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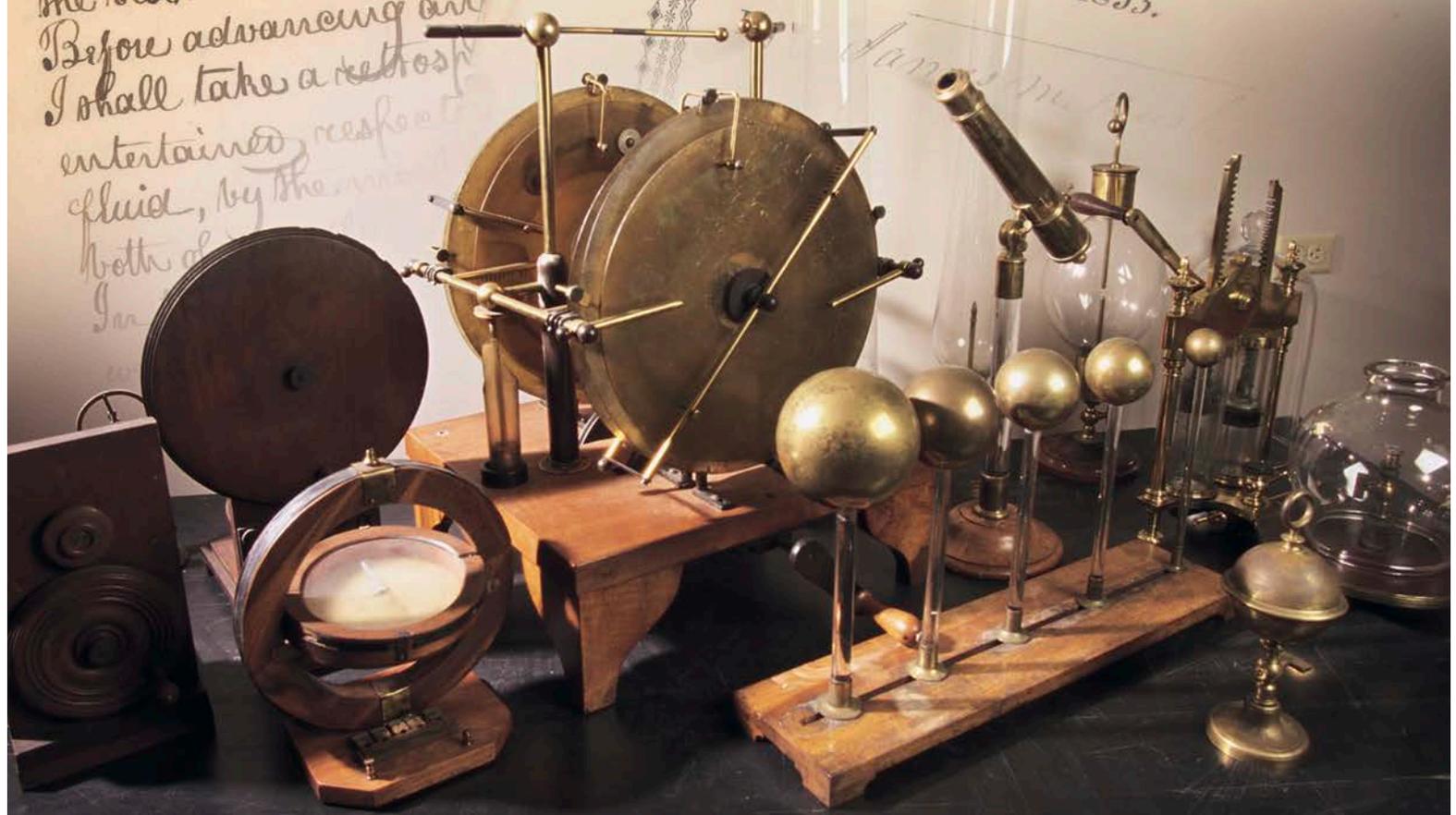
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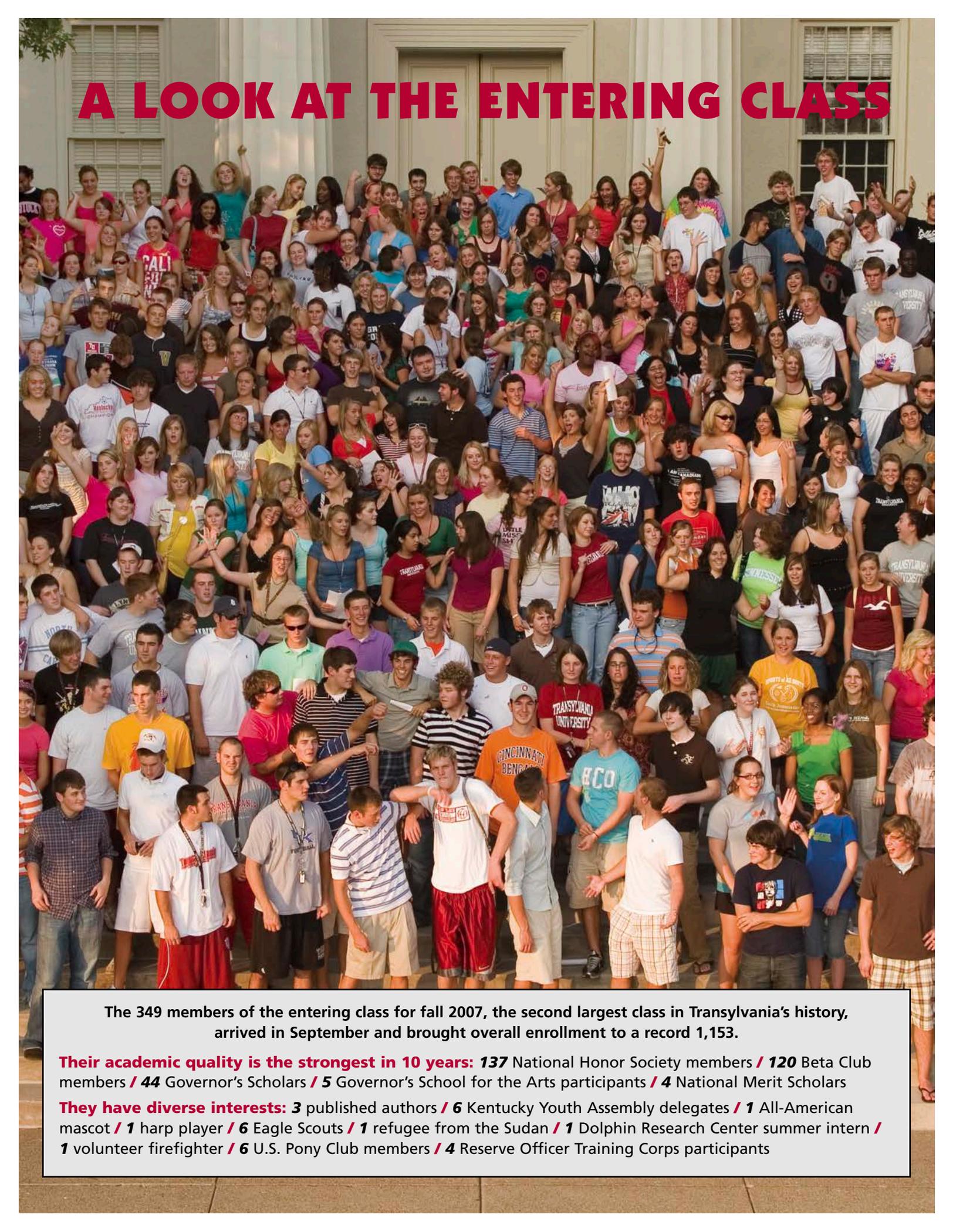
## *The Vitality of*

From the remotest ages of antiquity we were enshrouded by the dark mantle of ignorance, until the present brilliant era has been drawn to the lively and other striking characteristics and relations respecting the nature of life, which have been frequently in every age. The long aqueducts and the blood be enclosed with. Before advancing on I shall take a retrospect of the entertained respect for fluid, by the nature of both of them.

ON  
*Morbid Anatomy*  
SUBMITTED TO THE EXAMINATION OF  
THE TRUSTEES AND MEDICAL PROFESSORS  
OF  
**TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY**  
FOR  
**The Degree of Doctor of Medicine,**  
ON THE 20TH OF FEBRUARY,  
A. D. 1833.



# A LOOK AT THE ENTERING CLASS



The 349 members of the entering class for fall 2007, the second largest class in Transylvania's history, arrived in September and brought overall enrollment to a record 1,153.

**Their academic quality is the strongest in 10 years:** 137 National Honor Society members / 120 Beta Club members / 44 Governor's Scholars / 5 Governor's School for the Arts participants / 4 National Merit Scholars

**They have diverse interests:** 3 published authors / 6 Kentucky Youth Assembly delegates / 1 All-American mascot / 1 harp player / 6 Eagle Scouts / 1 refugee from the Sudan / 1 Dolphin Research Center summer intern / 1 volunteer firefighter / 6 U.S. Pony Club members / 4 Reserve Officer Training Corps participants

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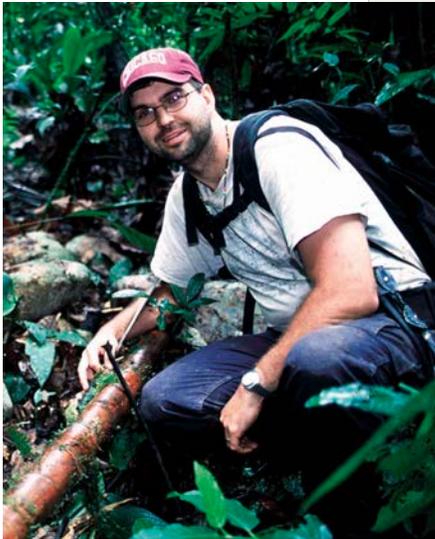
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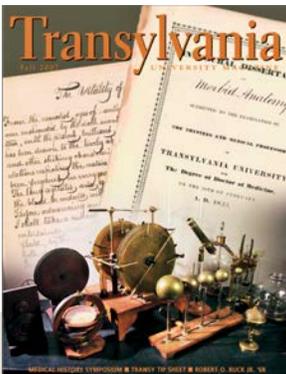
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## Transylvania welcomes six new faculty members

*Six professors joined the Transylvania faculty for the 2007-08 academic year.*

Their diverse research interests include Asian religious traditions, transnational feminism, number theory, and plant invasion biology and biological control. They have lived and studied in such locales as Micronesia, India, and the Czech Republic.

**Sarah Bray**, assistant professor of biology,



most recently was an assistant professor of biology at Midland Lutheran College in Nebraska, where she was also curator of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. She earned a B.A. degree in biology and environmental science from Coe College and a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Florida. Her research has focused on the pedagogy of science and on feedbacks among plants, ecosystem processes, and microorganisms.

**Anthony M. Cerulli**, assistant professor



of religion, was most recently a research associate at the Wellcome Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London and formerly was a lecturer at Loyola University Chicago and a teaching assistant at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He earned a B.A. degree in theology and political science from Loyola University Chicago and an M.A. in religious studies from Yale University, and is a Ph.D. candidate in the history of religions at the University of Chicago Divinity School. His scholarship focuses on the history of religions, particularly Asian religious traditions.

**Elizabeth Corsun**, assistant professor of



English, most recently was a visiting assistant professor of English at the University of Iowa. She earned her B.A. degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa. Her dissertation was titled *Comic Pragmatism: Dickens and Early-Victorian Stage Farce*, and her research and teaching interests include Charles Dickens, the British novel tradition, literary humor, and nineteenth-century literature, culture, and theater.

**Simona Fojtova**, assistant professor of



women's studies, was most recently a visiting assistant professor in women's studies at Transylvania. She earned M.A. degrees in English and Czech at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, and in American studies at the University of New Mexico. She holds the Ph.D. in American studies from the University of New Mexico. Among her teaching and research interests are feminist and queer theory, women's writing, ethnic and cultural studies, and central and eastern European literature.

**Robert E. Rosenberg**, associate professor



of chemistry, was most recently assistant professor of chemistry at Salem State College in Massachusetts. He earned a B.S. degree in chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Yale University. He was also a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral research fellow at Columbia University. His research focuses on mechanistic organic chemistry and the use of computational chemistry and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) to solve problems in structural biology, while his teaching interests include NMR spectroscopy and organic chemistry.

**Ryan Stufflebeam**, assistant professor of



mathematics, was most recently VIGRE (Vertical Integration of Research and Education in the Mathematical Sciences) Ross assistant professor of mathematics at The Ohio State University. He earned a B.A. degree in mathematics and computer science from Knox College in Illinois and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Iowa. His research interests focus on number theory and representation theory.

## APPLAUSE

### Hobbs presents award-winning paper

Darren Hobbs '07 received the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award for his paper "Economic Analysis of Expanded Gambling" at the annual Kentucky Economics Association conference in Lexington on October 13, 2006. He received funding from the Kenan Student Summer Research Program to work on the project with economics professor Alan Bartley. The award was accompanied by a stipend and publication in the proceedings of the conference.

### Deaton named forensics Coach of the Year

After a successful year for the speech and debate team, Gary Deaton, professor of writing, rhetoric, and communication, was named the Kentucky Forensics Association's Coach of the Year for 2006-07. He was recognized at the association's state championships, held February 16-17 at Berea College.

### Cecil receives national leadership award

Dave Cecil, director of financial aid, recently received the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators leadership award in recognition of his sustained outstanding leadership and contributions to the financial aid profession. He has received similar awards from the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

### Glenn honored by international group

James F. Glenn, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, recently received the Felix Guyon Medal from the Societe Internationale d'Urologie, a worldwide organization for urologists. The award was in recognition of his many contributions to the field of urology, particularly the textbook he produced in the early 1960s, *Glenn's Urologic Surgery*, now in its seventh edition. The Guyon Medal has been given only three times in the society's 100-year history. Glenn's award was presented at the society's 100th anniversary dinner in the King's Dining Room at the Palace of Versailles in France.

## Brown is visiting writer in residence



**Learning how to evaluate** the suggestions of others and make intelligent use of valid criticism is a lesson that Asbury College English professor Devin Brown, who has joined the Transylvania faculty this year as a visiting writer in residence, hopes the students in his Art of Persuasive Writing class will take to heart.

"Beginning writers are somewhat averse to taking suggestions, but advanced writers are thrilled when someone gives them an idea they hadn't thought about," said Brown, who feels this ability to use constructive criticism is key to a writer's development. "The role of a great editor is to help you say better what you want to say, in the way you want to say it."

As a published poet, novelist, and literary critic, Brown has seen his own writing improve as a result of astute editing. He feels this real world experience is one of the benefits he can offer Transylvania students in his persuasive writing class and in the two sections of Foundations of the Liberal Arts he is teaching.

To reinforce his point, Brown brought to his writing class galley proofs of a book he's working on that had about 50 changes marked on them, suggestions from an editor at his publishing house. "I wanted them to see that even though I'm an experienced writer, I don't just send in my manuscript and there's nothing to change," he said.

Brown's book of literary criticism titled *Inside Narnia: A Guide to Exploring The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Baker) was published in the fall of 2005 just prior to the release of the enormously popular movie, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, which was based on the children's fantasy novel by C. S. Lewis. Brown suddenly

found himself at the center of a whirlwind of media attention as sales of his book, which quickly became known as an excellent guide to understanding the novel and the movie, passed the 40,000 mark.

Brown is also the author of *Not Exactly Normal* (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2005), a novel about a sixth-grader at a New England Episcopal school who learns to accept and appreciate friends who are like him and those who are different.

Brown earned his B.A. in philosophy and religion from Culver-Stockton College, an M.A. in English from Eastern Illinois University, an M.A. in creative writing from the University of Florida, and a Ph.D. in English grammar and linguistics from the University of South Carolina.

It's especially impressive to Brown that Transylvania has assigned him to the first-year FLA classes as well as the upper level writing course, and that first-year students also take University 1111, a course designed to teach them how to succeed at a liberal arts college. He also took part in the First Engagements program that had all first-year students read and discuss Scott Turow's book on capital punishment titled *Ultimate Punishment*.

"Involving me in the FLA classes is Transylvania's way of saying a writer in residence is not just for upper level students," Brown said. "When you combine that with the University 1111 course and First Engagements, it says to these new students that as you enter Transy, you're entering the world of ideas."

## Fosl's new book provides tools for answering moral questions

**Philosophy professor Peter Fosl contends that all** people are natural thinkers and that everyone encounters philosophical issues and moral questions. What philosophers do is come up with ways of working through these things, providing conceptual devices to use as tools.

This is the idea behind *The Ethics Toolkit*, published this year by Blackwell Publishing Limited. Fosl co-wrote the book with Julian Baggini, a fellow philosopher living in England, as a follow-up to *The Philosopher's Toolkit*, which the pair released in 2002.

Rather than just explaining philosophical concepts, the *Toolkit* books offer ways to use philosophy and think practically about the concepts.

"We're thinking of ourselves as empowering people or giving people the tools that can help them think about philosophy and ethical issues in a sophisticated way," he said.

Fosl sees his readers as a competent general population. "The books are sophisticated enough for professionals, but accessible to university students," he said. "We made it as sophisticated as possible without losing a general audience."

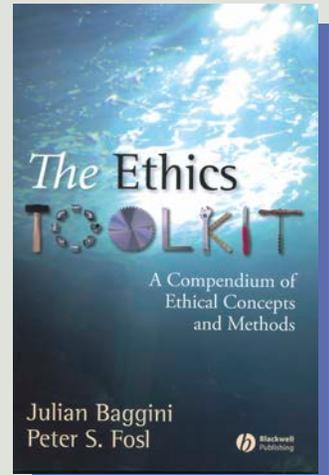
The books don't adhere to any one philosophical approach. Instead, they encourage the reader to draw from various ideologies.

"It's just like fixing a car," he said. "You could have a four-piece tool set, and some people do pretty well with those four simple tools. Other people have a big garage full of tools, and that's what we're trying to do—give you a wider set of tools and show you how to use them."

