Transylvania	6	Arkansas	0

The second golden period came during the 1914-15 seasons when the Pioneers were a combined 14-2-2. The 1915 season featured the championship of the state of Kentucky and a near-miss of Champions of the South by virtue of a loss to Georgia Tech.

After the last play was run for the Transy football program in a 21-13 loss to Georgetown on Thanksgiving of 1941, the Pioneers had compiled a 51-season record of 146-176-27.

ries of Pioneer football. “I thoroughly enjoyed playing at Transy—it was a good part of our lives. I look back on it with fond memories.”

Another view is that the accomplishments of the football team, especially against larger universities (*See sidebar.*), can be viewed as an analogy for any of the achievements of a small liberal arts college that sets its sights on big goals. Today, for example, Transy students win places at elite graduate and professional schools, in competition with students from much larger and more prestigious institutions.

As Rapier put it, in a sentiment that still works today, “We prided ourselves on the fact that we weren’t the biggest school in the world, but we thought we were a pretty darn good school.”

But perhaps the final words should go to the anonymous *Crimson* editor of 1942, who had this wistful comment on the last Transylvania football team in light of the administration’s plans to increase intramural football to take the place of varsity play “for the duration.” The writer seemed certain the Pioneers would return to the gridiron after the war:

“A six-man football league on campus may help give a wider student participation in athletics and at the same time keep football alive until the college can resume it on an intercollegiate basis. But whatever plans are offered as a substitute for football, the best is none too good, for having almost an uninterrupted schedule of games for 62 years has enabled the sport to make a deep impression in the hearts of football lovers everywhere, and its glory and its color will be sorely missed by many a gridiron enthusiast, especially in the intervening years to come at Transylvania.” ■

*Statistics on Transylvania’s team records are taken from a synopsis prepared by former student sports information director Julian Tackett ’82 in 1980 in connection with the University’s bicentennial celebration.*

# 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.



Transylvania Archives

■ Sporting freshman beanies, Josephine Stroker Elkins '57 and Anne England Mulder '57 move into their room in Hamilton Hall at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year. Elkins now lives in Paris, Ky., and is a retired school teacher, while Mulder lives in Deerfield Beach, Fla., and is an educational consultant.

'54 J. Mitchell Bailey, Shelbyville, Ky., and his wife, Jane, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 5.

'61 Thomas C. Watson Jr. and Dorothy Couch Watson '62, Tullahoma, Tenn., were featured on ABC's *Live with Regis and*

*Kelly* on May 12 as part of the show's 16th annual "Mom's Dream Come True" contest. Dot was one of five mothers recognized for helping others.

'63 **Charles L. "Chuck" Barrett**, Middleton, Wisc., enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. His ninth grandchild, Rena Miranda Weintraub, was one year old in July.

'66 **William B. Bell**, Midlothian, Va., represented Transylvania at the inauguration of Gene R. Nichol as president of The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

**Judith Haller Little**, Port Charlotte, Fla., has six grandsons and four granddaughters. She's enjoying retirement in Florida and visiting her grandchildren in Ohio and South Carolina.

'74 **Libby Jacobs Christensen** teaches English at South University. She also gives business English seminars for Auburn University and runs her own quilting design Web business. She lives near Montgomery, Ala., with her husband, Lt. Col. Bob Christensen, and son, Nick, 14.

'76 **Joy Sausman Beaudry**, Gaithersburg, Md., is owner and president of P.P.S.i, a personnel placement service, and has been in the personnel recruiting business for 24

years. She still stays in touch with some classmates and has many great memories of Lexington and Transy. She invites anyone in the area to contact her. Reach her by e-mail at [future@ppsilive.com](mailto:future@ppsilive.com).

'77 **Linda Wise McNay**, Atlanta, has joined the High Museum of Art as director of museum advancement.

'78 **Melisa "Lisa" Black-Hawkins**, Hilton Head Island, S.C., has been appointed manager of training and organizational development of Gulfstream Aerospace and will be responsible for non-technical training programs of Gulfstream's 7,900 employees.

'79 **Nancy L. Alif**, Las Vegas, Nev., was elected president-elect of the State Bar of Nevada at its annual meeting in Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii.

**Sheila Jaynes Gurr** has been installed as commander of the Fort Myers Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, which is an organization dedicated to safe and enjoyable boating ([www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)). Sheila also recently attained the grade of senior navigator with the United States Power



## CALDWELL RECEIVES OAK AWARD

Karen Kaye Caldwell '77 is the recipient of the 2006 OAK (Outstanding Alumni of Kentucky) award, presented by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education. Award winners must hold an undergraduate degree from a public or independent Kentucky college or university, have achieved national stature and reputation in their chosen career, and have exhibited a lifelong affection for and attachment to their alma mater and to Kentucky.

Caldwell, who serves as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, was formerly the first woman in Kentucky to serve as a U.S. attorney. In that role, she earned a reputation for effectively fighting public corruption. Named to the Transylvania Board of Trustees in 2001, Caldwell has been an active and supportive member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She was the 2005 Commencement speaker at Transylvania, and was awarded an honorary degree.

Caldwell has served on boards and committees of numerous organizations and is well known across Kentucky for her initiatives in child abuse prevention, engaging young Kentuckians in leadership programs, and working to facilitate opportunities for women.

The OAK award was presented at a banquet held during the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship September 17 in northern Kentucky.

"This honor belongs to Transylvania, because anything I have accomplished to this point in my life is due in large part to my experience there," Caldwell said, in accepting the award.

"At Transylvania, students are not fed facts," she said. "Rather, they are taught to think critically, which inspires an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and understanding. Being a perpetual student has enriched my life beyond measure."



