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Faculty receive Bingham Awards, promotions for teaching excellence

Three Transylvania professors have been recognized with Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching, and four other faculty members have been granted tenure and promotions.

Philosophy professor Ellen Cox, education professor Kathy Egner, and mathematics professor Kim Jenkins received Bingham Awards, which are accompanied by annual salary supplements for five years. A committee comprised of outside educators selects Bingham Award recipients based on classroom visits, essays, and student evaluations.

Ellen Cox came to Transylvania in 2002 after earning a Ph.D. from DePaul University. With specialization in 20th-century continental philosophy and women’s and gender studies, she teaches a range of courses from feminist philosophies to ethical theory.

Cox said her primary goal as an educator is to teach students to read.

“Learning to read means attending to the way language works, broadly,” she said, “not just to reflect reality, but also to shape and determine it.”

Cox uses a combination of Socratic teaching and close reading in the classroom, with class periods almost always dialogue driven, and on-going conversations that push students to take positions on the issues.

“So much of what students want and expect to learn involves finitude, one answer, a conversation closed,” she said. “I strive for them to recognize the difficulty and sometimes impossibility of resolving many of the important questions we address in philosophy and women’s studies, without allowing them to become frustrated or disheartened by this lack of resolution.”

Ellen Cox

Kathy Egner

Kathy Egner joined the Transylvania faculty in 2000. She earned her Ph.D. from Arizona State University and came to Trans from Berlin, Germany.

Egner said her major goals as an educator are to inspire students to love learning, to encourage them to strive for transformation in their thinking, and to support them as their learning becomes part of themselves and influences how they live.

“I establish a learning community in each class, and I am one of the learners,” she said. “When we are engaged in discussion, which is my primary way of teaching, I try to draw out the best in each one of them.”

Egner adheres to a philosophy of constructivism, which advocates learning by doing, with individuals being responsible for their learning within the context of a community.

“I expect students to take the primary responsibility for their own learning,” she said. “In all of my courses, I collect materials, offer readings, and lead discussions. The students must apply principles by developing units that they will teach to children or other projects, trying them out in schools, and reflecting together on their experiences.”

Kim Jenkins came to Transylvania in 2000 after earning a Ph.D. from Auburn University and teaching at the University of Evansville. Her area of research is combinatorics, with primary emphasis on design theory and graph theory.

“My goal is to teach students to ask and answer the question, ‘Why?’” she said, “in all my classes, from Foundations of the Liberal Arts to Design Theory.”

Jenkins strives to engage an active learning style in her mathematics courses. She said that while she once saw her responsibility as teaching her students to work problems, she now sees it as teaching her students how to explore mathematics and think critically about what they are doing and why.

“I want to teach them to see connection to other material, to adapt previous methods to fit new situations, to know why a previous method may fail and why it may still apply,” she said. “I spend much more time discussing mathematics and less time actually at the board working problems.”

Promotions and tenure

History professor Melissa McEuen and biology professor James Wagner have been granted promotion to full professor. Tenure and promotion to associate professor have been granted to French professor Brian Arganbright and education professor Amy Maupin.

Board members elected

Two new members were elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees at the May board meeting.

Richard J. Corman is the founder of R. J. Corman Railroad Group in Nicholasville, Ky., a nationally recognized company that operates in 20 states. The diversified railroad services provider covers derailment, distribution, shortline railroads, and construction. He is also the parent of Transylvania first-year student Shawn Ashlee Corman.

John N. Williams Jr. ’74 is dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and a professor in the dental ecology department. A former member of the Board of Visitors, he received a Distinguished Service Award from Transylvania in 1999.
Barnes composes score for movie Euphoria, sees Toccata: Act of War recorded

It has been a busy and rewarding year for Transylvania music professor Larry Barnes, who composed his first movie score and saw another composition of his selected for an international recording and concert tour.