Fosl said most of his career has been devoted to teaching philosophy to people who haven't had much background in it, a passion he shares with Baggini, co-founder and editor of *The Philosopher's Magazine*, best-selling author, and contributor to publications like *The Guardian*, the *Independent*, and the *Observer*.

The pair began an e-mail correspondence when Baggini read an article by Fosl that was published in the magazine and contacted him with the idea of co-writing the first book. By the time they finished, they'd not met face-to-face, but Fosl did travel to Europe to meet with Baggini and plan the second book.

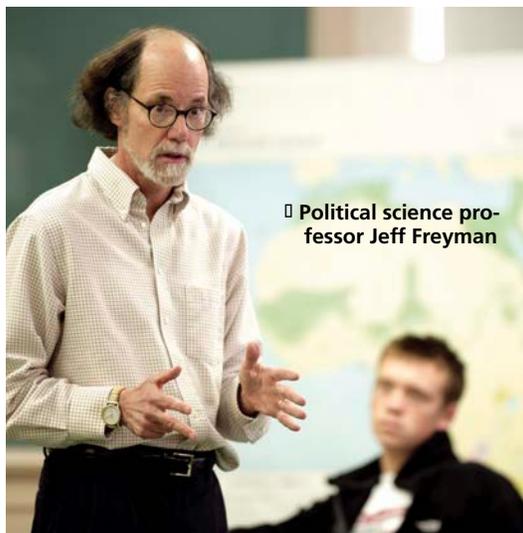
*The Philosopher's Toolkit* has been a top seller for Blackwell. It was released in several languages and a second edition will be released next year. If *The Ethics Toolkit* follows suit, Fosl and Baggini will consider writing a third.



**"Very good sense, so clearly and neatly expressed, about ideas in and around ethics worth disagreeing about."**

Ted Honderich  
University College London

## Bingham-Young Professorships awarded to Freyman, Upchurch



Political science professor Jeff Freyman

**Political science professor** Jeff Freyman has been awarded the Bingham-Young Professorship for 2007-08 and psychology professor Meg Upchurch has the professorship for 2008-10.

Freyman's professorship focuses on establishing the Center for Liberal Education at Transylvania, the primary emphasis of which is the running of the summer liberal arts seminars, "Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept."

The purpose of the seminars is to contribute to a national conversation on the idea of liberal arts education. The first was held on Transylvania's campus in August 2006, and a second took place in July 2007.

Seminar participants were chosen from a pool of applicants from prominent liberal arts colleges throughout the country.

Freyman will continue to run summer seminars for Transy faculty as well, and develop symposia for faculty and administrative staff during the academic year.

"We'll read something in common and discuss," he said. "These will be informal gatherings—a chance to talk about Transy in light of these articles."

During his professorship, Freyman also plans to bring speakers to campus who have a reputation in the field of higher education. Eva Brann, former dean of St. John's College, will visit in January 2008 to deliver the speech "Dangers to Liberal Education."

Carol Geary Schneider, president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, will visit in March 2008.

Freyman hopes by the end of his Bingham-Young Professorship to have established a faculty and staff advisory committee and envisions that in the future, the Center will take on an institutional life of its own.

Upchurch's professorship, *Drugged America*, will explore the influence of drugs on American culture ranging from the pharmaceutical industry and its influence on the medical profession, to international relations related to both illicit and licit drug use, and alcohol use on campus.

David E. Cartwright, author of *Forces of Habit: Drugs and the Making of the Modern World*, will visit campus to discuss the

history of drugs and colonization, and how drugs came to be so important in international relationships. Upchurch plans to bring other speakers to Transy as well.

It is her desire to involve the entire campus community in this project. She hopes to include presentations by faculty members from a wide range of divisions and plans to develop a May term roundtable for students to discuss drug related issues.

"I really want students to be an active part of this," she said. "I'm hoping that it will get students to think about drug use more deeply than they do. I'd like to get the whole community thinking about how chemical we are as a society."



Psychology professor Meg Upchurch

## Challenge grant met for Boyarsky Science Lab

**Transylvania biology** professor emerita Lila Boyarsky was a fixture in the Carnegie Science Building and its successor, the Brown Science Center, for 36 years as she taught generations of Transy students the intricacies of genetics and other biological mysteries while maintaining a famously large hamster colony.

It seems only appropriate, then, that she will be the first to have a room named in her honor in the renovated Brown Science Center through the creation of the Lila Boyarsky Science Laboratory.

The recognition will come as

the result of a \$100,000 challenge grant provided by Joe Coons '73, a former student of Boyarsky's and member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, and more than \$150,000 in gifts and pledges that represents an outpouring of support from approximately 170 other alumni and friends.

"I'm very grateful to all of those who responded to this challenge and joined me in creating this well deserved honor," said Coons. "It reaffirms my belief that Dr. Boyarsky influenced so many Transy students by teaching us not just biology, but also all the ways to be a

good student."

When President Charles L. Shearer announced the challenge grant during Alumni Weekend 2006, he spoke of the influence that special teachers like Boyarsky can have on their students' lives.

"If we sat and thought about it, all of us could name teachers whose passion for education and sincere interest in students affected the course of our lives," he said. "This is Joe's way of saying 'Thank you, Dr. Boyarsky,' for making a difference in his life. The response to the challenge grant shows that many others feel the same way."

Boyarsky, who taught at Transylvania from 1955-57 and 1958-91, became one of the University's longest tenured and most honored professors. She was among the first recipients of the Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1988.

The Boyarsky Laboratory will be a distinctive part of the \$8 million renovation of Brown Science Center, opened in 1970 to replace the 1908 Carnegie Science Building. Two renovated physics labs and a striking new biology lab are already in use as part of the project. Existing biology labs and the chemistry labs are scheduled for renovation during the summers of 2008 and 2009.

## Robinson says global human rights begin close to home

**Mary Robinson, a world leader** for the cause of human rights, quoted from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to set the cornerstone for her October 2 Kenan Lecture: "Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his or her personality is possible."

Robinson was introduced by Student Government Association president, senior Sarah Bilitier, as "one of the most influential female world leaders." She was the first woman president of Ireland (1990-97) and is currently president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and chair of the Council of Women World Leaders. She was formerly United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights.

Throughout her lecture, Robinson referred to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was drafted by

the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, as a common standard of achievement for all people and nations.

"The world did adopt a common declaration of values," she said. "Every country has agreed. Implementation is a different matter."

This century, Robinson said, began well for human rights. In September 2000, the United Nations met to discuss the Millennium Declaration, nine objectives toward the globalization of human rights and a reaffirmation of faith in the organization and its goal of a more peaceful, prosperous, and just world.

Soon after, however, the world's attention was diverted by the September 11, 2001, terrorists attacks on the United States, and a focus was placed on security.

"9-11 was an appalling trauma for this country, and a dark time for the whole world,"



Joseph Rey/AU

▣ **Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and a world leader for the cause of human rights, receives a Transylvania honorary degree from President Charles L. Shearer. It was the first time in recent history that the University has awarded an honorary degree outside of commencement.**

Robinson said. "Those responsible for these acts are guilty of crimes against humanity."

She noted, however, that the "war on terror" has been a setback for human rights and stressed the importance of restoring the state of global human rights to where it was

before September 11, 2001.

Immediately preceding her address, Transylvania awarded Robinson an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of her advocacy of human rights and pioneering role as a woman in the forefront of world leadership.

## Two sisters honor brother with scholarship endowment

**When the sisters of Transylvania** Board of Trustees member James G. Kenan III decided to create a lasting tribute to their brother's dedication and expertise in growing both the University's endowment and the Kenan family fund, they didn't have far to look to find an appropriate means.

"In choosing to honor Jim, Transylvania was a pretty obvious choice for us," said Clay Kirk of New York City, who joined her sister, Sarah Kennedy of Atlanta, to provide a gift of \$1 million to endow the JGK III Scholarship Program at Transylvania, which has been augmented by several additional gifts. The merit scholarships will include full tuition, room, board, and fees for four years and be awarded to two entering first-year students every four years, beginning in the fall of 2008.

"Bill Young senior (the late chairman of the board) had gotten Jim involved initially with Transylvania, and he and Jim were very close friends for a long time," Kirk said. "Also, Jim raised his family in Lexington and has been a very active member of the com-



Joseph Rey/AU

▣ **James G. Kenan III is joined by his sisters, Sarah Kennedy, left, and Clay Kirk.**

munity, so we wanted to do something in Lexington, and Transylvania really stood out because of that association."

As vice chair of Transylvania's board of trustees and chair of the Investment Committee, Kenan has overseen management of the University's endowment for the past 20 years. During his tenure, the endowment has grown from \$35 million to \$145 million.

The JGK III Scholarship will build on the principles established in 1982 with the launch of the prestigious William T. Young

Scholarship program, the first merit scholarship program of its type in the region. JGK III scholars will be required to maintain a 3.5 grade point average, be campus leaders, and exhibit excellence of character and responsible citizenship.

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Transylvania board of trustees, has enjoyed a close working relationship with Kenan on the board as well as a lifelong friendship.

"The scholarships that Clay and Sarah have created in Jim's honor will let Transylvania compete with the top schools in the country for the very best students," Young said. "Jim Kenan has been one of the best friends Transylvania has ever had. I can't thank Clay and Sarah enough for this special gift, and Jim for his lifelong friendship both to me and Transylvania."

President Charles L. Shearer put the gift and the new scholarship program in perspective, saying, "When very special people are recognized and the results provide opportunities for others, there cannot be a better outcome."

## Wright Scholarship Fund established for history majors

**Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon '56** has long appreciated the influence that Transylvania history professor emeritus John D. Wright Jr. has had on her life, from the many classes she took with him as a history and political science major to the intervening years of keeping in touch and drawing upon his wisdom for her life decisions.

That's why Harmon and several of her classmates decided to create the John D. Wright Jr. Scholarship Fund to honor his many years of service to Transylvania and the impact he continues to have on so many students. The fund will provide annual grants to rising juniors who are majoring in history and have financial need.

"I think we all benefited greatly from being in Dr. Wright's classes," Harmon said. "He was also a major influence on me after I left Transylvania. I've become very active in local politics, and I look on that as taking ideas that Dr. Wright expressed in

his classes and putting them into practical application."

Wright came to Transylvania in 1950 and became an integral and much loved member of the University community for the better part of the next four decades through his engaging teaching style, accessibility to students, and scholarship that focused on Transylvania and Lexington. Before his retirement in 1986, he authored the definitive history of the college, *Transylvania: Tutor to the West*, as a marquee project associated with the

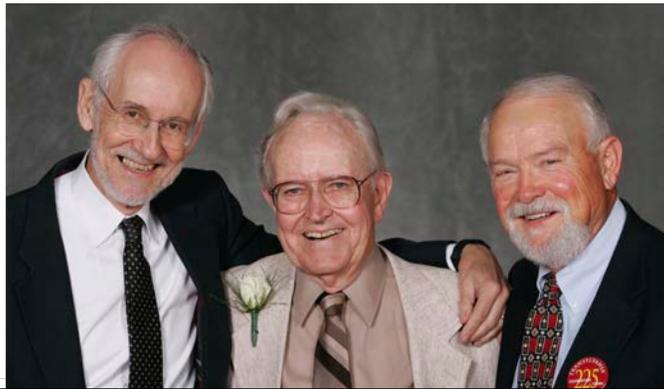
celebration of Transylvania's bicentennial in 1980. He later authored *Lexington: Heart of the Bluegrass* and *Lexington: A Century in Photographs*.

News of the scholarship fund was gratifying to Wright. "I am so delighted that this is being done," he said. "It makes me feel like my association with Transylvania has been enhanced by the creation of this fund.

Because of my long acquaintance with Mary Lou, the fact that she has been one of the instigators in getting it established and raising funds for it makes it particularly personal for me."

For information on making a contribution to the John D. Wright Jr. Scholarship Fund, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679.

▣ **Transylvania history professors emeritus, from left, Joe Binford, John D. Wright Jr., and Paul Fuller, are pictured at Alumni Weekend 2005.**



## New look for Web site

**The start of a new academic year saw a number of** improvements and additions made to the Transylvania Web site. Web developer Mariana Shochat worked over the summer to completely redesign the look and functionality of [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu).



In addition to enhancements that will serve all users, the Web site now features a number of changes that will be of particular help to prospective students and their families as they search for important information relevant to their college decision process. There is a virtual tour with audio and an enlarged campus map, pop-up pages for admissions counselors have been added, the admission application now reflects a paper application, and financial aid information is organized in a subsection.

Overall upgrades include flash animation for the home page and athletics main page, new cross-links throughout the site, and an A-Z index.

"Making our Web site friendlier for all users is important, but it's especially vital to serve the needs of prospective students," said Sarah Emmons, director of public relations. "We know that today's students rely on the Web as a primary source of information, and Transylvania wants to be known for having a very accessible and informative site. These improvements will help us maintain our reputation for user friendliness."

## Transylvania upgrades emergency alert systems

In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech University last spring, Transylvania has enhanced its campus safety procedures to provide a more comprehensive emergency alert system to warn the community of any potential life-threatening situation.

In any such emergency, messages will be sent quickly through a newly installed public address system located in and around buildings on campus, a pop-up message will appear on the University's Web site, a text message will go out to registered cell phones, and an e-mail will be sent to all students, faculty, and staff. Follow-up information will be sent via e-mail and on the University's Web page. All of these systems have been tested recently, with positive results.

"All areas of the campus community have been involved in a comprehensive analysis of our ability to communicate rapidly and effectively with students, faculty, and staff in the event of a life-threatening situation," said Dean of Students Mike Vetter. "We are confident that the steps we have taken provide a very effective means of communication during the earliest signs of a possible emergency."

## \$32 million 225th Anniversary Campaign refocuses on remaining needs

### *Transylvania's five-year*

\$32 million 225th Anniversary Campaign enters its fourth year with a gratifying sense of achievement, thanks to the generosity of the University's many supporters, while also refocusing its efforts on several key areas of remaining need.

"I can't stress too much how thankful we are for what our community of donors has done so far to put us on the road to success with this capital campaign," said President Charles L. Shearer. "The campaign has great momentum. It's been a remarkable outpouring of support that shows how important the future of this University is to so many people."

Achievements of the campaign thus far include the completion of two projects that have greatly enhanced the campus environment. The renovated Haupt Plaza, with its expanded seating and new landscaping, has become even more popular in its role as the town square of the campus. The Glenn Build-

ing, featuring an attractive bookstore and the very popular Jazzman's Café, is a meeting place for students, faculty, and staff.

"The Glenn Building and our renovated Haupt Plaza have created a new sense of community for everyone," said Shearer. "These improved social spaces let students and faculty members have more of those casual, impromptu meetings where important learning takes place."

The endowment goal of the campaign, set at \$6 million for endowed scholarships and \$3 million for endowed academic chairs, has exceeded its overall goal by raising \$12 million. However, two of the envisioned three \$1 million academic chairs remain to be funded. The first, the Lucille C. Little Endowed Chair in Theater, was funded when Transylvania donors matched the \$500,000 challenge grant from the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation.

The goal of \$8 million for an

extensive renovation of laboratory space in Brown Science Center has not been fully met and is a key focus of the remaining two years of the campaign. Thus far, \$5.9 million has been raised, which has allowed the University to complete renovation of the heating and air-conditioning system, install new windows throughout the building, create an attractive new biology lab, and renovate two physics labs.

The remaining work to upgrade the 37-year-old science center consists of renovation of the biology and chemistry labs, scheduled for the summers of 2008 and 2009.

The goal of \$5.5 million for the construction of a new residence hall has been partially met, and construction is underway for Thomson Residence Hall. Its funding was stimulated by a generous lead gift from Joe Thomson '66 and his wife,

JoAnn.

The campaign has also resulted in the relocation and complete refurbishing of the Career Development Center and the construction and opening of three new tennis courts, which are located near the corner of Fourth Street and Bourbon Avenue.

"The fruits of this campaign are already being enjoyed by students, faculty, and staff, even as we focus our efforts on the remaining goals," said vice president for alumni and development Richard Valentine. "We feel exceptionally good about the progress we've made. Now it's just a matter of maintaining our momentum to the finish line. Transylvania donors have recognized the value of this campaign's goals, and that makes me confident that we can meet all our remaining needs."

## New residence hall construction underway

*Ground has been broken and work has begun on* Thomson Residence Hall, a suite-style facility due for completion by August 2008. The \$5.5 million building is named after Joe Thomson '66 and his wife, JoAnn, who provided a generous lead gift for the project.

Each of the 31 suites will house two students and contain a sleeping area, living area, kitchenette, and private bath. The three-story building, with 28,000 square feet, will also house the 1780 Café and a large meeting room. It will be heated and cooled with a geothermal HVAC system, the most energy efficient, environmentally clean system available.

President Charles L. Shearer said that Thomson Hall will provide students with a living experience that meets contemporary expectations. "Many students desire apartment or suite-style accommodations, and we're pleased that this new residence hall represents a forward-looking approach," he said.

Thomson Hall is the first phase of a planned two-phase project. Construction of the second new residence hall is expected to begin in the next three years.



**Parents Council begins fund-raising effort for library**



The Parents Council has set a goal of raising \$93,000 from 1,200 donors in its annual campaign to provide books, software, academic journals, and other resources for the Transylvania library. Last year, the group surpassed its 2005 totals by raising \$93,107 from 987 donors, according to Lori Burlingham, assistant director of development and coordinator of the Parents Council. The average gift amount also increased over the previous year.

"Tuition and fees cover only 60 percent of the actual cost of a Transylvania student's education. The rest comes from donations and other sources," pointed out Rusty Ashcraft, co-president of the Parents Council with his wife, Jennifer. "Our son Russell is a senior account-

ing major, and we are forever grateful for the comprehensive education that he has received here. That's why we support the Parents Fund and ask others to join us by making a tax-deductible contribution to make a good library even better."

Mary Devers, grandmother of John Batts '92 and Rebecca Devers '00, echoed the Ashcrafts' enthusiasm for the Parents Fund. "Rebecca and John's Transylvania educations have served them well. I started supporting the Parents Fund when John entered the University 14 years ago, and I continue to support it today. You just can't go wrong with Transy."