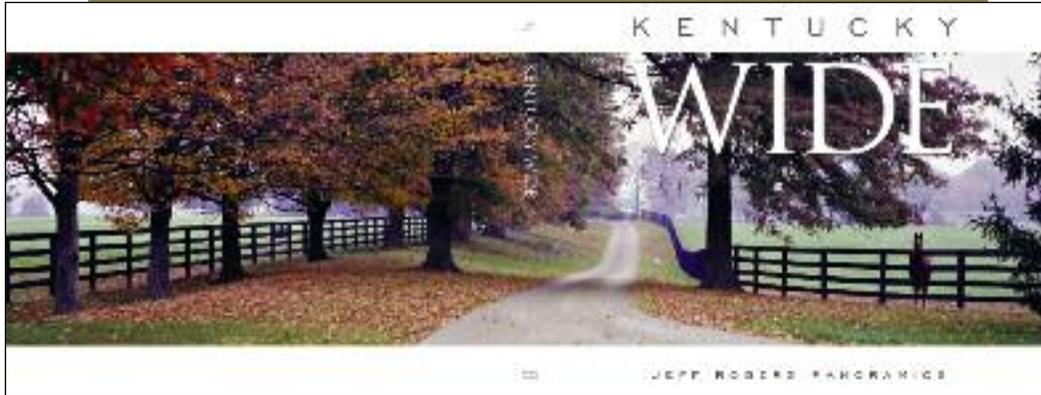
## Alumni identify mystery students

*Transylvania* readers identified the students in the above photograph from the 1959 *Crimson*, which ran in the summer issue.

They are, standing, from left, Tom Watson '61, Bill Bryan '62, Ron Knight '62, Jim Oliver '62, Jim Carter '60, and Jim McQuire '60; kneeling, from left, Sara Wingses '62, Sandy Johnson Little '62, JoAnn Nisbet Manuel '62, Joy Stinnett Waldrop '62, Ginger Vaught Lanier '61, Peggy Starkey Cain '60, and Leah Geeslin Davies '62.

Many thanks to the alumni who helped in the identification process. In addition to those who identified themselves, we heard from Libby Brumfield '61, Marjorie Peace Lenn '68, Chris Nielsen '62, Alice Rose Plummer '63, Bob Riester '68, Lelia Dickinson Smith '59, and Al Templeton '61.

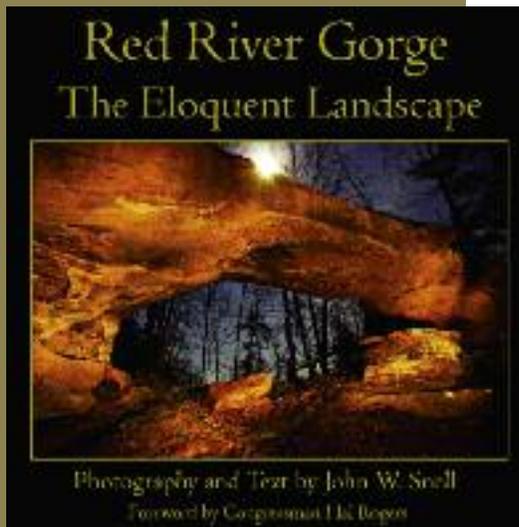
## ALUMNI PUBLISH PHOTO BOOKS



Two Transylvania alumni have published full-color coffee-table books showcasing their photography and writing talents.

**Jeff Rogers '81**, owner of Jeff Rogers Photography, Inc., in Lexington, has published *Kentucky Wide*. This 160-page book ([www.jeffrogers.com/kentuckywide](http://www.jeffrogers.com/kentuckywide)) features 75 color images that spread across two pages and showcase the landscapes of Kentucky's scenic Bluegrass region.

**John Snell '70**, owner of John W. Snell Photography in Lexington, has published *Red River Gorge: The Eloquent Landscape*. Featuring more than 130 color images and text by the photographer, this 160-page book ([www.acclaimpress.com](http://www.acclaimpress.com)) focuses on the natural beauty of the Red River Gorge, a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest known for its dramatic stone arches.



Squadrons and is the Webmaster for her local squadron's site ([www.fortmyersboating.org](http://www.fortmyersboating.org)). Sheila and her husband, Frederic J. Gurr, live in North Fort Myers, Fla.

**William H. McCann Jr.**, Lexington, has completed training at the Professional Ringmen's Institute in Springfield, Mo., to serve as a professional ringman or bid assistant for auctioneers. McCann teaches writing at Bluegrass Community and Technical College and works part-time as an apprentice auctioneer and ringman at Bluegrass Auction & Appraisal.

**'80 Marc A. Mathews**, Lexington, is the controller of the University of Kentucky and was recently re-elected as the national treasurer of Omicron Delta Kappa. ODK relocated its national headquarters to the Transylvania campus this summer.

**'81 Joseph C. Faulconer**, Duluth, Ga., graduated in May with a master's degree in community counseling from Mercer University in Atlanta. He has been accepted into the educational specialist cohort program (Ed.S) at the University of Georgia and has also been hired as a counselor at Mill Creek High School in Guinnett County, Ga.

**F. Glyndon "Glenn" West**, Lexington, has been promoted to senior vice president, information services and eCommerce at Papa John's International, Inc.

**'82 Lynn Ann Whaley Vogel**, St. Louis, Mo., was installed in May as president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis for 2006-07. Lynn Ann is president of the Vogel Law Offices in St. Louis and also heads the Missouri Law Institute.

**'84 J. Michael Jones** earned his first medal in national competition this year with a fifth place finish in the Veteran Men's Epee fencing event (40-49 age group) at the U. S. Summer Nationals fencing tournament in Atlanta. Mike is a principal technical writer for Mercury Computer Systems, Inc., and lives in Peabody, Mass., with his wife, Kim, and children, Kimberly and Eric.

**'86 Elizabeth C. Lucas**, Lexington, has been named practice manager in the litigation support area of VeBridge, an international document management and litigation support firm.

**'87 Palmer G. Vance**, Lexington, received the Distinguished Service Award for his commitment to Omicron Delta Kappa by serving as national counsel, chair of the 2004 Convention Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws, and as a current Board of Trustees member for the ODK Foundation.

**'88 Gwenda Williamson Mathews**, Lexington, is a realtor with ReMax Creative Realty in Lexington. She was named New Realtor of the Year for 2005 and was a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable.

**Tamara Sieveking Stephens**, Irvington, Va., received her master's of nursing degree from Vanderbilt University and is a nurse practitioner with the Fishing Bay Family practice in Deltaville. Her husband, **Randolph W. Stephens**, is state sales manager for General Electric's Equipment Services Division. Her e-mail address is [Tamara@cablefirst.net](mailto:Tamara@cablefirst.net) and his address is [Randy.stephens@ge.com](mailto:Randy.stephens@ge.com).

**'90 Teresa C. Sharkey**, Washington, D.C., has been promoted to unit chief of the FBI's Records Disposition Unit, which is responsible for identifying closed case files with permanent historical value.

**Dawn J. Wilson**, Louisville, a member of the Louisville Fencing Center, competed in the Summer National Championships in Atlanta in July.

**'92 Elizabeth Grugin Holden**, Columbia, Mo., has been named a senior fellow with the Performance Institute in Washington, D.C., a private, nonpartisan think tank. Elizabeth continues her work as a trainer and consultant with the Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri-Columbia.

**Susan B. Marine**, Medford, Mass., has been

## A Clear Vision

### Treating eye disease with medicine and politics

**Thomas L. "Tim" Steinemann '79** knew he wanted a career in medicine when he came to Transylvania, lured by the school's excellent reputation in the sciences and pre-med studies. Still, the liberal arts environment at Transy made it easy to sample other disciplines along the way to his biology major.

One of those samples—political science, which included Transylvania's American University Washington Semester—played a larger role in his life than Steinemann could have guessed as a student.

Steinemann, a staff ophthalmologist at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland and associate professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, recently found himself in the role of policy reform advocate for federal regulation of contact lenses. His involvement helped to create legislation amending the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to include purely decorative lenses under the regulatory control of the Food and Drug Administration.

Teenagers and young adults have been using cosmetic contact lenses that give a variety of decorative effects, from the cat-eye look of Michael Jackson in his "Thriller" video to the Marilyn Manson milky-eye look to simple colors that match the eyes to an outfit for an evening on the town. Teenage girls, in particular, have been using the lenses to accessorize their eyes as casually as they use lipstick or hair color, even swapping lenses with friends.

The problem is that, without a doctor to fit the lenses to an individual's corneal curvature and to prescribe proper use and care, serious health consequences can ensue, from corneal abrasions to infections that threaten vision. Over-the-counter colored lenses, sold at video stores, flea markets, or on the Internet, come in a one-size-fits-all format, a likely prescription for serious eye disease, said Steinemann. Even if the lens has no power to correct vision, it still has to fit the individual's eye.

"We started to see a cluster of teenagers and young adults in our emergency room suffering from urgent, painful, sight-threatening inflammation or infection as a result of misuse of these cosmetic lenses," said Steinemann.

Steinemann recalled one 14-year-old girl in particular who developed a blinding infection that required hospitalization and an eventual corneal transplant to save her sight. "We ended up restoring her vision, but it was a horrible price for her to pay just for the fun of changing her eye color. The lack of apprehension about putting something into your eye with no idea of how to properly use it was just astonishing to me."

At this point, in 2002, Steinemann decided to become an advocate. He worked with local, state, and national medical associations and with his U.S. Senator, Mike DeWine (D-Ohio), to bring about change in federal oversight of contact lenses. He provided expert



■ **Thomas L. Steinemann '79, left, talks with U.S. Senator Mike DeWine (D-Ohio) while in Washington, D.C., in November 2005 for the signing of legislation authorizing federal oversight of contact lenses.**

witness testimony before congress, appeared on ABC-TV's *20/20* news magazine, and was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* and *The New York Times*. The American Academy of Ophthalmology made Steinemann its official spokesperson on the subject.

The result was a bill signed into law by President Bush in November 2005 that brought all contact lenses, even those with no corrective power, under the FDA's regulatory umbrella. Under the law, doctors must prescribe the lenses, which will provide the user with a proper fit and guidelines for use and care.

"The take-home lesson for me from this political exercise was that the American system works," said Steinemann.

Contact lens regulatory reform has been but one aspect of Steinemann's busy career. A native of Ohio, he spent eight years as a professor of ophthalmology at University of Arkansas for Medical Services before returning to the Cleveland area. He

had earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio, did a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center, and completed a fellowship at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, where he studied corneal transplantation.

Steinemann's present employer, the MetroHealth Medical Center, sees more than 30,000 patients coming through its eye clinic annually. In addition to seeing his own patients, Steinemann supervises and teaches the resident doctors at MetroHealth who are training to become ophthalmologists.

Steinemann especially enjoys the teaching aspects of his job, an interest he traces directly back to the examples set by his Transylvania professors.

"The whole process of teaching was nurtured at a very early level by my teachers at Transylvania," he said. "I still think of them often and owe a debt of gratitude to some great role models, including Dr. Monroe Moosnick, Dr. Lila Boyarsky, Dr. Rodney Hays, and Dr. Jerry Seebach. They were just phenomenal teachers and wonderful people who were committed to us, not just as students but as human beings."

Steinemann is very comfortable with his decision to concentrate on medical and surgical treatment of eye disease.

"I fell in love with ophthalmology because, although you're not saving lives, you're saving quality of life. It's very satisfying to be able to give people back their independence. If you can't see, you can't be independent. At MetroHealth, I'm a clinician, a supervisor, a teacher, and a surgeon. I've also added researcher and advocate. That makes life interesting."

Steinemann lives in Shaker Heights, a Cleveland suburb, with his wife, Susan, a 1982 Transy graduate, and their daughter, Emily, 11.

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

appointed director of the Harvard College Women's Center at Harvard University. The new center will facilitate student-run programs, centralize resources, build relationships across campus, develop and enhance women's leadership on campus, and provide a voice for women undergraduates in all areas of college life.

**David Andrew Steen**, Louisville, works for MetaCyte Business Lab LLC, which creates life science start-ups. He is interested in getting in touch with fellow alumni who have any connection to the biotech/pharma/device industries. He can be contacted by e-mail at [asteen@metacyte.biz](mailto:asteen@metacyte.biz).

'93 **Sawsan Jreisat**, Lexington, received her Ph.D. in school psychology from the University of Kentucky in May.