In addition to fund-raising, the Parents Council plans programs for students' families and helps with student recruitment

Parents Council members are (from left) Jim and Bev Drye, Sarah Johnson, Kathi Zanni, Christine Hughes, Mac and Kim Lacy, Ed and Mary Ann Miller, Noel and Brenda Clayton, Patti Geil, Rusty and Jennifer Ashcraft (co-presidents), Diane Harcourt, Dominic and Ellen Grisanti, Bobby and Carmen Covert, Veronica Dean-Thacker and Shelby Thacker, Mott and Pete Gammon.

and career development.

**New Transy license plate available Jan. 1**

A new Transylvania license plate will become available January 1 to alumni and friends living in Kentucky. The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, which sponsors the college license plate program, will return \$10 to Transylvania for each license plate sold or renewed.

"We're thrilled with the striking new look of the license plate," said Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs. "In addition to promoting the University, the license plate program has resulted in over \$22,000 for the University's scholarship fund since it began five years ago."

The new license plate design is the work of Barbara Grinnell, graphic designer in the Transy publications office.

In 2006, alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends purchased or renewed 601 Transy plates, resulting in \$6,010 for scholarships and putting Transy in second place among the 19 participating private colleges.

Vehicle owners who already have a Transy tag can get a new

one any time after January 1 at their county clerk's office, or in the owner's birth month when the annual registration fee is due. The cost of the Transy plate is \$44 for the first year and \$31 to renew in subsequent years.



Regular issue plates are \$21. Be sure to take photo identification, vehicle title, and proof of insurance to the county clerk's office, and call ahead to make sure a Transy plate is in stock.

Vehicle owners with regular issue "Unbridled Spirit" license plates must return the old plate to the county clerk's office to obtain a new Transy plate.

For more information, including contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at [www.kytc.state.ky.us/mvl](http://www.kytc.state.ky.us/mvl).

**Renovations enhance Forrer courtyard**

Functional and decorative renovations to Forrer courtyard have given the highly traveled area a rejuvenated look.

In the lower, or amphitheater area, steps leading up to the fountain level were rebuilt to provide uniform treads. The base of the amphitheater was reconstructed in exposed concrete aggregate with a brick border and raised about six inches to make it wheelchair accessible from Forrer back lobby. Seating areas were pressure-washed and sealed to prevent staining. Two planter areas were added on each side of the doors from the lobby and landscaped with shrubbery to soften the effect of the concrete surfaces.

On the upper level, new sprays were installed in the fountain that give three streams of water at a higher level than before, along with lights that add visual appeal.

## MAPP FILLS VOLLEYBALL INTERNSHIP SPONSORED BY NCAA DIVISION III



**Maya Mapp** experienced intercollegiate volleyball at the highest level when she played for The Ohio State University on a team that finished fifth in the nation her senior year. Now completing a two-year internship at Transylvania sponsored by NCAA Division III, she's come to appreciate the competitiveness of volleyball at a non-scholarship school while gaining valuable experience as a coach and administrator.

"The Division III players don't have all the physical attributes of Division I players, but they definitely have the same intensity, the drive, the passion, and for the most part the skills that Division I players show," Mapp says. "I'm glad that I've had the chance to see both levels of play."

Mapp is the first of what the Transylvania athletics department hopes will be a series of interns over the coming years, all made possible by Transy's membership in NCAA Division III. In a classic win-win situation, Transylvania gets the full-time services of a former student-athlete and recent college graduate, while Mapp benefits from real world coaching and administrative experience that will help her choose a career path.

Mapp serves as assistant volleyball coach under head coach and associate athletics director Cindy Jacobelli, and is also an administrative specialist both for Jacobelli and athletics director Jack Ebel. Jacobelli has given her lots of responsibility for coaching Transy players in the specific skills of volleyball, in which Mapp excels.

"There are so many times in practice

when I need someone to show an example of what a certain skill should look like," Jacobelli says. "Having that extra person on the other side of the court who can be pretty much anything I need her to be as a practice player is so valuable."

In addition to administrative duties such as supervising work-study students and managing concessions and merchandise sales, Mapp analyzes future opponents and hits the recruiting trail, primarily in Lexington, Louisville, and Cincinnati. "I love recruiting—it's my favorite part," she says.

Mapp has used a \$3,000 professional development fund, provided by the NCAA along with her salary, to attend conferences in Denver, Colorado Springs, Miami, and Indianapolis, where she's taken part in sessions for women and African American coaches as well as volleyball coaching.

Another benefit to the NCAA internship program for Transylvania is that it takes the job search to a national level. "This would normally have been a very localized search for us to find an assistant volleyball coach," Jacobelli says. "Without having that national search through the NCAA, we would never have found Maya. It's an invaluable experience having her at Transy."

As for Mapp, she feels her Transy experience has helped her prepare for the career decision she'll have to make in June at the end of the internship.

"Cindy and Jack are the best supervisors I could ever ask for," she says. "The good thing about my Transy internship is that I'm working in both coaching and administration. I know my career is going to be in athletics in some form, either on the court or behind the scenes."

## New tennis courts enhance program

The addition of three tennis courts has greatly enhanced the intercollegiate program at Transylvania while also improving the facilities available to the campus community. The project was included in the University's \$32 million 225th Anniversary Campaign.

"These courts are among the better facilities in the area," said head men's and women's tennis coach Chuck Brown. "They are a step in the right direction for the future of our program. The players already love them."



The hard courts are located behind Rosenthal Residence Hall near the corner of Fourth Street and Bourbon Avenue and include a feature court setup for No. 1 singles and doubles matches, new landscaping, and spectator seating. Fans will come onto the courts and sit in bleachers between courts No. 1 and 2, eliminating the need to look through fencing.

The existing three courts near the Clay-Davis residence halls will be renovated following completion of the nearby Thomson Residence Hall in 2008.

"The new courts are of top-notch quality," said athletics director Jack Ebel, "and when the existing three courts are renovated, we will have six courts well suited for varsity competition and general campus use, including intramurals."

## Kilbourne named field hockey coach



Susannah Kilbourne has been named head coach of Transylvania's field hockey team. Currently teaching English at Lafayette High School in Lexington, she is a 1997 graduate of Centre College, where she was a forward, a four-year member, and captain of the field hockey team. She received a master's degree in English education from the University of Kentucky.

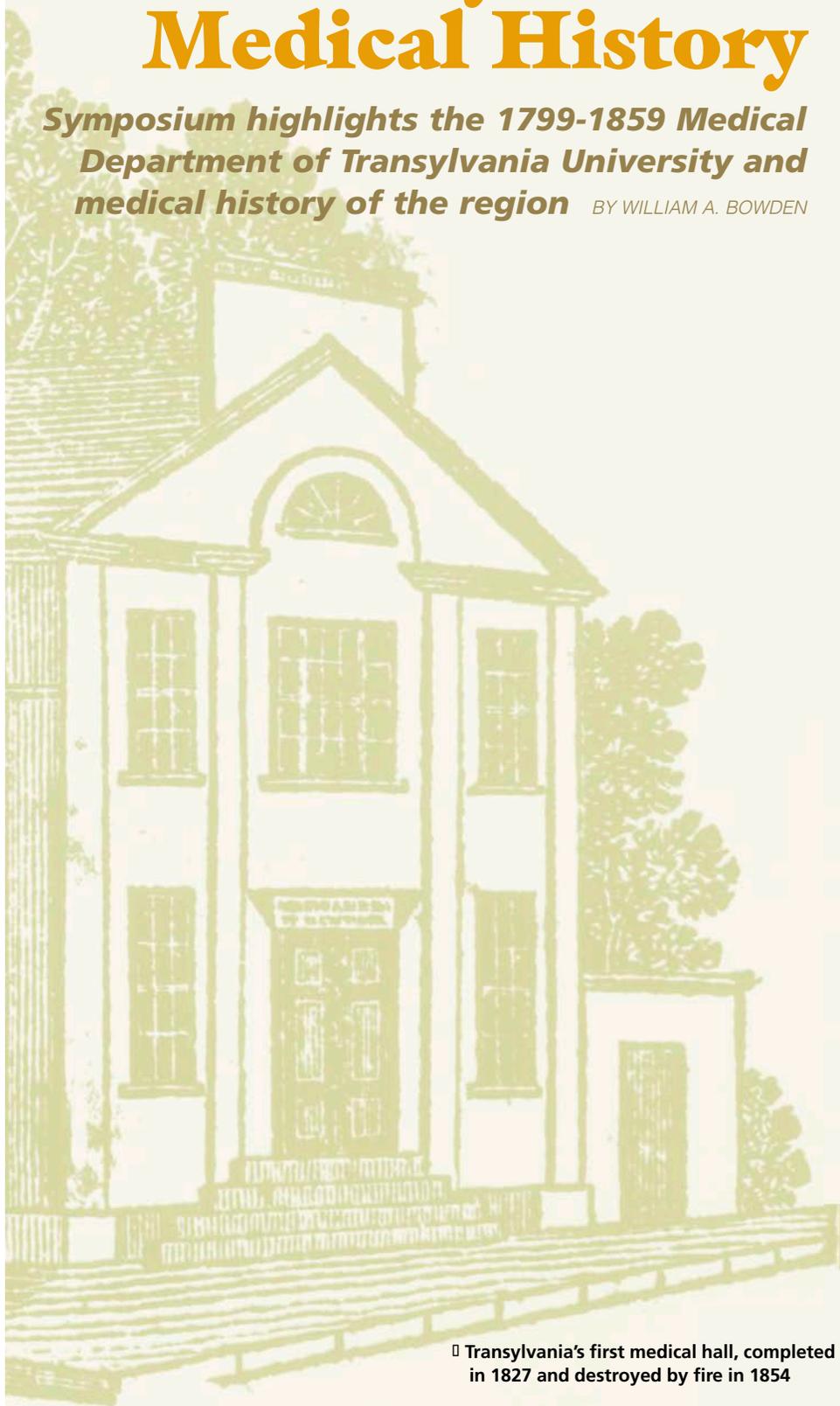


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Assistant volleyball coach Maya Mapp, center left, and head coach Cindy Jacobelli huddle with players. Mapp is completing an NCAA-sponsored internship in coaching and administration.

# Celebrating Transylvania's Medical History

*Symposium highlights the 1799-1859 Medical Department of Transylvania University and medical history of the region* BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



▣ Transylvania's first medical hall, completed in 1827 and destroyed by fire in 1854

At one point during his scholarly presentation on the history of the Medical Department of Transylvania University (1799-1859), University of Kentucky history professor Eric Christianson departed momentarily from his more academic language to emphasize in layman's terms the overall importance of Transylvania and its pioneering medical school.

"Transylvania was, indeed, the real deal," Christianson said. "It was the first significant institution of higher education west of the Alleghenies. It had the first medical school in the region, and the dominant one for a number of years. It was one of the most extraordinary medical institutions in an extraordinary era.

"Horace Holley (president of Transylvania from 1818-27) hoped it would be the 'mark' for education in the Western United States, and in many ways, it certainly was. It turned out generations of physicians for the Western states and others in the Union."

This remarkable heritage was the centerpiece of a day-long symposium held August 8 at Transylvania titled "The Medical History of Transylvania, Lexington, and the Ohio River Valley." The event attracted a staff member of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., (see sidebar) among the enthusiastic turnout of 56 historians, doctors, teachers, and others from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee.

Participants were treated to three morning presentations and lunch before taking part in afternoon tours of Transylvania's special collections, the University's Moosnick Medical and Science Museum, and medical history sites in Lexington.

## ***Transylvania's prominence***

Christianson opened the morning session with a presentation titled "Medicine at Transylvania University and Lexington, 1795-1859." He is associate professor and director of graduate studies in history with a joint appointment in the College of Pharmacy at UK. He is an expert in the post-1700 history of science, health, technology, and the environment.

Among the themes Christianson highlighted in his talk was the prominence of Transylvania's medical department, especially during the 1830s and '40s, the height of its glory. At that time, the school was considered to be on a par with its sister institutions at such distinguished colleges

as Harvard, Yale, and Pennsylvania. Its faculty of noted professors and practitioners, its extensive holdings in medical texts and the latest scientific apparatus, and its well equipped medical building gave it all the resources it needed to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with any school in the nation.

“People could rightly claim at that time—although comparisons can be difficult to do—that not Yale nor Harvard nor the College of Physicians at Pennsylvania itself could offer a comparable library or suite of philosophical apparatus to teach modern medicine or chemistry than could be found at Transylvania,” said Christianson. “That’s quite a boast, but it’s one that had a lot of substance.”

Christianson noted that this period was a time of great activity in the region and that Transylvania and its medical school were a central part of that.

“Lexington was on the urban frontier, and this whole neck of the woods was full of hope and future and excitement at that time,” he said. “There was something tremendously vital going on at Transylvania for quite some time, sustained by the faculty, the infrastructure, the library, the scientific apparatus, and visions of a future.”

Transylvania’s first medical hall was built in 1827 and used until 1839 when a second, more elaborate hall was constructed that today is described on a Kentucky Historical Society marker as a “Massive building of Grecian architecture with facilities not surpassed at the time by any school in America or Europe.” The second hall burned to the ground in 1863.

“Transylvania’s second medical hall was a striking building,” Christianson said. “Even in Philadelphia, they wrote about what a wonderful, beautiful building and how well equipped it was.”

As Christianson profiled some of the prominent professors and practitioners associated with Transylvania during these years, he gave particular attention to a surgeon of great renown.

“Without a doubt, the single most important individual to be associated with Transylvania was Dr. Benjamin Dudley,” Christianson said. “He was arguably one of the top two or three surgeons during this period. He was European trained, with experience in London and Paris, and was well known as a lithotomist (surgeon who removes stones from the bladder, kidneys, or gallbladder).”

Christianson, who has done extensive



research on the matriculation records of the medical department, said he has determined that 4,385 students took courses in the school. As one example of the school’s drawing power, he pointed to the many students who came from Tennessee.

“Tennessee provided 699 of the matriculants to Transylvania,” he said. “During the antebellum period, eastern, central, and western districts of what became the Tennessee Medical Association were filled with Transylvania graduates, who formed the core of Tennessee’s medical profession. This would be true of a number of other states, also.”

Adding to the stature of Transylvania’s medical department, Christianson said, was the fact that it was part of a broader university.

“Most of the medical schools during the 19th century were proprietary schools, not affiliated with a university,” he said. “They were businesses. Transylvania was one of the few that had a formal affiliation with a liberal arts institution. Transylvania University had a medical department, a law department, a preparatory department, an academic department. Harvard had the same thing. If you were just a medical school off on your own, most people would look down their noses at it.”

### ***Transylvania’s collections***

Transylvania physics professor Jamie Day, who is also curator of the Moosnick Medical and Science Museum, gave the audience an overview of the University’s extensive and important holdings in historic scientific and medical apparatus. This equipment was used by faculty and students in the University studying natural sciences as well as by students in the

□ Medical symposium presenters were, from left, Transylvania physics professor Jamie Day, University of Kentucky history professor Eric Christianson, and Charles T. Ambrose, professor in the UK College of Medicine.

medical department.

Among the numerous items of particular relevance to medical history are the anatomical models. These, and many other items, along with a large group of medical and scientific textbooks, were purchased by Transylvania faculty members on expeditions to Europe, primarily London and Paris.

In addition to his overview, Day’s presentation focused on his two primary areas of research involving the collections, which are anatomical models and a daguerreotype camera.

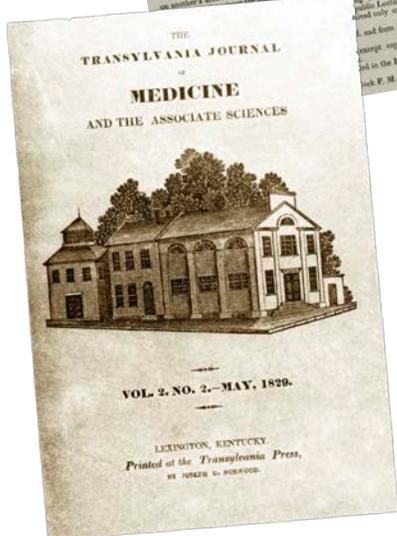
“The anatomical models are made of wax and came from Florence, Italy, which was the center for the best wax modelers in the world at that time,” Day said. The models can be taken apart to allow students to understand the relationship of the body’s organs and other systems.

Day has done extensive research on the camera in Transylvania’s collections, enough so that he feels he has proof it is a daguerreotype camera, named after the French artist and chemist Louis Daguerre, one of the inventors of an early photographic process.

“The symposium was my first opportunity to discuss this research publicly,” Day said after the event. “I believe we do have a daguerreotype camera, one of the oldest in the world. It is an American made camera, and American scientific instruments from that era are more rare and distinctive than those from



▣ Above, Transylvania's scientific and medical apparatus collections include a daguerrotype camera, an aquatic or field microscope, and a traveling pharmacy used by 19th-century physicians. Below, the 1844 Rules Governing the Medical Library of the Transylvania Medical Department included a user's fee of \$5 per semester and a 50 cent fine for anyone going "behind the railing." In addition to its scholarly mission, *The Transylvania Journal of Medicine* served to advertise the Medical Department to prospective students and faculty members. Its cover features a rendering of the 1827 medical building.



Europe.”

Also speaking after the symposium, Day said a particular charm of the Transylvania collections is that they were actually the working instruments and library of a pioneering medical school.

“Many schools have cabinets of apparatus that are pristine and beautiful, because they’ve never been used,” Day said. “Our apparatus was used, and it shows signs of that. Our books were used by faculty and students, and some have notes in the margins. You can tell these books were studied, and that means a lot.”

### A view of the region

Charles T. Ambrose, professor in the department of microbiology, immunology, and molecular genetics at the UK College of Medicine, completed the morning presentations with a look at the medical history of the region titled “Medicine in the Ohio River Valley, 18th-19th Centuries.” He teaches courses in pathogenic microbiology and electives in medical microbiology. Ambrose sponsored the symposium, along with Transylvania.