**Jennifer Brown Tinch**, Birmingham, Ala., has been named to the board of directors for the city of Hoover Parks and Recreation Foundation. She has created a Web site, [www.VolunTinchers.com](http://www.VolunTinchers.com), to share her family's volunteering efforts with others. Her e-mail address is [jsigtincher@charter.net](mailto:jsigtincher@charter.net).

'94 **William O. "Dale" Amburgey** has been named associate director of data management and analysis at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

**Erwin Roberts**, Louisville, has joined the law firm of Frost Brown Todd in its litigation department.

'95 **John Paul Hill** has moved to Cuthbert, Ga., and teaches history at Andrew College.



■ **Tamara Sieveking Stephens '88** celebrates her 2006 graduation from the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing with her husband, **Randy Stephens '89**, and their children, from left, **Woody, Xander, and Jocelyn**.

## COWAN CHOSEN FOR EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF CHINA

**Sam L. Cowan '95**, principal of Maryville Elementary School in Louisville, was one of 400 educators from the United States chosen to travel to China for a one-week educational tour, to learn about Chinese culture and language in an effort to build and expand Chinese language programs in U.S. schools.

The College Board chose participants based on written essays, and Cowan had no trouble stating how he felt the trip would benefit him and, in turn, his students. "I am constantly looking for ways to improve the education that I am providing for my students," he said. "I want them to learn about other cultures and traditions."

Cowan cites his liberal arts education and, in particular, the education professors he worked with at Transy for instilling in him the understanding that he could be creative in his approach to teaching and learning. "My education classes taught me that all students are worthy of an effective education and that all students can learn," he said. "Transy broadened my perspective of the world."

Since his return, Cowan has implemented Chinese language instruction at Maryville, teaching a new word every morning over the intercom, and has brought Chinese dance and art to his classrooms. "I hope to offer my students a world perspective," he said. "I believe in establishing a learning community that shows my students the world is their classroom and that all people can learn from each other."



■ **Sam Cowan '95** in the Forbidden City in Beijing, China.

**Shane W. Rau** lives in Charlottesville, Va., with his wife, Melinda, and is a third-year resident physician in psychiatry at the University of Virginia. Shane was named one of 12 winners of the 2006 National Institute of Mental Health Outstanding Resident Award in Psychiatric Research.

'96 **Tonya Breeding Short**, Lexington, is a physician assistant with Lexington Cardiology Consultants, and her husband, David, is a financial adviser. Tonya would love to hear from former Transy classmates and can be reached at [tbreeding@hotmail.com](mailto:tbreeding@hotmail.com).

'98 **Catherine Nunn Edelen**, Lexington, is the account representative for Education-Kentucky at Apple Computer, Inc., and will help with revolutionizing how technology is used in the classroom.

**Stephanie Swartz Macy** and her husband, **Brian E. Macy '99**, still live in Elizabethtown, Ky., and are expecting their first child in December. Stephanie recently passed the Kentucky Real Estate exam and will be working for Semonin Realtors. She invites friends to keep in touch by e-mailing her at [smacy@semonin.com](mailto:smacy@semonin.com), or [ssmacy@alltel.net](mailto:ssmacy@alltel.net).

**C. Shawn McGuffey**, Jamaica Plain, Mass., received the 2006 Sally Hacker Award for

research excellence from the Sex and Gender section of the American Sociological Association for his article "Engendering Trauma: Race, Class, and Gender Reaffirmation after Child Sexual Abuse," which appeared in the journal *Gender & Society* in 2005. This research was also featured in *Frontline*, a media outlet for the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Shawn is an assistant professor of sociology at Boston College.

**Whitney Maynard Rauth**, Lexington, graduated from the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2005 and is a veterinarian at Southland Veterinary Hospital.

**Victoria Voss Schopfer** and her husband, Sean Schopfer, live in Las Vegas, Nev., where Victoria is the customer service training manager at Bellagio Resort and Casino.

'99 **Christy Jo Brown**, Lexington, has been promoted to financial adviser in the Lexington office of Salomon Smith Barney.

**Michael B. Sharp** has deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Army's 410th QM Company out of Danville, Ky., and is serving as the company's executive officer.

'00 **Patrick R. "Russ" Kelley** has moved to Wilsonville, Ore., and is communications director for the Democrats in the State House of Representatives in Salem.



# Timeless Traditions

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007

APRIL 27-29

A full weekend of fun activities is being planned for Alumni Weekend 2007, set for April 27-29. Join your Transylvania classmates to relive golden memories and celebrate those unforgettable college years.

It all begins on Friday with a golf outing and racing at Keeneland, and ends Sunday morning with the Robert Barr Society breakfast and a chapel service in Old Morrison Chapel. In between, there's a busy schedule, highlighted by the TGIF Kick-Off Party Friday evening, the Alumni Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, and class reunion receptions/dinners and the Coronation Ball Saturday evening.

Reunion classes are: Robert Barr Society (1937, 1942, 1947, 1952), 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. All alumni, regardless of class year, are welcome for Alumni Weekend.

For best lodging choices, plan ahead, since this weekend will also see Lexington hosting the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, an international equestrian event at the Kentucky Horse Park that brings many visitors to the city.

Reunion class Web sites are available via Transy's Web site at [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) (select For Alumni, News & Events, and Reunions/Alumni Weekend). Be sure to sign the guestbook for your reunion and fill out the on-line reunion questionnaire.

Alumni will be mailed an invitation and detailed schedule in late winter. On-line registration will be available beginning in February. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu) or (800) 487-2679.



**'01 Jason D. Blair**, Georgetown, Ky., received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky in June.

**Cerise E. Bouchard**, Lexington, has started her own business, Mother Nurture, a breastfeeding and natural parenting shop. The Web site is [www.mothernurtureky.com](http://www.mothernurtureky.com).

**John P. Cornett**, Lexington, received his juris doctor degree from Ohio Northern Uni-

versity's Pettit College of Law.

**April Sample Matiasek** lives in Hampstead, N.C., with her husband, Matthew. They are both medical officers in the U. S. Navy.

## CAMPBELL AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

**Robert Campbell '98** has been named a Fulbright Scholar for the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, Ireland, for the 2006-07 school year. While in Ireland, he intends to develop a large-scale publicly installed painting that merges the ancient and future bodies of Ireland and Kentucky.

"My work recasts the overwhelming visual stimulus of postmodernity into a method for mixing and matching new designed bodies," Campbell states on his Web site.

"The mythological world of my work draws on the Appalachian culture of Kentucky, which maintains deep roots in Irish music, customs, morals, and myth tales. The figures in my work take their essence in part from this Appalachian/Irish fusion."

At Transy, Campbell studied art and philosophy, then became interested in painting and design. After five years as a graphic designer and creative director, he entered graduate school at the University of Michigan, where he received his master's of fine arts degree in April 2006.

Campbell was recently hired as assistant professor of art at Morehead State University. He will defer his contract at Morehead until the fall of 2007, and upon his return to the states, plans to develop a public painting that will be a counterpart and companion to the work he creates in Dublin.



■ **Robert Campbell '98**, left, discussed his work with art professor Kurt Gohde at the *225: Composite & Complement* exhibition in Morlan Gallery.

## Sisters find sweet success with family business



■ Left, Dominique Brousseau '01 and her sister Mignon Brousseau '95 at the tasting bar of Chateau du Vieux Corbeau in Danville, Ky., where Dominique is winemaker.

During her senior year at Transylvania, instead of going to Florida for spring break with her friends, Dominique Brousseau '01 went home to Danville, Ky., to plant grapevines. At that time, her sister Mignon '95 was already running the family-owned bed and breakfast where Dominique was groundskeeper.

"At first we were just planning to grow grapes, maybe sell them to one of the other wineries," Dominique said. "When we finished planting, we decided to start a winery and make our own wine." The following year, she single-handedly planted another 400 vines.

The Old Crow Inn, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, stands on 27 acres, and is the oldest stone structure west of the Allegheny Mountains. In keeping with the theme of the bed and breakfast, but hoping to avoid confusion with a distillery of the same name, the Brousseaus called the winery Chateau Du Vieux Corbeau, which translates to "House of Old Crow."

The winery building includes a tasting room and a banquet room where private receptions and dinners are served, as well as an underground grape-handling facility where the wine is fermented, processed, and bottled.

"I've had to learn patience," Dominique said. "The wine ferments for two weeks, then you have to age it for six months to maybe five years before you can bottle it."

The vineyard is now two acres and Dominique grows two of her main grape varieties. The Brousseaus also buy grapes, blackberries, and blueberries from farmers across the state.

"When we first started, everyone was making very dry wines," Dominique said. "It just happened that the varieties I started with make better sweet wines." In fact, her blackberry wine won an award at the 2005 Kentucky Derby Winefest.

Dominique first studied chemistry at Transy, then went on to major in computer science, a foundation that helped prepare her for this unexpected career. "I loved the analytical work in science," she said. "My chemistry background has helped me a great deal in winemaking. I know what will happen if I add too much yeast, or if I add too many sulfites."

She has been involved in every aspect of the winery, and put her computer science major and art history minor to use when the time

came to create labels for the wine bottles. "I took a digital photo of the house, scanned some leaves from the grounds and designed the labels myself," she said.

Mignon Brousseau majored in mathematics at Transy and worked as a substitute teacher for two years while the Old Crow Inn was in the planning

stages. Once the inn was up and running, Mignon found that she loved working in hospitality, and that's what she's been doing ever since. The B&B is now in its eighth year of operation and has been host to Spike Lee, Vice President Dick Cheney, and *Southern Living* magazine, which featured an article about the Old Crow Inn in its April 2006 issue.

It was her involvement in the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority that Mignon feels prepared her for mornings at the B&B. "I'm introverted and this is an extroverted job. Sometimes guests at the breakfast table just aren't connecting and I have to jump in there and try to guide topics of conversation. Sorority rush taught me to talk to people in that same way, to come up with unique questions."

The Brousseaus can't imagine working for anyone other than themselves in this family venture. Both Mignon and Dominique began contributing to the family craft business at the age of 5, and even though they admit it is sometimes difficult to set aside sibling conflict at business meetings, they enjoy the flexibility and inherent understanding that comes from working with family. "We've been doing it for so long, we don't really think about it," Mignon said. "Our jobs are all so unique. We know what we need to do and we do it."

The Old Crow Inn has three guest rooms and serves a full breakfast. Chateau Du Vieux Corbeau wines are now available at Liquor Barn, and Dominique has plans for further expansion in the coming year. "The winemaking industry in Kentucky is in its beginning stages, but we're growing faster than we expected," she said.

The Brousseaus have a strong connection to Transylvania; brothers Louis '90 and Jacques '93 are also graduates, and Mignon credits her liberal arts education for preparing her in the art of conversing with B&B guests. "I took a wide range of classes at Transy. I can hold up the conversation on anything for a little while," she said.

—LORI-LYN HURLEY

'02 **Stacey M. Clark**, Lexington, a certified public accountant, has taken a position with the Clark County Board of Education in Winchester, Ky., as financial director.

**Amanda L. Harris**, Lexington, has earned her master's of business administration from the University of Kentucky. She graduated from the Gatton College of Business and Economics' one year immersive MBA program in June and is a business analyst at Humana, Inc., in Louisville.

**Mary Beth Daniel LaFave**, Lexington, S.C., graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law in May. After taking the bar exam in July, she is now practicing law in South Carolina.

**Zachary S. McCarty**, Chattanooga, Tenn., graduated from the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Optometry with a doctor of optometry degree in May and will be completing a one-year pediatric optometric residency in Chattanooga.

**Katherine S. McKee**, Lexington, has been named communications coordinator at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

**Lisa Bell Strunk**, Lexington, and her husband, David, received their doctor of pharmacy degrees from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in May. Lisa



■ From left, **Cynthia Ganote '90**, **Rena Hallam '90**, **Jennifer Crutcher '92**, **Susan Marine '92**, **Carlyn Eames Flores '91**, **Sara McNeely-Moses '92**, and **Melisa Thomas-Morris '90** serenade **Lucy Points '92** at her wedding to **Mick Jeffries** on June 11, 2006.

is a pharmacy practice resident at the VA Medical Center.