Ambrose began by looking at the area’s original inhabitants, the American Indians, and some of the remedies they created for various ailments. Their treatment centered on the use of about 90 herbal drugs, along with sweatshouses, equivalent to modern saunas.

In his discussion of the region’s pioneers, Ambrose noted that the most devastating medical problems for them, as well as the American Indians, were outbreaks of smallpox, measles, chickenpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and typhus. He made special reference to cholera, an acute intestinal infection that can cause death

within 6-10 hours, which was especially deadly to Lexington’s early population.

“Lexington reported only five cases of cholera in 1832, but in early June 1833 the disease suddenly reappeared in the city,” Ambrose said. “At the time, 6,000 people lived here; the epidemic killed 500 within three months.”

Even during the years when Transylvania’s medical department was flourishing, the practice of medicine was still in its infancy in many ways, Ambrose said.

“The weakness of the various treatments...was that they ignored the underlying cause of each illness, such as bacterial, viral, hormonal, and so on,” Ambrose said, referring to such treatments as bleeding, puking, purging, blistering, and poulticing. “Indeed, this knowledge was not gained until the later half of the 1800s, when European scientists made discoveries which started medicine on its modern ascent. Before then, the ordinary physician treated not diseases, but symptoms.”

Ambrose was the tour guide for an afternoon bus ride through Lexington that highlighted sites of historical and architectural interest, including medical sites and those relating to the 1833 cholera epidemic. The tour included a stop at the Lexington Cemetery gravesite of William “King” Solomon, famous for having dug the graves of many cholera victims.

Ambrose has also researched and written about the connection between Transylvania’s Medical Department and the founding of the American Medical Association (AMA). His paper on the subject—“The Secret Kappa Lambda Society of Hippocrates (and the Origin of the American Medical Association’s Principles of Medical Ethics)” —was published in 2005 by the *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine* and traces the establishment of a medical fraternity in 1819 for the students of the medical department. The greater significance of the organization lies in its members who helped found the AMA in 1847 and devised its Principles of Medical Ethics.

### Symposium had broad appeal

The symposium appealed to and attracted an interesting mix of scholars and academics, physicians and historians, and lay people interested in the topics.

Aileen Novick, program director for the historic Locust Grove home (c. 1790) in Louisville, was among the participants.

She came away very impressed with the symposium and Transylvania's collections, along with some information that will help her interpret Locust Grove to visitors.

"One of the children of the family who built Locust Grove was Dr. John Croghan, a medical doctor," Novick said. "So we are always interested in finding out who his contemporaries would be in Kentucky and what the medical ideas of the time were like."

Locust Grove even has a direct link to the Transylvania medical department. The home displays a specimen cabinet that belonged to Charles Short, a Transy faculty member before moving to Louisville.

"I had no idea of the extent of Transylvania's collections," Novick said. "I think it's important for Kentucky to know how early on, there was a good medical school here."

Jeff Wehmeyer, science team leader at the Fordham Sciences Library at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, works with historic books in the library's collection of local and regional history.

"The biggest treat for me was to see some of the items displayed in the rare books collection," Wehmeyer said, commenting on the afternoon tour he took that was hosted by special collections librarian B. J. Gooch. "A colleague and I teach an undergraduate course on the history of healthcare, and this was the first time I had seen works that I had read about in preparing to teach that course."

Richard Floyd, a retired Lexington physician and longtime member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, was already familiar with the medical school's heritage in general, but found the symposium to be eye-opening.

"There was a lot brought out in the symposium I was not aware of," Floyd said. "A lot of people in the community don't realize the position Transylvania played in producing the most physicians to care for the wounded during the Civil War."

Andy Moore '71 is a Lexington physician specializing in plastic surgery who has vivid memories of many of the scientific and medical items found in the collections.

"I was at Transylvania during the transition from the old Carnegie Science Building to the new Brown Science Center," Moore said. "We helped move a lot of the old stuff from the attic of Carnegie over to Brown Science. Dr. Leland Brown used to teach a course on medical history, and he would incorporate

some of those items in that course."

Moore gained a new appreciation for a heritage he was already familiar with.

"I knew Transylvania had one of the strong medical schools back then, but I didn't realize it was head-to-head with Philadelphia institutions and that surrounding medical schools grew with some of our professors who left here for greener pastures as our school broke up."

### ***Achieving its purpose***

When all was said and done, the symposium seemed to have served its purpose of enlightening its audience and spreading the awareness of this important history.

"I thought it was a very handsomely done affair," Ambrose said, who added he was able to deepen his understanding of Emmet Field Horine, a Louisville physician who donated about 500 historic titles to Transylvania's special collections, through conversations with several attendees from Louisville.

"I believe that people were very attentive and that it went well," said Christianson. "Audience members asked lots of good questions of me and the other presenters, especially in terms of whether this is a collection we should perhaps invest in, and I certainly do think it is."

"I think it raised, and in some cases reawakened, the awareness of how deep and broad our history is," said Day. "It was a very mixed crowd, yet everyone seemed to enjoy it. I didn't see lay people



▣ **Smithsonian curator Judy Chelnick was especially interested in Transylvania's 19th-century surgical instruments.**

advantage of the opportunity to see the collections for herself. It's a decision she's glad she made.

"I got to examine a lot of the collections up close, and that was really thrilling," said Chelnick, associate curator in the Division of Medicine and Science at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Chelnick's specialty is surgical and dental instruments from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Transylvania physics professor Jamie Day, curator of the University's Moosnick Medical and

### **Smithsonian curator impressed with Transylvania's collections**

Working at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., Judy Chelnick had heard about Transylvania's collections of historic scientific and medical apparatus from her colleagues. So when an invitation arrived to attend Transy's August symposium on medical history, she decided to take advantage

of the opportunity to see the collections for herself. It's a decision she's glad she made.

"The instruments that Transylvania has are very nice and very important, but the documentation you have makes them special," Chelnick said. "To have an invoice showing the items that were purchased for the students to use and learn by is unusual and fabulous.

"As a historian, to see an object that helped make history is very, very exciting. I see a lot of things at the Smithsonian, and every once in a while I come across something that's startling. And you've got some of that here at Transylvania."

Chelnick arrived for the symposium a day early and stayed over the next day to have a personalized look at the collections, including items in storage. In between, she attended the symposium and was impressed with what she learned.

"Transylvania is an institution I've always been aware of, and I learned a tremendous amount about the history of the area in a very short time," she said. "Transylvania's medical history is a great story, and the University should be very proud of it."

# TRANSY TIP SHEET

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY AND WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Ever wonder what the odds are on winning at a Las Vegas casino? Can you coordinate color, taste, texture, and flavor to present a memorable dinner party menu? How about surviving in the wilderness? Showcasing their knowledge in matters related to, and sometimes just outside of, their classroom expertise, Transylvania's professors give you some tips on these and other areas.



## Survival in extreme situations

**Anthropology professor Chris Begley's** archaeological research focuses on the Mosquito Coast of Honduras, one of the most remote areas of the Western hemisphere.

He leads eco- and adventure tours there as well, and has learned a lot about surviving in the wild.

Perhaps wilderness survival skills seem like a thing of the past, but there are situations in the modern world that bring

these skills into play. Sometimes people have to abandon their cars, for instance, or get lost while hiking or hunting.

"Two women recently died in Kentucky after becoming lost in a rural area," Begley said. "In many cases, the people are only a short distance from help, but can't find it, and panic."

Panic, he says, is the real killer in these situations. If you do find yourself in a survival situation, your first order of business is to stay calm and assess.

"Assuming you are safe from immediate danger, stop and sit down," Begley says.

▣ **Anthropology professor Chris Begley, right, and actor Ewan McGregor take time out from filming a BBC documentary in the Mosquito Coast of Honduras.**

"Typically, you want to stay put and wait for help. You should always tell someone where you are going if you are driving any distance or going hiking. That way, someone will notice you are missing and know where to start looking."

If help doesn't come, and you must move, there are some simple rules to remember.

"If you know which direction you

should go, you can use the sun and moon to find directions. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west, of course. If there is a crescent moon, follow an imaginary line from the top of the point of the crescent to the bottom, and continue the line to the horizon. That will be south. In most places in the world, look for a creek or river and follow it downstream. You'll find people sooner or later."

As for water and food, water is the more important of the two.

"First, forget about food," Begley says. "You won't need it for a couple of weeks. Digestion takes water and you will dehydrate much more quickly if you eat. If you do need to eat, look for common things. Around Kentucky, dandelions, acorns, and maple seeds are all edible and easily identified."

Finding safe water is a priority, and drinking water is especially important in cold weather to help prevent hypothermia.

"There is no secret for getting water, except that drinking contaminated water can make your situation go from bad to worse," Begley says. "Find the clearest water you can, from a moving stream if possible, and boil it."

Although he feels equipment is much less important than knowledge and mental preparedness, Begley recommends making a little survival kit to keep in your car.

"The most important things to carry would be a knife to cut wood for fire and shelter, something to start a fire with, and a container for water," he says. "Water purification tablets would also be a good addition."

Begley cautions that in severe situations, you can't rely on your survival instincts to kick in.

"You will have to summon the will to survive and bolster yourself," he says. "Think of things to keep you going."

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### Approaching the podium with confidence and calm

Do your palms begin to sweat at the mere thought of speaking in public? Do you imagine your audience yawning while you are trying to enlighten them with your brilliant speech? Do you find it hard to believe that anyone would want to listen

to you in the first place?

If so, **writing, rhetoric, and communication instructor Gary Deaton** has some helpful, practical advice that anyone



can use to turn a public speaking event into a successful experience for both speaker and audience.

His first piece of advice is on where to begin.

"The first mistake most speakers make is to begin by thinking of themselves rather than their audience," Deaton says. "You should begin by imagining yourself in the audience and then asking, 'Who is my audience? What would they hope to get out of my talk?'"

After you consider your audience in terms of the content of your talk, think of them again in relation to your delivery.

"It's not about writing the best manuscript and then reading it, because it's not a reading exercise, it's a speaking exercise," Deaton says. "Giving an extemporaneous talk—where you work from an outline—is the recommended approach that will allow you to be personable and connect with your audience."

Somewhere in your introduction, give the audience a reason to listen, and then preview the main ideas you will develop.

"Remember that audiences have one question foremost in their minds, and that is, 'What's in it for me?'" Deaton says. "I give a 'Presentation on Presentations' to first-year students, and I tell them that these presentation skills I'm about to give them will help them in their Foundations of the Liberal Arts class, in their upper level classes, and later in life."

There is no substitute for practice, Deaton says.

"You will be much more comfortable in speaking from an outline if you practice your speech, with a tape recorder, in front of a mirror, and with a supportive audience. Then, when you get to your real audience, you feel good about it."

Good eye contact is a delivery tip that Deaton feels is paramount.

"If your audience is small enough, make eye contact with every member at some point," he says. "With a larger audience, make eye contact with a section. Don't get locked into a single friendly face. As

you move through your outline and change topics, use those moments to move your eye contact around."

Make sure a visual display adds to your presentation instead of distracting from it.

"Have your audience looking at a display only when you're talking about it," Deaton says. "Find a way to cover it up at other times. Use physical movement toward and away from the display to underscore this, and make sure the display is not just a repetition of what you're saying."

As for those feelings of nervousness and apprehension some of us get at the prospect of public speaking, Deaton reemphasizes the importance of preparation and focusing on your audience and the message, and not on your performance.

"Taking a few deep breaths before beginning can also help," he says. "Try breathing in very slowly to a count of 10, holding that breath for the same count, and breathing out slowly to the same count. Physiologically, you're combating the adrenaline flow and slowing your heart-beat and relaxing."

One way to visualize success in a public speaking engagement, says Deaton, is to imagine it as a beneficial conversation you may have had with someone.

"Good conversation and public speaking are not that different," he says. "You are conversing with the audience. They're not speaking, but they're sending you nonverbal messages. Your goal is to make everyone feel like, 'We had a great talk together, even if I didn't get to say anything.'"

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### Pulling off the perfect dinner party

You've just suggested a get-together with friends that somehow evolved into a dinner party at your home. Now what do you do?

"Count to 10, take a breath, and make a plan," is **professor of hospitality management Mike Pepper's** advice.

The first thing to consider is theme and



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style.

“Is this a celebration? A social gathering of friends, family, co-workers? The purpose of your party will provide the framework for the plans,” Pepper says.

Next, consider the number of guests and budget. Pepper advises that in deciding how many people to invite, you must first determine if this is to be a formal dinner.

“Adequate seating for the style of party will be crucial in carrying out your plan. A buffet is less formal and depending upon your menu, more people can be accommodated if able to either stand around and eat or use their laps. Remember—no menu items requiring knives if you go this route.”

You will also want to decide how much you want to spend. Figure the total amount and divide by the number of guests you expect to invite. A per capita dollar amount will provide some insight into how to allocate expenses.

Then, there’s the menu, which Pepper points out will likely be the key to your success. Seasonal themes and foods may help to promote natural menu choices.

“You’ll want to choose a variety of colors, textures, tastes, and flavors that are complimentary and portray the theme of the party.”

Pepper suggests that you may wish to rely on your favorites or do a dry-run on items that you plan to make.

“This will also give you an opportunity to cost out the menu items and help you determine if you’re within your budget.”

Keep in mind that your entrée will usually represent half of your food budget. Dessert may even top the entrée cost or be a close second.

“If you’re insecure about baking or making desserts, you may wish to splurge and purchase dessert from a local favorite bakery,” he says.

Plan a food preparation schedule so that some pre-preparation can be done a day or two in advance. If doing this alone, pre-plate and refrigerate cold food items to minimize last minute detail work. Also, don’t plan last minute preparation unless the kitchen is to be the focal point and informal gathering spot. Unless you have help, don’t plan on last minute grilling, broiling, or stir-frying, which would

require attention to detail and take you

away from your guests.

The ambience you wish to create—simple or ornate, informal or formal—should be reflected in your choice of flowers, candlelight, table settings, and decorations.

“Garnish and presentation will bring on the oohs and ahs as guests are brought to your table and served,” Pepper says. “Visit the library and look through some cookbooks or magazines for good, easy to create garnish examples. Simple or elegant, presentation is crucial no matter the style.”

“Above all,” Pepper says, “keep it simple. Your guests will want your attention. This means having everything well planned and prepared to make it appear effortless and simple. Again, plan ahead, prep ahead as much as possible, and dress comfortably. As your guests arrive, have your cool drink in hand when you answer the door, at least giving the appearance of having it all together.”

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### Beat the casino? Don’t bet on it



Thinking of jetting out to Las Vegas, hitting the keno room, riding a hot streak, and walking away a big winner from the casinos? If so, you might want to talk things over first with **mathematics professor Kim Jenkins**.

With the exception of booking a flight for Vegas, the other three ideas in that first sentence are the exact opposite of what Jenkins would recommend you do, or advise you to expect. But armed with insights based on accessible mathematical concepts that will steer you to games with the most favorable odds, you can enjoy your casino time and at least return home with a shirt on your back.

Jenkins’ advice is based primarily on a knowledge of the mathematical concept known as the house “edge” and an understanding of how to approach games of chance. She picked up these insights while teaching a May term course titled Risky Business: Maths of the Gaming Industry with mathematics professor Mike LeVan

that included a week in Las Vegas.

The house edge is the amount of money the casino expects to keep from your wagering and differs for the various games. Keno is the worst for you, the gamer.

“Keno has a house edge of 21 percent, which means you will gamble a dollar to win back 79 cents,” Jenkins said. “That’s a very bad expectation for you.”

On the other hand, blackjack, a game Jenkins recommends highly, has a house edge in the seven percent range even for a novice player and involves an element of skill in deciding when to accept more cards, and in counting cards.

“With card counting, you can raise your expectation in blackjack so the house edge is lowered,” Jenkins says. “The basic counting system is to add one for each low card you have seen played—two through six—and subtract one for each high card—10 through ace. If you have a positive total at any point in the game, you’ve seen more low cards and are more likely to get a high card next, and vice-versa.”

Craps is also recommended. “The house edge on craps is just 1.4 percent, in general, for a basic pass/don’t pass bet,” Jenkins says. Among the slots, Jenkins touts video poker because of its element of skill in choosing your discards.

For games of complete chance, roulette is a good bet, says Jenkins. “You can bet a number of ways—just the number five, for example, or all red, or the top row of numbers. No matter how you bet, the house edge is always 5.26 percent, which is very unusual.”

As for your general approach to gaming, a common pitfall, says Jenkins, is to believe that if you get on a hot streak, you should continue.

“Walk away when you win,” Jenkins says. “Streaks are a fallacy in gaming. The longer you stay at any game, the more likely it is that you will come away losing the house edge.”

The bottom line for Jenkins:

“Never go into a keno room, play blackjack and video poker with a decent strategy, play craps and roulette for pure luck, take your winnings and run, and don’t expect to win a lot. That approach will give you hours of enjoyment.”

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## Begin your garden with perennials

Librarian Susan Brown's advice for the beginning gardener is to first come up with the overall plan for what you ultimately want your garden to be.

"Start by planting two or three perennials and filling in with annuals," she says. "Each year, add more and more perennials, using your master plan as a guide."



While sometimes less showy than annuals, in the long run, perennials are not only beautiful but also less expensive because they last for years and, when they grow large enough, can be divided, resulting

in more plants.

Among the perennials Brown has found easy to grow are Echinacea, black-eyed Susan, day lilies, bearded iris, salvia, and monk's hood, which is tolerant and a late bloomer, and rosemary arp, which gets large quickly.

When it comes to placement, she points out there is no right or wrong way. A garden can be anything from a cottage garden to something quite spare with two or three plants.

"Your garden is your expression," she says. "Mix plants and colors the way you want to. Do what works for you."

Brown's advice for the first-time gardener in the Lexington area is attention to soil. "Understand what will grow here," she says, "and amend the soil. Dig down and fill with peat moss, or amend around existing plants."

When looking for answers, Brown suggests turning to books.