'04 **Shanda Cool Berrios**, Louisville, is on the pastoral staff at Highland Baptist Church and a full-time student working on a master's of divinity and a master's of social work at the University of Louisville. Her degrees will be completed in 2008.

## MARRIAGES

**Elizabeth Mae Grugin '92** and **Michael**

**Andrew Holden**, February 18, 2006

**Merideth Andrew Stratton '94** and **Kevin L. Mlincek**, November 5, 2005

**Tonya Noelle Breeding '96** and **David Brian Short**, June 24, 2006

**Stacie Lee Walker '97** and **Christopher Clough**, October 29, 2005

**Ann-Phillips Mayfield '99** and **Jay Edward Ingle**, May 19, 2006

**Kristie Lynn Bulleit '00** and **Brian A. Neimeier**, July 30, 2005

**Rebecca Glasgow Williams '00** and **Chad Eric Mueller**, June 10, 2006

**Summer Alicia Wilkes '00** and **Joshua Alan Rhea**, March 25, 2006

**Carla Renee Hopkins '01** and **Stephen Griesch**, May 27, 2006

**April Marie Sample '01** and **Matthew Russel Matiasek**, March 3, 2006

**Lisa Kay Bell '02** and **David Carson Strunk**, May 13, 2006

**Mary Elizabeth Daniel '02** and **Matthew Clark LaFave**, March 4, 2006

**Sally Elizabeth Francisco '02** and **John Nathanael Billings**, July 22, 2006

**Ellen Courtney Underwood '02** and **Joseph Charles Williams '02**, October 22, 2005

**Shanda Alison Cool '04** and **Alexander Berrios Jr.**, June 17, 2006

**Lindsey Paige Sepp '04** and **Mark Stockdale**, April 8, 2006

**Tara Brooke Anne Cox '05** and **Mark Clay White**, December 31, 2005



■ **Laura Elizabeth McClendon '02** (*sideways*) and **Scott Gregory Walkiewicz** were married in a garden ceremony in Savannah, Ga., on June 3, 2006. Transy alums in attendance were, back row, from left, **John Reynolds '01**, **Josh Morris '01**, **Meredith Wallace Klapheke '02**, **Stacy Caudill '02**; front row, from left, **Emily Heady Morris '03**, **Jaelyn Austin '03**, **Tyra Roberts '03**, and **Miranda Clapp Reynolds '02**.



■ **Angie Key Fox '98, Victoria Voss Schopfer '98, and Caroline Slater Burnette '99** are pictured at Victoria's wedding to Sean Schopfer in Las Vegas, Nev., March 25, 2006.

**Peter McHale Starling '05 and Jane Walker Storey '07**, July 1, 2006

**Leslie Danell Little '06** and Michael Benjamin Gailey, July 22, 2006

## BIRTHS

**Catherine Bullard Morgret '86** and Brian J. Morgret, a son, Zachary Reuben Morgret, June 21, 2006

**Cary B. White '87** and Deirdra Burton-White, a son, Declan Conner White, August 31, 2005

**Donna Smith Pleiman '91** and Darren R. Pleiman, a son, Anderson Reid Pleiman, June 14, 2006

**Janna Graber Werner '91** and Patrick Werner, a daughter, Audrey "Claire" Werner, July 22, 2005

**Elizabeth Parsley Bruner '92** and John S. Bruner, a son, Joshua Lawrence Hampton Bruner, August 28, 2005

**Tamara Yeager Gandee '95** and Morgan Gandee, a daughter, Lydia Grece Gandee, January 8, 2006

**Christopher M. Sauer '95** and Meghan Henson, a daughter, Helena Presley Henson, June 7, 2006

**Keri Shepherd Gregory '96** and Doug Gregory, a son, Tyler James Gregory, March 16, 2006

**Lee Ellen Peters Hedrick '96** and Leslie D. Hedrick, a daughter, Macy Rhea Hedrick, June 3, 2005

**Aimee V. Paul '96** and Breck Carden, a son, William David Carden, August 2, 2006

**Erin Hildebrandt Sutton '96** and **Bradley M. Sutton '96**, a daughter, Collier Elizabeth Sutton, August 21, 2006

**Kimberly Woosley Poitevin '97** and Pedro Poitevin, a son, Daniel Alejandro Poitevin, June 25, 2006

**Carol Munson Caudill '98** and Travis Caudill, a son, Camden Tyrus Caudill, June 26, 2005

**Jessica Gipson Dawson '00** and Duane Dawson, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Dawson, May 1, 2006

**Mindy Block Dicken '00** and **Evan K. Dicken '00**, a son, Jake Carter Dicken, November 7, 2005

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Anna Daugherty Crain '27**, Flemingsburg, Ky., died March 14, 2006. She was a homemaker and a member of the Flemingsburg First United Methodist Church.

**Evelyn Brierly '36**, Carlisle, Ky., died May 30, 2006. She taught in the Nicholas County school system for 34 years before her retirement. She was a farmer and a member of East Union Christian Church.

**Laverne Dearborn Head '38**, Columbus, Ohio, died June 9, 2006. She was a member of Gender Road Christian Church, Altrusa International, Golden Leaf, and Jolly Time.

**Iva Boyd Lee '38**, Nashville, died November 27, 2005. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She attended the College of William and Mary School of Social Work and worked at Metro Nashville School as a psychiatric social worker for 12 years.

**Doris Hanna Trower '39**, Lexington, died June 3, 2006. She retired after 25 years as a secretary for the Harrodsburg city school system. She was a member of Central Christian Church.

**Elgin T. Smith '42**, Lexington, died June 20, 2006. He earned a master's degree from the Lexington Theological Seminary in 1945 and was an active Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister for over 45 years before retiring in 1984. He was minister to Elizabethtown Christian Church, director of evangelism for the Christian Churches of Kentucky, and minister to Eminence Christian Church. In Greencastle, Ind., he served First Christian Church from 1955-60, and was organizing pastor for Sherwood Christian Church, which he helped found in 1960, serving until his retirement. Survivors include his children, **Martha V. Smith '67** and **Ernest E. Smith '69**.

**Elmer S. Stainton '48**, Ontario, Canada, died June 20, 2006. He studied for the Christian ministry at Victoria University in Toronto and Lexington Theological Seminary, interrupting his education to serve as a navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Ordained in 1948, he was pastor to Disciples congregations in Rodney and West Lorne, Ontario; Millersburg, Ky.; Saint John, New Brunswick; and Windsor and Toronto, Ontario. He also served as associate and acting general secretary of the Christian Church in Canada.

**Ernestine Steffe Tribble '50**, Cynthiana, Ky., died May 10, 2006. She was a retired elementary school teacher, having taught in the Harrison County and Lebanon Junction school systems. She was a member of the Indian Creek Christian Church and the Retired Teachers Association. For 10 years she was secretary of the Harrison County chapter of the Salvation Army.

**Roberta Templeman Auxier '51**, Carlisle, Ky., died July 16, 2006. She was a retired employee of Jockey International and was a member of Moorefield Christian Church.

**Dorothy Foulkes Miller '51**, Richmond, Va., died July 4, 2006. She was an accomplished pianist and singer and earned her master's degree in piano and organ in 1973. She retired from the Henrico school system after 35 years of service. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Club and Phi Mu sorority.

**William A. Jaenisch '56**, Louisville, died March 18, 2005. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. He was retired from International Harvester, was a former employee at Wako Electronics, Inc., and a U. S. Air Force veteran.

**Ruth W. Blackburn '57**, Lexington, died August 23, 2006. She received her MBA from the University of Kentucky in 1963, and was a retired registrar for Transylvania, where she also worked as an admissions counselor, administrative assistant to the vice-president and academic dean, and director of student aid. She served as registrar from 1973-80. After her retirement from Transylvania, she served as secretary to the bishop of Lexington Episcopal Diocese, and secretary, First Baptist Church of Lexington. She was past state president of Kentucky Business and Professional Women's Club, past editor of Kentucky BPW magazine, the *Cardinal*, and a member of First United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. She was a volunteer at High Street Neighborhood Center for over 30 years and was the first recipient of the Heart of High Street Award in 2006.

## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Join the new alumni on-line community

The much anticipated on-line community for Transylvania alumni was launched in September. Register today and become part of this exciting way of staying connected with your alma mater and fellow alumni.

#### Reasons to join the alumni on-line community:

- Keep in touch with classmates, friends, and/or teammates, as well as search the alumni directory
- Update the information in your directory profile
- Find out about alumni events in your area
- Post news so other alums know what's happening in your life
- Add pictures
- Sign up for e-mail forwarding service

This community is secure and password protected and is only accessible to Transy alumni who register with their password.

To register, go to [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) and select For Alumni, then Alumni Online Community. From the main Online Community page, click on First Time Users. Enter your last name and your unique ID number, then click Submit. (To obtain your ID number, contact [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu) or call (800) 487-2679.) On the registration page, create a new user name and password that will be known only to you. Please complete all of the required information. You have the option to hide yourself or some of your information from other alumni in the directory. Remember, though, that the directory is only as useful as the information you choose to share.

For more information contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu), (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8213.

### We're looking for alumni legacies

Is your son or daughter ready to begin their college search? Have you given their name and other pertinent information to Transylvania? The admissions office would love to have the opportunity to recruit alumni legacies.

To ensure that your child is on Transy's mailing list, please contact Deana Ison in the admissions office at [dison@transy.edu](mailto:dison@transy.edu), (800) 872-6798, or (859) 233-8242. Alumni are also encouraged to request fee-waived applications for admission to give to their children, other relatives, or friends.

### Transylvania license plates are available year-round

Though most Kentucky residents renew vehicle registration during their birth month, you can get a Transylvania tag any time of the year. Take your registration and proof of insurance, plus payment for vehicle taxes and the Transy license plate, to your county clerk's office; call first to ensure Transy plates are in stock.

Transy plates cost \$38 the first year and \$25 in subsequent years, compared with \$15 to renew a standard license plate. The \$10 comes back to Transy in the form of a grant from the Kentucky Independent College Fund.

Transy led all Kentucky independent colleges and universities in license plate sales with 177 in 2002, the first year of the program, but slipped to second place in 2003 (418 plates), 2004 (490 plates), and 2005 (548 plates).

### Recommendations sought for awards and Alumni Executive Board

Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations for several awards that will be presented during Alumni Weekend 2007 and for new members of the Alumni Executive Board.

Recommendations are sought for the Pioneer Hall of Fame, Morrison Medallion, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and distinguished achievement and service awards. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, and others who have made outstanding contributions to Transylvania athletics, while the Morrison Medallion is given to an alumnus or alumna for outstanding service to the University. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award in most cases recognizes an alumna or alumnus who has been out of school 18 years or less with an extensive record of service and support to the University. Achievement and service awards honor professional excellence and service to Transylvania.

Those recommended for the Alumni Executive Board should have a record of support and service to the University and be willing to serve a three-year term. New members are nominated by the board and elected at the annual meeting during Alumni Weekend.

For recommendation forms, contact the alumni office or submit recommendations to Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

### To contact the Alumni Office:

**Natasa Pajic '96**, director of alumni programs, [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu)

**Tracy Stephens Dunn '90**, assistant director of alumni programs, [tdunn@transy.edu](mailto:tdunn@transy.edu)

**Elaine Valentine**, administrative assistant, [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu)

**Phone:** (800) 487-2679 or (859) 233-8275 ■ **Fax:** (859) 281-3548

**Mail:** 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508 ■ **E-mail:** [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu) ■ **Web:** [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu)

## Trustee William A. Marquard dies



William A. Marquard, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees for 15 years, died October 22, 2006. He was 86. Marquard was a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee.

“Bill Marquard was an advocate for Transylvania, always thinking of ways to make the University better,” said President Charles L. Shearer.