"Read, read, read," she said. Three books she recommends are *The Kentucky Gardener's Guide* by Denny McKeown, and *Perennials for Every Purpose* and *Annuals for Every Purpose* by Larry Hodgson.

"Don't forget to talk to other gardeners," she says. "Walk around your neighborhood and notice what you like. Ask the gardener, 'Why did that grow for you when it died for me?'"

## Classics more accessible than many might think

Reading the classics might not be as foreboding an undertaking as you think, says **classics professor John Svarlien**, even though some texts make a clearer immediate connection with the modern reader than others.

"If you go back to late 18th-, early 19th-century America, every educated person knew a lot about the classics," Svarlien says. "For the most part, the works are very accessible and understandable."

In general, Svarlien says it's easier for him to recommend Greek texts than Roman, though he has suggestions for both, and comedies are the most problematic since the jokes are usually topical.

The one figure from the classical era that Svarlien recommends for anyone, and who provides the best starting point for Greek literature, is Homer.

"Homer comes out of an oral tradition and he's a great storyteller," Svarlien says. "You can read either the *Iliad* or the *Odyssey*. The two are very different. The *Odyssey* is the great adventure story that everyone likes and is very accessible. It's not about war, it's about family life and getting home to one's wife and children. The *Iliad* is about war. It's intense, tragic, with a lot of graphic violence and is harder to read."

Whichever you choose, read a translation in verse, not prose, Svarlien says. "You don't want to read a poem that's been translated into prose—it destroys the literary quality of the work."

For Greek tragedy, Svarlien suggests Euripides among a rich heritage that also includes Aeschylus and Sophocles. "Euripides might be the more interesting of the three for modern audiences because he's more psychological," he says. "A good selection would be the *Medea*."

Plato represents the great Greek tradition in philosophy. "Any Dialogue by Plato would be worth reading," Svarlien says. "I would suggest the *Symposium*,

which is about love and beauty. Plato gives you a sense of how the Greek mind works, and he's also a poetic writer."

For history, Svarlien recommends the *Histories* by Herodotus. "Herodotus is a great read because he traveled widely and describes what he sees, and that makes him the first anthropologist in the Western tradition. He's a great storyteller and uses anecdotes effectively. Reading Herodotus is like listening to a great conversationalist."

Turning to the Romans, Svarlien first suggests a movie—*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which is based on the comedies of Plautus—as a good introduction to the Roman world. "It's wonderful, and hasn't aged at all," he says.

For Roman literature, Svarlien begins with Lucretius and his poem on *The Nature of Things*, a philosophical epic. The *Aeneid* by Virgil is a great national poem that complements the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, but requires more effort on the part of the modern reader.

"Virgil is a highly literate and literary artist, and he makes references back to earlier works," Svarlien says. "The *Aeneid* contains both an odyssey and a war, and you need to do some background reading to get much out of it. It's more of a challenge than Homer's works."

The same is true of Horace's *Odes*, Svarlien says, while Ovid's *Metamorphosis* is more accessible. "If you want to read a funny author, one who is clever with language and will also give you an education in polity, try Ovid. It's about 250 separate stories that are not continuous, so you can read just parts of it."



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## Appreciating contemporary art

**Art professor Kurt Gohde** contends that you are engaged with contemporary art simply by living in the same world as the artist.

"For the most part, artists are responding to the culture they live in," he says. "So, we're already prepared to view and respond to contem-



porary art.”

Even so, some people find that when it comes to appreciating art, they’re not sure where to begin, and many are resistant to the idea of purchasing art.

“There’s a basic misunderstanding that artists are making money,” Gohde says. “In this region, artists are not making money. Since I’ve been here, I’ve seen a lot of galleries start up and stop because the gallery owners realize, they’re just not going to make money.”

Instead of purchasing original art, many people spend the same amount of money or more on framed reproductions of original artwork.

“You could, without a whole lot of work, buy an original painting from an artist in the region for the same price or less than you could buy a poster and have it framed,” Gohde says.

The reason that people choose posters over original art, according to Gohde, is comfort level.

“When people go to a museum, there are text panels that tell you why the art is ‘good.’ We are taught that we can’t respond to images without that stream of information. I think that’s why people buy posters, because we know why everyone else likes an image, so it’s easy for us to appreciate it for those same reasons.”

Gohde says people are generally uncomfortable having a personal reaction to art.

“Our immediate base-level reaction to things we don’t understand is that they frighten us in some way and therefore, we don’t like them. The way we deal with not understanding is to be frightened,” he says.

He stresses, however, that at its very core, art is a dialogue between the art and the viewer.

“If we live in the same time and place as the artist, we’re probably responding to the same things, so our uneducated understanding is enough. We don’t have to have someone tell us what the art is ‘about’ because we live in the same world.”

If you’ve ever asked yourself what makes something art, or questioned whether or not a piece of work is art at all, Gohde has a two-fold response.

“First,” he says, “ask someone specifically and directly what is not art. Defining what is art is really hard, but if

you ask someone what specifically is not art, they find that’s just as hard. My definition of art is simple. If somebody tells me something is art, if they ask me if it’s art, there is no reason it shouldn’t be art. There’s a world of difference between good art and bad art, but there is no benefit from saying that something is not art. That just disables people from engaging.”

If you have an interest in art and you want to know more, Gohde says the easiest thing to do is find someone who is clearly passionate about it and start asking questions.

“Everybody likes to listen to people who are passionate,” Gohde says.

“If you’re intimidated by walking up to an artist and asking about art, imagine what you’re passionate about. If someone came up and asked you about it, you wouldn’t insult them.”

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## Setting the sustainable table

It is “sustainable” rather than “organic” that **physical education and exercise science professor Sharon Brown** wants you to remember the next time you’re shopping for groceries.



“The terms are often used interchangeably,” she says, “but there are some distinctions.”

Sustainable agriculture is a way of raising food that is healthy for consumers and animals, does not harm the environment, is humane for workers, provides a fair wage to the farmer, and supports and enhances rural communities.

“An organic farm can actually be a big corporate farm and not help with biodiversity,” Brown says.

“The United States Department of Agriculture was pressed to lower its standards for how the label ‘organic’ can be used. Thirty-five different substances can now be used in food labeled ‘organic,’ so the label does not necessarily stand for purity.”

Setting a sustainable table can begin

with using bamboo or 100 percent cotton placemats, and continue with shopping locally at farmer’s markets or grocery stores that sell locally grown produce.

“In Lexington, that would be Good Foods Co-op,” Brown says. “Wild Oats also gets some local produce when available.”

Eating seasonally is another component.

“Eating fruits and vegetables that are in season supports the local farmers,” Brown says. “At the farmer’s market, you can talk to the people who grew the food; ask them about their produce and their methods.”

Brown believes paying attention to food source makes for a less stressful eating experience. Sustainable practices not only benefit the environment, but also promote personal well-being and the celebration of food.

“We know that organic farms and sustainable local farms are going to use little or no pesticide,” Brown says. “There’s also more pleasure in eating, so we’re more satisfied. A tomato from the farmer’s market tastes better than a tomato from the grocery store, and feeling satisfied helps you monitor how much you eat.”

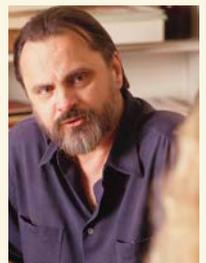
If you don’t set your own sustainable table, you can choose one when you go out to eat.

“Sustainable practices happening in Lexington reflect what’s happening in the rest of the country,” Brown says. “Almost any day of the week, you can shop at a farmer’s market, and now there are restaurants serving sustainable food.”

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## Becoming involved citizen can start close to home

At first glance, the notion of getting involved in political affairs may conjure images of electoral politics, dominated by candidates making speeches before huge crowds and splashy media coverage of election night results.



However, for those wanting to take some first steps toward becoming more

engaged in public discourse and increasing their feelings of being a responsible citizen, **political science professor Don Dugi** suggests a broader, yet more local, point of view that will likely bring more effective results.

“A good first step is to think of putting your own house in order,” Dugi says. “Look around you in your community and see what is needed to make it the best it can be. Get involved with your neighborhood association or work with your district representative for local government. In other words, focus first on the things that are closest to you.”

At the same time, Dugi says those efforts will only be as effective as your commitment to becoming an informed citizen.

“Informing yourself about the nature of this society, the place where you live, and the issues that are confronting people takes a little effort,” he says. “You can look at it as a matter of self-defense. If you are not aware of the issues, people may do things that will have an adverse effect on you without your knowing much about it.”

One way of learning about politics is to find a book on public policy and create a reading group, Dugi says. This will not only further your education about public issues, it will also connect you with others in your community who share your interest in getting involved.

Playing a role in electoral politics is fine, Dugi says, but another, perhaps more effective, way of having an influence is to be part of an interest group.

“If you’re trying to affect policy, you can do that either by selecting personnel in an election, which may be problematic since not everyone does in office what you hoped they would do, or you can try to influence the outcome of policy at the moment through an interest group, which has become the more common way.”

Dugi’s own approach to being a responsible citizen is based less on political theory than on a straightforward goal that seeks a positive result.

“I don’t have a grand philosophy, I have a code—I want to leave people and places better off for my having been here,” he says. “You don’t have to have any grander commitment than that.”

As for strategies, Dugi recommends you consider your own comfort level.

“Find the role that works best for you,” he says. “That’s the bottom line in terms of participation. If you’re uncomfortable putting yourself out in front, then help somebody behind the scenes.”



### Karate training benefits the mind and body

While it’s true that training in the Japanese martial arts style of

Shotokan Karate will give you an effective means of self-defense, the benefits of the regimen go far beyond that, says **economics professor Rod Erfani**.

“Karate training is designed to enhance the total development of the person,” says Erfani, who is instructor for the Transylvania Karate Club. “It improves many areas of physical conditioning, such as coordination, strength, flexibility, endurance, and fitness, but also emphasizes mental conditioning relating to concentration, discipline, confidence, and respect for others.”

The physical regimen of karate consists of defensive and offensive techniques that utilize all parts of the body as legs, hips, shoulders, and arms are coordinated to develop speed, power, and balance. As a physical fitness exercise, it improves the cardiovascular system and provides conditioning for all major muscle groups.

Karate practice is divided into three categories. Kihon (basics) teaches karate stances, punches, kicks, and blocks, practiced individually or in combinations with others. Kata (forms) teaches pre-arranged forms or patterns that simulate combat against imaginary opponents. There are 26 standard Shotokan Kata. Finally, Kumite (sparring) is the practical application of karate techniques and ranges from predetermined sets where attacker and defender know the techniques to be used, to free-sparring that allows any technique.

Students of karate progress through seven stages of expertise, marked by belts of white, yellow, orange, green, purple,

brown, and black.

Erfani, who was the U.S. coach for the 2006 World Junior Karate Championship in Sydney, Australia, says the benefits of karate can be enjoyed by virtually all ages.

“Men and women of any age can learn to effectively apply karate techniques as a self-defense,” he says. “They can also increase their energy level, reduce stress, improve their self-esteem, and reap other rewards that come from the focus that karate places on both mental and physical health.”

### Getting your academic book published

#### History professor Melissa McEuen’s book

*Seeing America: Women Photographers Between the Wars* was published by University Press of Kentucky in 2004, and she has some hints for others seeking to publish academic non-fiction. “I can only speak for non-fiction, since that’s what I write,” she says.



Her first piece of advice is to be familiar with book lists and investigate what topics or subjects presses specialize in.

“Say you’re writing about World War II, you need to know which presses generate books about WWII,” she says. “The same with food writing—you wouldn’t want to pitch an idea to an editor for a cookbook if her press doesn’t publish cookbooks.”

McEuen notes that there are various self-publication outlets, including the Web, which provides an instant and limitless audience.

“I wouldn’t recommend self-publication for advancement in the academic world, however,” she says. “It carries a stigma, the way it used to be with ‘vanity presses.’”

Instead, McEuen says one of the best places for academics to float their ideas is at a professional meeting in the exhibit hall.

“In the book/sources exhibit, there are acquisitions editors at many booths anxious to talk with people about their research,” she says.

She also recommends reading books about publishing.

# Bucking the Odds

Life dealt Robert O. Buck Jr. '68 a tough hand, but he overcame it to build a fulfilling life in business, family, and the game of golf

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



□ Bob Buck assists Alexis Robinson at a First Swings clinic, which promotes golf as a rehabilitative and recreational activity.

**I**n April 1970, Robert O. Buck Jr. '68 faced perhaps the toughest decision of his young life. Having severely damaged his right leg in an automobile accident a year earlier, he found himself at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City weighing a doctor's advice that a below-the-knee amputation was his best option, since the painful osteomyelitis Buck suffered from was resisting treatment. He had spent a year on crutches, undergoing operations and hoping to save his leg.

"When the doctor asked me if I had considered amputation, I said, 'Yes, but how is that going to handicap me?'" Buck said. "I remember to this day, he said, 'The only handicap you're going to have is what you put on yourself.' So I made the decision to have my leg amputated."

If that sounds like the beginning of a long, agonizing period of recuperation and rehabilitation, guess again.

"About four weeks after the operation, I walked down the aisle and got married," Buck said. "A week after our honeymoon, I started in with the 1970 management training class at Bethlehem Steel and was back in business. I was lucky in that rehabilitation was relatively easy for me, because I didn't wake up from the accident missing a leg and have that immediate trauma. This was something I was prepared for."

That sequence of events tells you most of what you need to know about Bob Buck. His indomitable spirit, coupled with his mental preparation for what lay ahead, helped him overcome a major physical setback and put him on the road to a long and successful sales career in the steel industry. Those same qualities allowed him to start a family and made possible the continuation of a near-lifetime of devotion to one of the great loves of his life, the game of golf.

Today, Buck stays very busy in "retirement" as executive director of the Eastern Amputee Golf Association, having left Bethlehem Steel in 2002.

## Coming to Transylvania

Two years before his automobile accident, Buck walked across the stage of Haggin Auditorium to receive his B.A. degree in business administration from the late Transylvania President Irvin Lunger.

Because of his family's association with Bethlehem Steel in his native Pennsylvania, Buck had an early interest in business, making his choice of a major at Transy an easy one. However, his path to Lexington was a winding road. He first entered the University of North Carolina, then dropped out to sign on for three years in the U.S. Army, which included a brief tour in Vietnam.

Serving in the Army proved to be a great motivator for the value of higher education. "Five minutes off the bus at Fort Dix, I suddenly had this driving desire to learn," he says, with a touch of wryness.

Following his discharge in 1966, Buck used a Connecticut consulting company to help him determine how to resurrect his college education. "After North Carolina, I knew I wanted a small school," he recalled. "They gave me the names of three colleges in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. I made a swing out that way, interviewed at the schools, and liked Transylvania the most."

Buck was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Transy. He was Most Valuable Player for the golf team his junior year and shared the honor his senior year with his roommate, Mike McGill '68, who was also an Army veteran.

"I remember Transylvania as a great little school, and I thoroughly enjoyed it," Buck said. "Ben Burns (the late humanities professor and dean of the chapel) was someone I liked a lot, and the intimacy of small classes was good for me." Buck returned to his alma mater in 1998 to be inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame.

### **Getting a life underway**

After graduation from Transylvania, Buck returned to Pennsylvania, where he joined Bethlehem Steel just after the management training class of 1969 had begun. He worked for a year in the wire rope department, waiting for the 1970 class. The trauma of the automobile accident delayed his plans, but not for long.

By 1970, Buck was up and running in the sales department, where he would make his home at Bethlehem Steel for the next 32 years. He found the work to be always challenging and rewarding as he called on increasingly important accounts.

"It was primarily the fascination of calling on customers and developing the relationship with the purchasing agent and the principal deciders that fascinated me, and I thought I was pretty good at it," Buck said. "Developing a trust and following up to make sure service and delivery were satisfactory were the keys."

Among the major accounts Buck worked on was Dana-Reading, which purchased 350,000 tons of hot-rolled sheet steel annually to use in making rails that serve as the foundation for trucks such as the Ford F-150 and Mack, Kenilworth, and Peterbilt semis. He sold Worthington-Malvern about 60,000 tons of steel a year to manufacture supports for acoustic tile drop ceilings.



▣ **Bob Buck '68 returned to Transylvania in 1998 for his induction in the Pioneer Hall of Fame.**

Buck saw two important changes during his career that impacted all steel companies, but especially Bethlehem, which was purchased in 2003 and no longer exists under its venerable name. In its heydays, Bethlehem supplied structural steel for the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge.

"The mini-mill concept of producing steel from scrap by using an electric furnace is something that Bethlehem did not react to, and that hurt them," Buck said. "That, combined with more and more foreign competition, was devastating to us."

When Buck retired from Bethlehem, he had earned the respect of his colleagues. Dan Mull, then vice president, commercial, said this in a written announcement: "Personable, reliable and conscientious, Bob has been entrusted with some of the largest sales responsibilities within our overall customer base as he has spearheaded Bethlehem's successful sales efforts and record breaking shipments" to several major accounts.

### **Golf gets his attention**

After Buck left the steel business, he turned his full-time attention to his beloved avocation, golf. He has played the game for 53 years (from age 12) and won a club championship at age 16 that his grandfather had won in 1932. He had lessons as a youngster and was captain of the team at Choate Preparatory School in Connecticut.

Buck became aware of the National Amputee Golf Association 1984, and it opened up a whole new world for him.

He quickly discovered he was talented enough to contend for the group's national championship. (His current handicap index is 8.4)

"The 1984 NAGA tournament was held in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, just an hour away from Bethlehem," Buck said. "I went to that event and was thrilled by it. I went out to California for the tournament the next year and had a four-shot lead with six holes to go, and lost by one. That was exciting recognition, to know I could compete with those players."

Buck became the eastern region trustee for the NAGA in 1985, and in 1986 organized the EAGA, which he now heads. The group sponsors tournaments and clinics and even awards scholarships. First Swing is the name given to its clinics, which teach amputees the game of golf as well as golf and rehabilitation professionals how to use golf as therapy.

"The game of golf is a great rehabilitation and recreation medium for all people with disabilities, not just amputees," Buck said.