Well known as an astute businessman, Marquard began his career with Westinghouse Electric in 1940. He joined Mosler Safe Co. in 1952 and became its president in 1967. He became president and chief executive officer of American Standard in 1971.

Marquard’s extraordinary business career was highlighted in a feature obituary in *The Wall Street Journal’s* October 28-29 issue. The article noted that he had achieved “one of the great corporate turnarounds of the 1970s” when, as CEO of American Standard Cos., he sold off subsidiaries and led the company to its first \$2 billion sales year in 1979. “In an era of excessive financial engineering, Mr. Marquard stood out with a back-to-basics approach in management and work ethic,” the article stated.

He served on the boards of numerous companies, including Shell Oil Co., Chemical Bank, and New York Life Insurance Co., as well as the boards of the Markey Cancer Foundation and Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill in Kentucky.

Marquard graduated from high school at age 16 and from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania at age 20. He always appreciated the importance of education.

“He had a keen insight into the crucial issues affecting education and a good understanding of Transylvania’s

role in higher education,” Shearer said, “and he combined this with a kind personality. When he was in the room, I knew I was with someone with a bal-

anced view, someone who would be thoughtful.”

Marquard briefly pitched semi-pro baseball, where he was known for his forkball, and was the lead donor for the Transylvania baseball field that bears his name. It was a project that he supported because of his love of the game and his interest in attracting top quality students to the University.

In the interests of academic development, Marquard arranged for Shearer, mathematics and computer science professor Jim Miller, computer science professor Tylene Garrett, computer science professor Kenny Moorman, and then Vice President and Dean of the College Jay Mosley to visit Carnegie-Mellon University and open a dialogue between Transy’s undergraduate computer science program and the graduate program at Carnegie-Mellon.

“It was his idea,” Garrett said. “He approached us. As a result of that trip, we can show our students that a Transylvania education does prepare them for graduate work.”

“He chartered the plane and went with us,” Shearer said. “He helped Transylvania form a relationship with one of the top computer science programs in the country, a connection that continues to provide opportunities for Transylvania students.”

Marquard was recognized with an honorary degree for his service to Transylvania in 1998. In 1993, he was honored with the Transylvania Medal for his promotion of the interests of the University, and was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2000.

“We’ve lost a good friend,” Shearer said.

**Hector McNeal Van Lennep ’59**, Vero Beach, Fla., died April 2, 2006. He attended Exeter College of Oxford and the University of Michigan Law School. He worked for the American Year Book company in New Hampshire before moving to Boca Raton, Fla., where he worked for Time & Tide Clock Company. In 1972, he became the general manager of the Pompano Park Harness Race Track, where he spent most of his career in the Standardbred horse industry. After retiring, he began a new career selling real estate in Vero Beach.

**John L. Pease ’63**, Woodstock, Vt., died June 10, 2006.

**David S. Smyth ’66**, New Britain, Conn., died July 5, 2006. He received a master’s degree from the University of Cincinnati and a certificate in library science from Southern Connecticut State University. He was a self-employed tech writer and genealogist. A former member of Christ Episcopal Church in Waterbury, Conn., he was a junior steward of Washington Lodge #70 in Windsor, Conn., and was a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory, Valley of Hartford.

**Robert H. Bush ’67**, Florham Park, N.J., died June 23, 2006. He was a science teacher at Parsippany High School.

**Linda Donahue Sullivan ’73**, Vine Grove, Ky., died May 29, 2006. She was a former teacher at both Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary School and James Lane Allen School. Survivors include her husband, **Brien F. Sullivan ’72**.

**Andrew C. Harris ’03**, Lexington, died January 2, 2006. He was a computer tech manager and a member of First Christian Church. Survivors include his brothers, **Eric E. Harris ’99** and **Adam F. Harris ’01**.

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

***"I was pretty adamant about including Transy in my will."***



**Mindy Barfield** set aside a bequest for Transylvania when she revised her will 10 years ago.

"I wanted to make a major gift to Transylvania, and this was one way to accomplish that while I was starting my career, and I could also continue giving on an annual basis," she said. "It just seemed like a good option to go ahead and reserve those funds for Transylvania."

After graduating from Transylvania in 1985, Barfield earned a master's degree in international affairs at George Washington University and worked for U.S. Senator Wendell Ford before returning to Kentucky for law school. She joined Dinsmore & Shohl in Lexington in 1997 and has been a partner since 2001.

Barfield said she is keenly aware that, unlike public universities, Transylvania relies on private funds, and she encourages others to remember Transy when establishing or revising their wills.

"Transylvania has given so much to me," she said. "This is a way to ensure that I give back to the University—and in a way that will have a lasting effect."

**MINDY BARFIELD '85**  
**2002 Kentucky Outstanding Young Lawyer**  
*Kentucky State Bar Association*

#### **Establishing a bequest is easy**

Transylvania's future depends in great part on the support of alumni and friends. By making the University a beneficiary of your will, you can help Transylvania continue and enhance its programs.

It's easy to include an estate gift to Transylvania when you make or revise your will or living trust. You can also make Transy a partial beneficiary of life insurance, financial, or retirement accounts.

**For details**, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679 or visit [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) and click on Giving to Transy.



TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDED 1780

300 NORTH BROADWAY  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40508-  
1797

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lexington, KY  
Permit No. 122



## A Shakespearian Romp



The Transylvania Theater Program performed William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in early November in the Lucille C. Little Theater. Clockwise, from top left, junior Oluwaseye Awoniyi as an exuberant Puck; First-year student Lizzie Self as Mustardseed, first-year student Lauren Thomas as Peaseblossom, senior Joel Turpin as Nick Bottom, senior Theresa Marie McKenzie as Titania, junior Sarah Tackett as Moth, and first-year student Amanda Jewell as Cobweb enact a scene in which Nick Bottom, a weaver, has been transformed into a donkey; Oberon, King of the Fairies, played by senior Trent Fucci, shares a moment with Titania, Queen of the Fairies, played by McKenzie; In a play within the play, Nick Bottom, played by Turpin, portrays Pyramus, and Flute, played by junior Hope Kodman, portrays Thisby.  
*Photos by Joseph Rey Au*