The rewards of his work with the EAGA and its First Swing program are many, he says.

"I've been doing this work with the clinics for more than 20 years now, and it's just amazing what goes on," Buck says. "You'll see an 80-year-old lady with a walker who just knocked the ball about 30 feet in the air, and she turns around with this big, 'I can't believe I did that' look on her face, and I give her a high five. And you're done for the day, you're in great shape. I get more than I give, I can tell you that."

Since retiring from Bethlehem Steel, Buck has worked full-time with the EAGA, and has a renewed sense of purpose.

"A Fox Sports News reporter was covering one of our clinics and asked me, 'How has this affected you? You seem to be in pretty good spirits, having lost your leg.' I said, 'Well, now I have the feeling that this is my job, that maybe this is what the Lord had in mind for me. I love the game, I've played it since I was 12 years old, and now I can give something back and hopefully have other people enjoy it like I do. That's a pretty good feeling. As for my leg, it's not a handicap, it's who I am.'"

Buck lives in Bethlehem with his wife, Linda. The couple have two grown daugh-

# 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.

'41 **Robert A. Shearer**, Lancaster, Ky., was the honoree at a party in June celebrating his 90th birthday. Over 100 friends attended including his wife, **Judith Lane Shearer**, his son, **Robert L. Shearer '65**, and his grandson, **Robert A. Shearer II '95**. Bob and Judith recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary.

'49 **Edward "Lee" Hickcox**, Gettysburg, Pa., continues to work periodically at a CIA training center, the agency he joined after graduating from Transylvania.

'50 **Ruth Mitchum Brummett**, Evansville, Ind., spends her days with grandchildren, graduations, and weddings.

'53 **David L. Alexander** and **Anne Swords Alexander**, Lexington, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 16, 2007.

'55 **Juliet Kalb Cate**, St. Petersburg, Fla., was the guest of honor in June at the dedication of the St. Petersburg Recreation Center that was named in honor of her late husband, **J. W. Cate '57**, former senior pastor of Palm Lake Christian Church.

**Autumn J. Stanley**, Portola Valley, Calif., has written a book tentatively titled *Raising More Hell and Fewer Dablias: The Public Life of Charlotte Smith, 1840-1917*, to be published by Lehigh University Press.

'57 **Edwin C. Linberg**, Laverne, Calif., and his wife, Mariette, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2007. This year, he also enjoyed his 50th class reunion in April and marked his 50th year as a pastor.

'58 **Larry T. McGehee**, Spartanburg, S.C., has retired as vice president and professor at Wofford College in Spartanburg, but retains his office and the title of professor emeritus.

**Lee H. Rose**, Charlotte, N.C., has been named the lead assistant coach with the Charlotte Bobcats of the NBA.

'62 **Robert S. Stauffer**, Richmond, Ky., recently completed an interim ministry with the Falmouth Christian Church in Falmouth, Ky., and is now interim minister with the Lancaster Christian Church in Lan-

caster, Ky.

'64 **Charles W. Barnett**, Maysville, Ky., has retired after 33 years as pastor at First Christian Church in Maysville.

**E. Katharyn Shay**, Columbia, Md., visited Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in late July for the beginning of racing season. She met with a group of friends in Cooperstown for Cal Ripken's induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame and received his autograph.

**Sandra Lemon Traud**, Oregonia, Ohio, retired from teaching English at Bishop Fenwick High School in June and enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren, ages 4 years and 5 months.

**William P. Watson**, Perry Park, Ky., was a featured regional storyteller at the Northern Kentucky Storytelling Festival in Kenton County, Ky., in April.

'65 **Tom R. Akers** has retired after 40 years in the pastoral ministry. He is serving as interim minister at First Presbyterian Church and Pleasant View United Church of Christ in Palestine, Ill. **Vickie Hebert Akers** has retired after 20 years in early childhood education. They would enjoy hearing from friends at P.O. Box 147, Robinson, IL 62654.

**Robert I. Schick**, Elkton, Md., is retired from teaching after 30 years in service. He was elected Cecil County Most Beautiful Person in 2004 and elected to the Volunteerism Eclectic Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2005.

'66 **C. Glen Hughes**, Nicholasville, Ky., is enjoying his retirement after 40 years as an analytical chemist. He's the owner of Wind Publications, a small press located in Nicholasville.

'69 **Peter G. Cheney**, Indianapolis, has become interim headmaster of St. Richard's School after serving nine years as the executive director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. St. Richard's serves pre-school through eighth grade, and is affiliated with Trinity Episcopal Church.

**Herschel Sparber**, Los Angeles, has directed a pilot for the Adult Swim Network titled *Empire Hotel*.

'73 **Julie Birke Siegel**, Pacific Palisades, Calif., would love to hear from classmates. Her e-mail address is juliesiegel4@verizon.net.

'75 **Shearle L. Furnish**, Canfield, Ohio, has been named the first dean of the new College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Youngstown State University.

'77 **Karen K. Caldwell**, Lexington, has been inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law 2007 Hall of Fame. Karen is U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

'79 **Nancy L. Ailf**, Las Vegas, Nev., an attorney with Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, was sworn in as president of the Nevada State Bar Association at its annual meeting in June and will serve a one-year term.

**William H. McCann**, Lexington, became a principal Kentucky auctioneer in 2006. A certified personal property appraiser as well as an auctioneer, he started A-One Personal Property Appraisers, LLC, in August 2007, specializing in household, farm, and business equipment appraisals.

**Robert E. Mueller**, Pewee Valley, Ky., has retired after 28 years of teaching.

**Nima Salehi**, St. Anthony Village, Minn., has been appointed instructional designer/trainer for the Metropolitan State University Online Learning Center in St. Paul.

**Thomas L. "Tim" Steinemann**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, received the 2007 Alumni Service Award from the University of Kentucky Medical Alumni Association for his national advocacy of cosmetic contact lens regulation.

'81 **Julie A. Aavatsmark**, Roanoke, Va., represented Transylvania on October 26 at the presidential inauguration at Roanoke College.

'83 **Tisa Johnson Mason**, Whitewater, Wisc., represented Transylvania on September 14 at the presidential inauguration at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.



'84 **C. Leslie Johnson**, Madison, Ala., a physicist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has co-authored (with Gregory Matloff and C. Bangs) his first book titled *Living off the Land in Space: Green Roads to the Cosmos*. The popular science book describes a sustainable approach in space exploration that uses the natural resources of the solar system to supply future explorers' needs, instead of our current "take it all with us from home" approach. It's published by Springer/Copernicus and can be purchased from Amazon.com. A second book, *Solar Sails: A Novel Approach to Interplanetary Travel*, will be published later this year.

'85 **Janet A. Sterchi**, Brentwood, Tenn., has been promoted to vice president at CB Richard Ellis, the world's largest commercial real estate services firm headquartered in Los Angeles.



'88 **Keith W. Johnson** is vice president and general counsel at MedPlus, Inc., a healthcare information technology company located in Mason, Ohio. Keith and his wife, Peggy, live in Fort Mitchell, Ky., with their two daughters, Allyson, 8, and Meredith, 5, and one dog.

'89 **Neil W. Lerner**, Davidson, N.C., associate professor of music at Davidson College, has co-edited the book *Sounding Off: Theorizing Disability in Music* (Routledge, 2006), the first book-length work on music-historical and music-theoretical issues related to disability. Besides co-writing the introduction, he also wrote an essay, "The Horrors of One-Handed Pianism: Music and Disability" in *The Beast with Five Fingers* that deals with one-handed piano music and a film score by Max Steiner.

**Amy Clark Medina**, Lexington, teaches

English as a Second Language in grades 6-8 at Jessie Clark Middle School. She and her husband, Jorge, have two sons, Daniel, 8, and David, 6. Her e-mail address is amyjorgemedina@insightbb.com.

'90 **Mary Hellen Insko Dean** and her family have returned to the United States after living in Germany for 3 1/2 years. They reside in Harker Heights, Tex., and Mary would love to hear from Transy friends. Her e-mail address is maryhdean@yahoo.com.

'91 **Sarah Ball Johnson**, Springfield, Ky., has been elected to a one-year term as chair of the United States Election Assistance Commission's standards board, a 110-member board assisting the EAC in carrying out its mandates under the federal Help America Vote Act. Sarah currently serves as the executive director of Kentucky's State Board of Elections.

## NO, NOT THAT TOM BROWNING

Sharing a celebrity name can have its amusing moments. This article, reprinted with permission, from the July 26, 2007, edition of *The Cincinnati Post*, tells how Tom Browning '66 deals with having the same name as the former Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame pitcher, who once threw a perfect game. The Transylvania Browning lives near Butler, Ky., in Pendleton County, just south of Cincinnati.

### Will real Tom Browning stand up? Flag Springs champ not the former Red

by Marc Hardin, *Post* contributor

There was the unexpected phone call one day several years ago from PGA pro Roger Maltbie. Newspaper reporters have called his residence seeking quotes on things he didn't even know about. There have been many, many autograph requests.

They all want a piece of Tom Browning.

The other Tom Browning.

"Everybody thinks I'm the guy who pitched for the Reds," Browning says. "But I'm a lot older than the real Tom Browning."

The other Tom Browning, age 63, has a few things in common with the 47-year-old former Reds pitcher, who is one of just 17 Major League Baseball players and the only Red to pitch a perfect game.

Both men are left-handed.

The other Tom Browning says that being left-handed fueled the advancement of his athletic career.

Both men played professional baseball.

The other Tom Browning was a two-sport standout in baseball and basketball at Transylvania University before being drafted by the Houston Astros, for whom he never played after being hit in the elbow by a pitch during his first spring training. Browning led the Transylvania basketball team to an NAIA national tournament berth, and left the school as the baseball team's single-season home run champion, with 11.

He went 8-for-8 during a season-opening doubleheader on dedication day for the school's new baseball field.

Both men are competitive golfers.

The other Tom Browning won the Flag Springs men's club championship and the men's senior flight on Sunday with a two-day score of 15-over-par 157.

"But I'm not him," Browning, the Pendleton County native, said. "People just get us mixed up because we have the same name."

Browning, a Pendleton County High School graduate, has actually met Tom Browning, the Reds Hall of Famer who wore red underwear on the day he pitched and never shaved in between starts.

"I ran into him at a golf outing at Traditions one year," he said. "He was talking to a friend of mine. My friend introduced us and said, 'Tom Browning, this is Tom Browning.' He was a real nice guy, and we talked a bit. I think we both thought it was kind of funny we had the same name and had done some of the same things."

There have been other coincidences involving the two similarly named men.

On Monday, the day after he lost to Browning at the Flag Springs club championship, tournament runner-up Walt Dierig played with Tom Browning the former Red in a foursome at an outing at Traditions Golf Club.

"It's been real interesting to have the same name as him," said Browning, a retired employee for the state of Kentucky who's been married 41 years. "Who's the real Tom Browning? A lot of people think it's me. I know my wife does."

'92 **Jeffrey T. Brumfield**, Winterville, N.C., has completed two years of general cardiology fellowship at the University of Cincinnati and his final year of cardiology fellowship at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. He was chosen to receive the 110% Fellow Award presented by Brody School of Medicine faculty. Additionally, he has been appointed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine Cardiac Electrophysiology fellowship program for the academic year 2007-08. He and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children, Elyse, 8, and Thomas, 5.

**Sonja Stephenson Keating**, Lexington, has been named senior vice president and general counsel for the United States Equestrian Federation.

**Susan B. Marine**, Waltham, Mass., represented Transylvania on October 12 at the presidential inauguration at Harvard University.

**Amy Adams Schirmer**, Arlington, Va., joined the Washington, D.C., team of Wachovia Wealth Management as vice president and financial planner.

'93 **Amy Collignon Gunn**, St. Louis, won the Lon O. Hocker Award, an annual award given by the Missouri Bar to young lawyers who have demonstrated unusual proficiency in the art of trial advocacy.



**Mark A. Richard**, Nashville, Tenn., has been accepted into the Master of Arts in Theology program at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. This is a two-year research degree. Mark would love to hear from Transy friends at [markarichard@yahoo.com](mailto:markarichard@yahoo.com).

**Brian K. Sutton**, Bardstown, Ky., has been appointed to a three-year term as director of the Nelson County Education Endowment Fund. In May, Brian was awarded a distinguished alumni award from the Nelson County Schools System, and he's involved in the Leadership Nelson County class of 2007, a program for developing leaders within the local community.

'94 **William Dale Amburgey**, Springfield, Pa., represented Transylvania on October 6 at the presidential inauguration at Haverford College in Haverford, Pa.

**Jason P. Catron**, Nashville, has released a CD titled *Hymns...The Collection*. It is available through his Web site, [www.jasoncatron.com](http://www.jasoncatron.com).

Jason continues to perform and appeared on the "Praise the Lord" telecast on Trinity Broadcasting Network in May.

'95 **William T. Kissick III**, Richmond, Ky., is a division project manager for ACS Government Systems in Lexington.

**Jennifer A. Moore**, Louisville, has joined H. Philip Grossman in the formation of a new law firm, Grossman & Moore, which specializes in personal injury.



**Ryan M. Waterfield**, Sun Valley, Idaho, teaches at The Community School, a private K-12 school, and coaches varsity basketball.

'96 **Sarah E. Riester**, Indianapolis, began work in August with the Global Ministries office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ.

**Stacy N. Taylor**, Cambridge, Mass., has been named director of international resource development at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass.

'97 **Nathan W. Lee** has been appointed president and CEO of the Frontier Nursing Service, an organization dedicated to preserving the health of those in underserved areas, particularly Southeastern Kentucky. He lives in Lexington with his wife, Blair, and daughter, Palmer. His e-mail address is [nlee@frontiernursing.org](mailto:nlee@frontiernursing.org).

**Erin Weaver McGee** lives in Cynthiana, Ky., with her husband, Patrick, and daughter, Emma Cate, 5, and is an improvement planning and School Based Decision Making consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education.

**Mandy McMillian**, far left in photo, played Yvette, owner of Yvette's Hair Salon, on an episode of *Monk* that aired in September. She can also be seen in a national State Farm commercial and an episode of *Mad Men* to air later this fall. Her Web site is <http://mandymcmillian.nowcasting.com>.



**Marcus A. Osborne**, Boston, received his MBA from the Harvard Business School in June and is the director of health clinic design and development for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

**Cara Caskey Osborne '99** received her doctorate from the Harvard School of Public Health in June.

'98 **Benji A. Marrs**, Lexington, and his wife, Missy, have formed The National Gene Test Fund, a non-profit organization providing education about and funding to men and women with strong family histories of breast and ovarian cancer. Missy's story can be found at [www.ngtf.org](http://www.ngtf.org).

**Kara Beth Thompson**, Union, Ky., began a two-year term with World Medical Mission at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, West Africa, in September. She is practicing family medicine at a 270-bed hospital in the northwest province of Cameroon and helping to start a family medicine training program. More information is available at her Web site, [www.karabethinafrica.blogspot.com](http://www.karabethinafrica.blogspot.com).

**Wendley Williams Wansley**, Edwards, Colo., completed the accelerated BSN program at Regis University in 2005 and is an RN at Vail Valley Medical Center.

**Shane E. White**, Dayton, Ohio, has been promoted to director of enrollment strategies for the University of Dayton, overseeing marketing and research initiatives for the recruitment of undergraduate, graduate, and international students. He is in his final year of coursework for his Ph.D. in educational leadership at the University of Dayton.

'99 **Kelly E. Hoskins**, Memphis, Tenn., graduated from her obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has joined Memphis Obstetrical and Gynecological Associates in Southaven, Miss.

**Rebekah L. Jackson**, Weirton, W.Va., has been recognized as an honored member of the Cambridge *Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals*.

**Brittany Dales Lippert** and her husband, Brian, have moved to Lexington. Brittany is a media planner/buyer with Right Place Media.

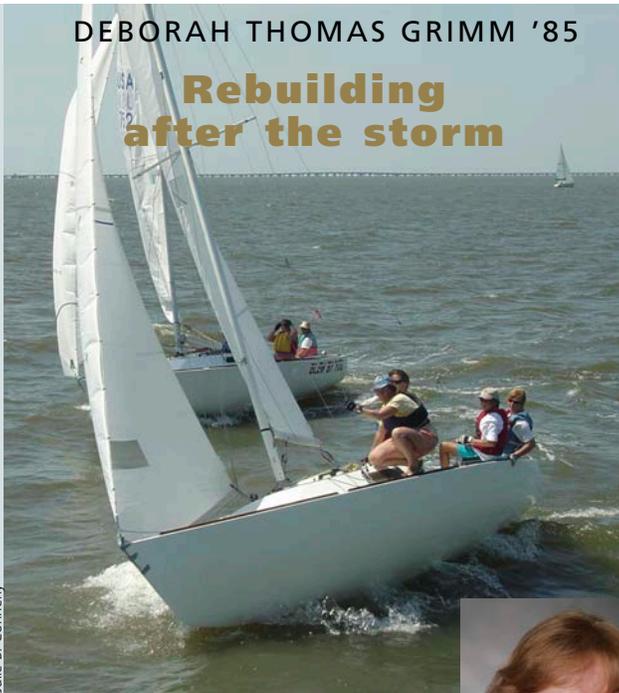
**David T. Sisk**, Oceanside, Calif., graduated from the University of Arizona in July with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and is a materials researcher with Nitto Denko Technical Corporation.

'00 **Kristina Felblinger Bolin** has moved to Aurora, Colo., and is point of sale consultant for National Football League, National League/Major League Baseball, and National Basketball Association sites across the nation and at select international development sites.

**Laura A. Dietrick**, Brooklyn, graduated from

DEBORAH THOMAS GRIMM '85

## Rebuilding after the storm



Julie B. Connerly

**In 2005, Debby Grimm '85** was living in New Orleans and was director of the Coordinated Instrumentation Facility at Tulane University, a facility that provides access to sophisticated research equipment in electronics, inorganics, microscopy, and organics for academic and industrial research communities.

She was also a sailor, having won titles in regional and local regattas, and competed in national level sailing events.

Then Hurricane Katrina sent Grimm on an unexpected journey.

When floodwaters destroyed Grimm's home and impacted the research center where her husband worked, her family relocated to Baton Rouge. In the meantime, Tulane University struggled to cut back on expenses, and Grimm was laid off.

She found a position as a laboratory instructor for freshman chemistry at Southeastern Louisiana University, and later, the chemistry department at Louisiana State University hired her to work in its mass spectrometry facility.

"It was an excellent opportunity to learn about some new and different techniques and to analyze different types of samples," she said.

In May 2006, the CIF at Tulane contacted Grimm to see if she would be interested in returning. She and her husband knew they would be going back to New Orleans in the fall, so she accepted the offer and returned on a part-time basis, with a title change to assistant director, and hopes to work her way back to a full-time schedule.

While the loss of a semester was destructive and difficult, the amount of physical damage done to the facility by Katrina was relatively minor. CIF maintains a complete imaging facility that includes electron microscopes, a confocal microscope, and a 500 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, an instrument base valued at \$5 million. Grimm gives credit to the department's preparation before the storm for minimizing the damage.

"All our instruments were shut down or put in a standby mode, and our laboratories were secured and closed on the Saturday morning before Katrina," she said.

All of the instruments that were available pre-Katrina are currently available to researchers, but turnover from people leaving the area resulted in the necessity for reorganization, and the facility is operating at a minimal staffing level.

The Tulane campus is recovering, however. This year, they had a record freshman class enrollment.

"Seeing this activity around the campus is encouraging," Grimm said. "As new faculty are coming to campus, and returning faculty get their research programs back into full swing, we are expecting to be very productive this year."

**Debby Grimm '85 sails in a 2005 regatta that she won that year and the next. The New Orleans resident is rebuilding her life after Hurricane Katrina destroyed her home and impacted her job at Tulane University.**



Grimm spends time in the laboratory preparing and analyzing samples. She's responsible for compiling the results and reports and sometimes writes the ensuing scientific paper. Her work often involves consulting with other researchers.

"People bring me a vial and say, 'Can you identify this compound or compounds?' Depending on the amount of information they have about this sample, this can be a difficult task."

She attributes the broad-based education that she received at Transylvania for enabling her to communicate well with researchers from a variety of disciplines, and credits chemistry professor Gerald Seebach with convincing her of her ability to go to

graduate school. She was a chemistry and computer science major at Transy, and earned her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Tennessee in 1991.

"Not only did Transy provide me with the necessary knowledge, but it also got me prepared for the routine of academic work – studying, reading, researching, and presenting results," she said.

Grimm was also an athlete at Transy. She was a key player for the field hockey team and lettered in swimming and softball, so her sailing career comes as no surprise.

She learned to sail at Girl Scout camp, and took up the sport again when she and her husband began sailing with a friend on Lake Ponchartrain. They sailed as a crew on the friend's boat for several years before they bought their own boat, a 28 foot Irwin sailboat they named Tuesday's Child.

"I enjoy sailing on many levels – just being on the water and being propelled by the wind is very relaxing. You can get a quarter mile off shore and feel like you have left everything else behind," she said.

But Katrina held changes for that aspect of Grimm's life as well.

"Katrina really hit the sailing community hard. In the outer harbor, more than 80 percent of the boats were damaged. Unfortunately, our family boat was one of those," she said, adding that many sailors have either replaced their boats or have found other ways to sail. She is still a partner in a J22 sailboat with a women's team.

Grimm's immediate plans are focused on spending time with her family and rebuilding.

"We purchased a home in a wonderful New Orleans neighborhood, but it needs renovation," she said, and she recently signed on to coach her five-year-old daughter Kaylor's soccer team.

She hopes to help her department rebuild the level of activity that will support its operating budget. "I'd like to see us continue to acquire state-of-the-art instrumentation," she said, "to keep Tulane University's research going strong."

—LORI-LYN HURLEY

New York University with a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology. She is currently the project manager for Sandra Hartog & Associates.

**Eric S. Guerrant**, Danville, Ky., is an emergency medical physician for Danville's MESA Emergency Services. **Farrah Pond Guerrant** is a stay-at-home mom for Peyton, 2, and Matthew, 1.

**'02 Candice Higgs Anderson**, California, Md., was appointed in June as a contracting officer for the U. S. Navy.

**J. Bryan Conrad**, Erie, Pa., received his master's degree in clinical psychology from Valdosta State University in 2006 and is starting a Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at Gannon University.

**Stella Gemma Loveland**, Lexington, received her master's degree in elementary education from Georgetown College in August. In addition, she earned an endorsement to teach English as a Second Language and is teaching at Russell Cave Elementary in Lexington.

**'03 Bridget E. Hatfield**, Greensboro, N.C. has received her master of science degree in child and family studies from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is pursuing her Ph.D. in human development from the University of North Carolina-

Greensboro. She would love to hear from alums in the area. Her e-mail address is [bridgetellenhat@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetellenhat@hotmail.com).

**Nicholas A. Kenney**, Gainesville, Fla., graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Louisville Medical School in May and has started his five-year residency program as an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

**Shannon Board Kisselbaugh**, Louisville, has completed the dual degree master in arts administration and master in business administration program at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

**L. Suzanne Parham**, Pittsburgh, graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in May and is a pediatric dentistry resident at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Matthew P. Wilmes**, Louisville, is a marketing associate at SYSCO.

**'04 Kenneth A. Blair**, Lexington, has been elected to the chairmanship of the University of Kentucky Staff Senate.

**Kristin Reneau Harrington**, Georgetown, Ky., has begun working on her master's degree in special education at Georgetown College. She teaches kindergarten through third grade at Northside Elementary School in Cynthiana, Ky.

**Emily A. Prather**, Naperville, Ill., has accepted the position of technical services coordinator at Oesterle Library, North Central College-Naperville.

**Drew M. Slone**, Atlanta, received her law degree with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May. After spending August in South Africa volunteering with an HIV/AIDS education organization, she moved to Atlanta to start work as an associate with Smith, Gambrell, & Russell.

**Katherine L. "Kate" West**, Lexington, has been awarded for the second time the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership for the 2007-08 school year. Kate is pursuing a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary.

**'05 Elizabeth T. Goldy**, Louisville, received her master of social work degree from Spalding University in June and is a youth and families counselor at the Cabbage Patch Settlement House in Louisville. The Cabbage Patch's mission is to work with inner city youth and their families, focusing on preventing the major effects of poverty.

**'07 Meredith A. Plant**, Midway, Ky., has joined Midway College as an admissions counselor and residence director.



Transy friends gathered for the October 14, 2006, wedding of Brandy Elizabeth Baldwin '03 and Nicholas Andrew Jones. Front row, from left: Charles Starling '03, Abigail Angkaw Goldsmith '03, Catherine Calvert '03, Nicholas Jones, Brandy Baldwin '03; second row: Lorrie Keeling Kenney '03, Joshua Goldsmith '03, Jay Lakhani '03, J. Brent Legg '03, Jessica Holmes '03, Andrea Bailey '01, Lisa Bell Strunk '02, L. Suzanne Parham '03, Taryn Lendrum '03; back row: Michael Woodruff '03, William Engle '02, Sean Baldwin (brother of the bride), Jeremy Gerwe '02, Benjamin Miller '04, Rebecca Klausung '04, Richard Parrent '06, Jessica Campbell '02, Sarah Tingle '04, Erin Hensley Peach '03, A. Raewyn Tamer '04, Sean Thompson '04, Alexis Rowland Mattingly '03, Noelle Bailey '03, Christina Eversole '03. Also in attendance, but not pictured, was Nicholas Kenney '03.



Transy friends celebrated the July 21, 2007, wedding of Megan Marie Watts '05 and Daniel Ross Vanoli '06. From left: Ron Harris '04, Ashley Salsman '06, Ali Cassell '06, Anne Redmon '06, Chase Mulberry '06, Ashwin Ravisankar '06, Megan Watts '05, Ross Vanoli '06, Sujith Dassanayaka '06, Whitney Banks '06, Dusty Tucker '06, Jason Taylor '06.



Shown at the April 22, 2007, wedding of Christina Suzanne Urig '04 and David Collins are, from left, Rebecca Huyck '04, Janey Watts '04, Christina Urig '04, and Kathryn Gant '04.

## Weddings

## MARRIAGES

**W. Alan Bartley '93** and Kelly A. Dant, April 28, 2007

**Ryan McClure Waterfield '95** and Greg Van Der Meulen, August 4, 2007

**Stacy Nichole Taylor '96** and Sami Robert Fam, June 2, 2007

**Jarett Aldon Gregory '97** and Kristi Jean Shepherd, June 24, 2006

**Brittany Ann Dales '99** and Brian Mitchell Lippert, February 17, 2007

**Allison Lorraine "Raine" Engle '99** and Christopher Thomas Clark, July 21, 2007

**Bruce Blanton Coates '00** and Lisa Taylor, May 12, 2007

**Kristina Marie Felblinger '00** and Jeffrey Bolin, January 8, 2007

**Elizabeth Ann Joczzy '01** and Daniel Pendley, December 3, 2005

**Jill Marie Tannehill '01** and Kyle Mason, June 9, 2007

**Hannah Faye Cook '02** and **Matthew Cross '01**, June 3, 2006

**Shannon Annette Board '03** and David Kisselbaugh, June 23, 2007

**Richard Warren Hartsough '03** and Ashley Van Meter, May 19, 2007

**LaDonna Marie Cord '07** and **Daniel Craig Jones '06**, July 14, 2007

**Katherine Elizabeth Greene '07** and Andrew Harris Owens, August 4, 2007

## BIRTHS

**Allen B. Hinkle '87** and Amber Hinkle, a son, Zane Grayson Allen Hinkle, June 28, 2007

**William K. Fleming '90** and Nancy Fleming, a son, Hunter Hayden Fleming, October 26, 2006

**David C. Johnson '92** and Susie Johnson, a daughter, Mackenzie Grace Johnson, May 22, 2007

**Mary Lee Chance Smith '92** and Nathan Smith, a daughter, Rose Northcutt Smith, July 6, 2007

**Gary A. Weinberger '92** and Rachel Weinberger, a son, Lucas Madison Weinberger, May 10, 2007

**Amanda Foley Naish '93** and Shannon Naish, a daughter, Ellen Lacefield Naish, May 3, 2007

**Danielle Tharp Clore '94** and Patrick Clore II, a son, Patrick Sullivan Clore III, August 10, 2007

**Cleveland S. "Landy" Townsend '94** and **Allison Sheckels Townsend '96**, a son, Benjamin Read Townsend, May 8, 2007

**Gretchen Hicks Lajoie '95** and Mike Lajoie, a daughter, Catherine Dianne Lajoie, August 6, 2007

**Sabrina Kimbrough Rumford '95** and Robert W. Rumford, a son, Robert Nicholas Rumford, May 7, 2007

**Rebecca Williamson Shaw '95** and Colby Shaw, a daughter, Riley Elizabeth Shaw, June 25, 2007

**Alison Redford Smiley '95** and Reid Smiley, a son, Luke Edward Smiley, July 24, 2007

**Chanda Abney Allen '96** and Ed Allen, a son, Edward Paul Allen, July 2, 2007

**Jon Erik Bell '96** and Stephanie Evans, a son, Jon Robert Evans Bell, May 20, 2007



**Kim McLean Cron '96** and Jeremy J. Cron, a daughter, Margaret Petrae Cron, May 2, 2007

**Stacy Franz Davis '96** and Ryan Davis, a son, Cameron Wayne Davis, June 1, 2007

**Janifer Greenlee Jorgensen '96** and Mark Jorgensen, a daughter, Alexandra Grace Jorgensen, June 15, 2007

**Holly Chelf Lindquist '96** and Jeff Lindquist, a daughter, Annika Kathleen Lindquist, June 15, 2007

**Jennifer Barto Benner '97** and Andy Benner, a son, Jace Benner, February 19, 2007

**Casey Wood Hensley '97** and Steven Hensley, a daughter, Eliza Lucie Hensley, July 24, 2007.

**Jennifer L. Price '97** and Peter J. Moosy, a son, Eli Benjamin Moosy, June 6, 2007

**Jason C. Whitaker '97** and Jennifer Boone Hays, a daughter, Lindsay Boone Whitaker, August 18, 2004

**Tracy Todd Blevins '98** and Frankie C. Blevins Jr., a son, Finley Celsus Blevins, March 29, 2007

**Alexia Schempp Couch '98** and Ron Couch, a daughter, Ainsley Hannah Couch, July 17,



## Come Together ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008 APRIL 25-27

Alumni and friends will come together to enjoy the familiar places and faces of Transylvania during Alumni Weekend 2008, set for April 25-27. A full weekend of fun activities will recall the many memories of those unforgettable college years.

The festivities begin on Friday with a golf outing and racing at Keeneland, and end Sunday morning with the Robert Barr Society breakfast and a chapel service in Old Morrison Chapel. Friday evening's TGIF Kick-Off Party is for all alumni, as is the Alumni Celebration Luncheon on Saturday. Class reunion receptions/dinners and the T-Day Coronation Ball take place Saturday evening.

Reunion classes include: Robert Barr Society (1938, 1943, 1948, 1953), 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003. All alumni, regardless of class year, are welcome for Alumni Weekend.

Alumni should plan ahead for the best lodging choices, since this same weekend will see Lexington hosting the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, an international equestrian show at the Kentucky Horse Park that attracts many visitors.

Reunion class Web sites may be found via Transy's Web site at [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) (select 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.

## Career as a coat of many colors

**Describing the career path** that Rob Hill '95 is following is a lot like trying to hit a moving target. From managing a restaurant to being an attorney in a law firm, investing in real estate, and becoming a published book author—among many other pursuits—Hill has chosen an alternative work style that continues to evolve and that some say is a characteristic of his generation.

Like the proverbial coat of many colors, Hill's education and career reflect a great variety of interests. Armed with a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration from Transylvania, a law degree from the University of Kentucky, and an MBA degree from Vanderbilt University, Hill is using his liberal arts education and expertise in law and business to carve out a niche in many occupational areas.

Among those areas has been a brief stint managing a pizza restaurant, doing patent research for a high-tech firm in Atlanta, handling the legal side of real estate transactions, owning a media and music management company, writing two successful books, preparing to launch a Web site for landlords and renters, and teaching a college course in business law.

Hill's enthusiasm for getting so involved began at Transylvania, where he says he became more outgoing compared with his high school years. He was active in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Student Government Association, was an admissions and a resident assistant, and a member of Psi Chi, the psychology honorary.

"I credit Pi Kappa Alpha with opening my eyes to working with other people, dealing with money, and getting things done," Hill says. "A lot of things I've done in life, I've pulled directly from the lessons I learned in the fraternity."

Even after deciding that law was an area of great interest and earning his J.D. degree in 1999, Hill never saw himself choosing a traditional path by settling in at a law firm.

"I certainly never had the idea that I was going to be a regular partner in a law firm," Hill says. "I enjoyed working with the inventors, creators, developers, and engineers who are actually doing the stuff more than I did the practical matter of building a law firm. I've been willing to trade a partnership and a six-figure salary in the third year of practice, as many lawyers now have, for a lot of time to pursue other things."

One thing seems certain: Hill is unlikely to land in any one full-time job.

"My wife was with me for part of the time that I was practicing normal, ordinary law as an attorney, and she said I was the most miserable person she had ever known in those few months."



▣ Rob Hill '95, his wife, Amber, and their son, Truman, are pictured by the Kissing Tree on the Transylvania campus. The family lives in Nashville, where Rob has a multi-faceted career in teaching, writing, and business.

A common thread that runs through Hill's multi-hued coat is a desire to be around creative people. "To me, entrepreneurship in business is just another aspect of creation or innovation," he says.

That urge led him to move to Atlanta immediately after graduating from law school to join a Transy classmate—Mike Finley '90—at Radiant Systems, a high tech firm with an intellectual property department. "I worked with software and hardware developers and engineers to patent some of their technologies," says Hill.

It was in Atlanta that he began working in real estate law, handling property transaction closings, and where he also met his wife, Amber. They soon moved to Savannah, where Hill wrote his first book, *Savannah Squares: A Keepsake Tour of*

*Gardens, Architecture, and Monuments*, that also includes his photographs of the city. It's sold over 7,000 copies. Another book—*What No One Ever Tells You about Investing in Real Estate: Real-Life Advice from 101 Successful Investors*—has sold over 30,000 copies.

Hill and his wife, along with their almost two-year-old son, Truman, now live in Nashville, where Hill is an adjunct professor of business law at Belmont University.

With the arrival of his first child, Hill says he has tried to cut back on the sheer number of his career pursuits, to have more time to spend with his family.

One of the businesses he shut down this year was Harpring Hill Media, which he founded in 2004 primarily to manage and produce the bluegrass band Blind Corn Liquor Pickers. The group features two of Hill's Transy classmates, Joel Serdenis '95 and Travis Young '95.

In addition to teaching, Hill is working on another book, tentatively titled *Seat Belts Kill: and Other Lessons I Learned in Business School*, due out in the spring of 2008. He completed a mediation course at Lipscomb University's Institute for Conflict Management and hopes to begin work in that area after receiving his approval from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Hill's newest venture is called Radical Rentals, a Web site created with his brother, a real estate broker, and a friend who is a Web designer and developer. It will allow individual landlords who are small investors with perhaps one or two properties to connect with college renters.

All in all, it's a work style that might not make sense to a career counselor, but Hill would have it no other way. "I'm trying to reign it in a little, but I couldn't see doing it much differently," he says. "Thankfully, my wife and parents have been very supportive. Family has played a key role in all of this."

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

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**Jaime Groom Davis '98** and Greg Davis, a son, Garrison James Davis, January 14, 2007

**Leanne Smith Field '98** and Clint Field, a daughter, Allie Marie Field, February 8, 2007

**Kevin A. Moreman '98** and Kasey M. Moreman, a daughter, Reese Yann Moreman, January 31, 2007

**Brian W. Vieth '98** and Kathryn Vieth, a daughter, Addison Riley Vieth, July 20, 2007

**Wendy Williams Wansley '98** and Wes Wansley, a son, James Jackson Wansley, August 10, 2007

**Katharine Wilson Conrad '99** and Bill Conrad, a daughter, Samantha Katharine Conrad, June 12, 2007

**Sarah Hartsough Callahan '99** and **W. Hunter Callahan '94**, a son, William Harrison Callahan, November 21, 2005

**Patricia Cheese Johnson '99** and Chad D. Johnson, a son, Connor David Johnson, July 10, 2007

**Jeremy W. Lankster '99** and **Holly Neikirk**

**Lankster '01**, a daughter, Olivia Kate Lankster, April 30, 2007



**Cara Caskey Osborne '99** and **Marcus A. Osborne '97**, a son, Tate Alexander Osborne, April 1, 2007

**Bridget G. Trodgen '00** and **Paul Dewayne Lawson '00**, a son, Jacob Paul Lawson, May 24, 2007

**Rebekah Williams McNichol '00** and **Sean C. McNichol '01**, a daughter, Samantha Carin McNichol, July 21, 2007

**Teresa Hensley Green '01** and **Kyle L. Green '01**, a daughter, Sydney Ratana Green, August 16, 2007

**Ashley Hunt Martin '01** and Seth Martin, a daughter, Lyla Claire Martin, July 10, 2007

**Charity Beth Begley Wilson '01** and Travis Lee Wilson, a daughter, Adelyn Mae Wilson, March 1, 2007

**Kimberly Powell Wright '01** and Scott Douglas Wright, a daughter, Caroline Grace Wright, April 18, 2007

**Jessica Lowry McNamara '02** and John

McNamara, a son, Connor Patrick McNamara, April 25, 2007

**Lorrie Keeling Kenney '03** and **Nicholas A. Kenney '03**, a daughter, Michaela Danielle Kenney, December 9, 2006

### CORRECTION



The birth announcement of **Mark G. Shearer '94** and Margaret H. Shearer in the summer *Transylvania* magazine was incorrect. The couple welcomed a daughter, Taylor Grey Shearer, on March 29, 2007. *Transylvania* regrets the error.

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

**Walter D. Cardwell '34**, Indianapolis, father of **W. Douglas Cardwell Jr. '61**, **Janet Cardwell Arazi '64**, and **Elbert H. Cardwell '74**, died May 2, 2007. At *Transylvania*, he was a member of YMCA. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and served as a pastor in Mississippi for nine years. In 1945, he and his wife traveled to Zaire (then Belgian Congo), where they served the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission for 12 years. He later worked for the Department of Interpretation of the United Christian Missionary Society.

**Tempa Gaunce Endicott '37**, Midway, Ky., mother of **H. Malcolm Endicott Jr. '68**, died May 19, 2007. At *Transylvania*, she was a member of YWCA and Stagecrafters. She did graduate work at the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. She was a retired teacher from Midway Elementary and Midway High School, and also taught in Nicholas County, Ky. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, where she served with its local and district conference organizations, and was an active member of the Midway Women's Club.

**Margaret Jacobs Lewis '37**, Laguna Beach, Calif., died April 20, 2007. At *Transylvania*, she was a member of Chi Delta Phi, Pi Kappa Delta, Stagecrafters, and Glee Club. She earned a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania and studied in Paris for a year. She taught for three years before her marriage.

**Margaret W. Mayes '37**, Washington, D.C., died August 5, 2007. At *Transylvania*, she was a member of Chi Omega. She taught in the Mercer County, Ky., schools serving as interim principal at McAfee for one year. She joined the WAVES during World War II, serving in Hawaii. After 22 years in the U. S. Navy, she retired with the rank of commander and began a career as financial

## CARRIE BLAYDES / Crafting her own style

**Carrie Blaydes '02** has loved fashion, sewing, and writing since childhood. She found a way to combine her passions with *Fashion DIY: 30 Ways to Craft Your Own Style*, a book she co-authored with friend Nicole Smith.

The book, published in May 2007 by Sixth & Spring, offers 30 projects to transform outdated or forgettable pieces of clothing into unique garments in a style Blaydes calls "vintage-inspired."

"Even if I'm not using vintage material for a project, that's the look I've always been into," she said.

When their proposal was accepted, Blaydes and Smith wrote the book and completed each of the projects in it in just over a month.

A seamstress since kindergarten, Blaydes began altering and embellishing vintage clothing in grade school. At *Transy*, she majored in English and French and received several writing awards. She also branched out into original clothing design.

Blaydes lives in New York City, where she works as a freelance writer and writes for the on-line street fashion magazine [www.borderlinemag.com](http://www.borderlinemag.com). She entered the Fashion Institute of Technology this fall to study fashion design.



Pablo Alcalá (Lexington Herald-Leader)



*Fashion DIY* is available from Barnes & Noble and Joseph-Beth Booksellers as well as [VogueKnitting.com/book](http://VogueKnitting.com/book) and Amazon.com.

## A little blues

**When Jason Lockwood '95 was born**, his arrival brought the professional music career of his parents to a screeching halt. But his mother and father continued to make music around the house, especially at large family gatherings where Lockwood got his first taste of performing in front of an audience.

"My mom and dad had been traveling folk musicians before I was born, and I grew up in an environment where singing and playing was pretty much a focal point of everyday life," Lockwood says.

So it's not surprising that Lockwood, an executive with the human resource firm Spherion in Lexington, uses music as an avocation and an artistic and emotional outlet.

Lockwood plays guitar and does vocals for the Chicago-style blues band The Stella-Vees, based in Lexington, which has won two regional contests and will perform about 50 shows this year at clubs, festivals, competitions, and other venues in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. The band has a 16-track CD titled *Come Round Baby* (<http://cdbaby.com/cd/stellavees>) that includes covers of classic blues pieces along with original material.

Lockwood, who has no formal music training, got bitten by the blues bug while watching bands perform at Sassy Ann's, a club in his native Knoxville where his band now sometimes performs.



▣ **Jason Lockwood '95 plays lead guitar and does vocals for the award-winning blues band The Stella-Vees.**

"That's where I started to hone in on what I wanted to do musically," he says. "They had an open blues jam on Wednesdays that was quite a scene. You hear the sounds, the interaction, the looseness of it."

His guitar style evolved as he got more and more into the blues traditions.

"I picked it up purely by ear, and by being around other guitar players," says Lockwood, who also cites legendary blues player T-Bone Walker as an influence on his guitar playing. "Blues is a very communal music. The cadence and the tone of it get passed down, like Appalachian folk stories are passed down from one generation to the next."

The style his band emulates is based on the Chicago blues, which developed in the late 1940s and is derived from the Delta blues brought to the city by African-Americans migrating from the South, with the critical addition of the electric guitar replacing the traditional acoustic guitar. Besides Lockwood on

## on the side

guitar, the three other members of The Stella-Vees are on drums, bass (standup or electric) and harp (harmonica), a typical configuration for Chicago blues groups.

"We're really into the basic design of music, with no effects," says Lockwood. "You have this raw, base, driving music, with open E and A chords. When we play, people will come up and say, 'Wow, it's nice to hear a straightforward style, and to hear some of the old stuff.'"

That approach has reaped accolades for The Stella-Vees from the Kentuckiana Blues Society, based in Louisville, where the band won the Unsigned Blues Talent Contest in 2004 and 2006. The win in 2006 included automatic entry into an international competition in Memphis last January.

Perhaps it's his background in philosophy and psychology—his two majors at Transy—that give Lockwood a thoughtful approach to his involvement in the blues.

"It's sanity for me," he says. "There's nothing like blues music, and there's no other resolve that I've found. It's fundamental in my life, for sure."

Lockwood and his wife, Courtney Jacobs Lockwood '95, live in Georgetown, Ky., with their daughter, Ellington, 6, and son, Emery, 4. Courtney is the owner of Hopscotch Childrens Boutique in Lexington.

administrator of all Job Corps Centers east of the Mississippi. After her retirement, she served as a consultant to several corporations.

**Anna Louise Caudill Scearce '43**, Shelbyville, Ky., died July 16, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega and Glee Club. At the University of Kentucky, she was inducted into the education honorary Kappa Delta Pi. She earned a teaching certificate from the University of Southern California, and taught English and physical education at Somerset (Ky.) High School.

**Marguerite Ford Vance '45**, Lexington, died May 27, 2007. She earned a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and taught chemistry at Transylvania for three years. She was a chemistry professor at the University of Dayton for 14 years and later worked as a science supervisor of student teaching at Eastern Kentucky University. She spent 15

years as a chemist and biologist for the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Surface Mining, during which time she taught at Transylvania and Lexington Baptist College. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

**George Hagedorn Moody '49**, Nicholasville, Ky., died August 1, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and played on the basketball and baseball teams. A veteran of World War II, he was a retired coach and teacher in the Jessamine County school system.

**Eugene Hoke '52**, Lexington, father of **Michael T. Hoke '84**, died May 9, 2007. He pursued graduate studies at several universities and was vice president of marketing for several nursing home chains. While in Lima, Ohio, he served as president of the board of trustees for the Visiting Nurses Association, and sat

on the board of St. Rita's Hospital. A lifetime gardener, he served for three years as president of the Gardeners of Lima Association. He served as church lector and served communion at St. Charles in Lima and St. Peter in Lexington and to homebound parishioners. He was also pastoral care volunteer at St. Joseph East Hospital.

**George H. "Jack" Wise '56**, Georgetown, Ky., brother of **Billy V. Wise '58**, died August 29, 2007. He was a school administrator and served as an elementary school principal for 30 years in Scott County, Ky. After his retirement, he served as director of adult education, assistant to the mayor, and worked at the Toyota Visitor Center at the Toyota plant in Georgetown. He was also a basketball official, working in various college conferences, most notably the Southeastern Conference.

## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 19

Join Transylvania's athletics department and the alumni office for the 2008 Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 19, at the University Club of Kentucky. Registration and lunch will be at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Cindy Jacobelli, associate director of athletics, at (859) 233-8663, [cjacobelli@transy.edu](mailto:cjacobelli@transy.edu), or Mark Blankenship '81, director of development, at (859) 233-8402, [mblankenship@transy.edu](mailto:mblankenship@transy.edu).

### Alumni on-line community attracts more than 1,500 users

Since its launch in September 2006, the Transylvania on-line community has attracted over 1,500 registered users, and that number continues to grow. This is a secure, password protected Web site that alumni can access from [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu). Services include an on-line directory, class notes, events calendar and registration, photo albums, on-line giving, and more.

Through this community, alumni can also sign up for a lifetime e-mail address. First-time users should obtain their unique school ID number from the alumni office at (800) 487-2679 or [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu). For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

### Admissions seeks referrals, legacies

Do you have a son or daughter ready to begin their college search? Perhaps your neighbor or close friend is getting ready for the college search process. Have you given their name and other pertinent information to Transylvania?

The admissions office would love to have the opportunity to recruit alumni legacies and other talented students referred by alumni. To ensure that they are on Transy's mailing list, contact Kim Chaffer, associate director of admissions, at (800) 872-6798 or [kchaffer@transy.edu](mailto:kchaffer@transy.edu). Alumni are also encouraged to request fee-waived applications for admission to give to their children, other relatives, or friends.

### Recommendations sought for awards and Alumni Executive Board

Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations for several awards that will be presented during Alumni Weekend 2008 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).

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**Robert M. Lewis '61**, Clarksville, Ind., died July 13, 2007. At Transylvania, he played on the basketball and baseball teams, was active in intramural sports, and served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He received his master's degree from Indiana University. A veteran of World War II, he was a retired teacher for Greater Clark Schools, and was a member of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in New Albany.

**James B. Stith Jr. '69**, Somerset, Ky., died July 9, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of College Bowl. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy and worked as a pharmacist at Walgreen's in Somerset.

**William J. Henry '70**, Olathe, Kan., husband of **Jackie Baker Henry '73**, died May 28, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a dorm counselor. He graduated from Lexington Theological

Seminary and served churches in Noblesville, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn. He was a volunteer chaplain at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He spent 25 years in professional sales with the Weyerhaeuser Company in Hot Springs, Ark., and later managed the Payless Cashways account for Weyerhaeuser in Kansas City, Mo. After retirement, he returned to the ministry at Red Bridge Christian Church. He was a member of the Valley View Optimist Club.

**Donna Lynn Adams '71**, Huntington, W. Va., died February 11, 2007.

**Kathleen Cronin Samela '76**, Ansonia, Conn., died June 13, 2007. She received a certificate in human services management at St. Joseph

College and was the founder of Area Congregations Together and the Spooner House homeless shelter of Derby, Conn. She was employed by the Shelton Historical Society. A justice of the peace, she was former senior warden, vestry member, and Eucharistic minister at Christ Church Episcopal in Ansonia. She served three terms as alderwoman of the third ward in Ansonia and received numerous awards for her altruistic work including the Archbishop's Volunteer of the Year Award from the Roman Catholic Diocese.

**Owen Conner '78**, Atlanta, died July 1, 2007. He owned Charles Willis, Inc., a gift shop that specializes in fine china and unique gifts.

**David M. Schindler '86**, Atlanta, brother of **Stephen P. Schindler '86**, died April 3, 2007. He received his master's degree from George Mason University.

**Robert L. Miller III '87**, Atlanta, died May 16, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi, the *Crimson* staff, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and the choir. He worked in the Kentucky Center for Reproductive Medicine in the endocrinology division for two years. After earning a degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, he was employed by Revco Inc., then CVS Pharmacy.

**Robert Dean Gunnell Jr. '88**, Lexington, died March 20, 2007.

**Derek Robert Agard '90**, Tracy, Calif., died November 23, 2006. He earned a master's degree in political science and was employed by Gateway Computers.

**Mary Leach Whitcomb '93**, Kailua, Hawaii, died August 20, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of National Education Association–Student Programs.

**David M. Otorala '00**, Lexington, died June 19, 2007. He was employed as a graphic artist.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFERS TRIPS AROUND THE WORLD

The Transylvania Alumni Association, in partnership with Collette Vacations, is offering alumni and friends a full calendar of exciting trips for 2008 and 2009 with destinations as diverse as Italy, Hawaii, and New Zealand. All tours include round trip air travel from Lexington and some meals. Prices listed are per person for double occupancy.

The **Discover Croatia** 11-day tour departs May 26, 2008. Highlights include a tour of Zagreb's Old City and a visit to Lipica Stud Farm, home to the world-famous Lipizzaner horses. The cost is \$3,749 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to December 27, 2007.

The **Reflections of Italy** 10-day tour departs July 21, 2008. Highlights include sight-seeing in Rome, a visit to Assisi, and a boat trip to Murano Island. The cost is \$3,849 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to February 22, 2008.

The **Tropical Costa Rica** 9-day tour departs September 24, 2008. Highlights include trips to the Monteverde Cloud Forest and the Cano Negro nature preserve. The cost is \$1,999 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to April 28, 2008. An optional 3-night Jungle Adventure post-tour extension can be added for \$399.

The **Rome and Florence Holiday** 8-day tour departs December 1, 2008. Highlights include "Dinner with the Tenors," shopping in Florence, and a guided visit to the Uffizi Museum. The cost is \$2,349 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to July 2, 2008.

The **Exploring New Zealand** 19-day tour departs January 26, 2009. Highlights include a ride on the Tranz Alpine train and spectacular views from the top of Mt. Eden, a dormant volcano. The cost is \$5,499 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to August 26, 2008. Optional 2-night Fiji post-tour extension can be added for \$349 per person (land only, air add-ons apply).

The **Hawaiian Adventure** 10-day tour departs February 19, 2009. Highlights include an excursion to Diamond Head Lookout and a traditional Polynesian Luau featuring drinks, dinner, and a hula show. The cost is \$3,849 with first deposit of \$100 due prior to October 19, 2008. Optional 3-day, 2-night Big Island post-tour extension can be added for \$649 per person (land only, air add-ons apply).

The **Spectacular South Africa: Culture and Nature in Harmony** 14-day tour departs March 12, 2009. Highlights include a safari game drive through Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa, and a journey through Tsitsikamma Forest. The cost is \$4,199 with first deposit of \$250 due prior to October 13, 2008. Optional 3-night Victoria Falls post-tour extension can be added for \$899 per person (land only, air add-ons apply).

For more information on the trips, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at (800) 487-2679 or npajic@transyu.edu.

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.

***"My gift annuity with Transylvania was one of the smartest things I could do."***

—Ann Horton Burns '42

**Ann Horton Burns '42** has a great affection for Transylvania. She and her late husband, Ben Burns '41, who served as dean of the chapel and professor of humanities from 1962-80, led an annual trip to Europe that, over its 10-year life, attracted about 250 students and a dozen professors.

"Wonderful relationships developed as a result of those trips, and even after Ben retired, we rarely went out to dinner that we didn't have some young person come up and say, 'The trip I took to Europe changed my life and was the most exciting thing I did at Transylvania,'" says Burns. "That's a great feeling."

When Transylvania initiated its gift annuity program, the Burnsese were among the first to participate. At the same time, they promised themselves that they would make provisions for another gift to the University, either through their estates, or through the possible future sale of their house.

"After Ben died in 2002, I lived in the house until I felt like I needed a little easier approach to life," says Burns. "So when I sold the house and moved to a retirement community, I went right ahead and gave part of the profit to Transy."

Burns says it helps to know that she will receive a specific quarterly income from her gift annuity. "I have a bigger monthly payout here than I would have had living in my home, so the dividends are a big help. The older you get, the more settled you like things to be."

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## Grammy Award-winning Kronos Quartet at Transylvania



The Grammy Award-winning Kronos Quartet gave the inaugural performance in the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series on October 10 in Haggin Auditorium. Quartet members are, from left, violinists David Harrington and John Sherba, violist Hank Dutt, and cellist Jeffrey Zeigler. The concert series was established this year by Dorothy J. Smith '42 in appreciation for the opportunities Transylvania gave her to study music and English and have a successful career as a teacher and musician. The series is named for her and her late husband, a 1940 Transylvania graduate. *Photo by Joseph Rey Au*