Like most movie fans, Barnes had always enjoyed movie scores and had even given scholarly thought to the purpose of music in a movie. But not until he got the chance to compose an original score did he come to understand and appreciate the subtleties of how movie music works, as well as the creative effort required to compose for the screen.

That opportunity came last summer when he was asked by director Lee Boot to compose a score for his feature-length film, Euphoria, a work in the documentary or information film tradition, but with innovative aesthetic values that make it more a work of art than most films in the genre. Euphoria had already won the Gold Medal at the Houston Film Festival in 2005 without a score, but Boot felt the right music could take the film to another level.

That’s when he got in touch with Barnes. “Lee had heard me perform music in Baltimore years ago and called to ask if I would review his film with the possibility of my adding a complete musical score,” Barnes said. “I was elated. I had wanted to compose for film for years.”

Euphoria was created to help people think about ways of achieving natural highs in their lives as opposed to the momentary highs that come from the use of drugs, even though the film never explicitly mentions drug use. That’s part of the aesthetic approach Boot uses, where metaphor and imagery combine with interesting facts from neuroscience, history, ecology, and other subject areas to focus on the positive aspects of a life of natural highs, instead of simply presenting a traditional anti-drug message.

Barnes’ role was to employ the standard goals of a movie score—to carry you through the scene, reinforce the mood of the scene, and give a film an image beyond what the visuals and dialogue can do alone—and apply them to a film that was innovative in its approach of creating,” Barnes said.

The other project that came to fruition for Barnes this past year was the premiere performance and recording of his composition, Toccata: Act of War, which he had completed in 2002. He had begun the work before the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, but after that event he added “Act of War” to his title and let the mood of that time influence the finished piece.

“I was already writing a piece of music that had an uneasy, nervous, angry tone to it, so the title is in response to the 9/11 attacks, but also in response to the mood the piece was already creating,” Barnes said.

The composition was one of eight chosen from over 100 submissions to be included on an international concert tour and played by pianist Jeri-Mae Astolfi on a CD released earlier this year (www.capstonerecords.com). It also had its world premiere recording on a CD by Transylvania music professor Greg Partain (see story on page 7 for details).

After viewing the film, Barnes met with Boot in Baltimore to discuss scenes he would score. He then spent the summer and early fall of 2006 composing the music using computer technology and sending it to Boot as e-mail attachments. The two met again in October to mix the music into the film.

One lesson he learned, said Barnes, is that the director is in charge of all aspects of a film. “I had to remember that I was not the creator of this project, that I was a member of the team. The director gets the final say as to whether or not the music fits his aesthetic.”

First woman president of Ireland to deliver Kenan lecture

Mary Robinson, chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and Ethical Globalization Initiative, believes that rights are weapons the weak can use against the strong.

Robinson, the first woman president of Ireland, will bring her message to Transylvania on October 2 as part of the Kenan Lecture Series. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

Robinson served as president of the Republic of Ireland from 1990 to 1997 and during her presidency placed an emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

From 1997 to 2002, she served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and gained a reputation as an outspoken defender of human rights, willing to stand up to powerful governments.

Credited by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan with “putting human rights on the map,” Robinson was awarded the Sydney Peace Prize in 2002. She was the first head of state to visit Rwanda in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide there, and the first to visit Somalia following the 1992 crisis there.
Young Scholars program reaches 25-year milestone

It was 25 years ago when the most innovative and far-reaching scholarship program in Transylvania’s history was launched with the selection of the first students for the Thomas Jefferson Scholars Program. Renamed the William T. Young Scholars Program in 1987 in honor of its creator and major benefactor, the late William T. Young, this program has brought more than 350 bright, highly motivated students to Transylvania who have enriched the campus environment and realized high achievement in their careers and lives.

“Since its founding in 1982, this bold scholarship program has had a transforming effect on the college,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “Mr. Young believed that the program would bring exceptional students to Transy, young people who would invigorate the campus and promote an even higher standard of academic performance, and that has certainly proved to be the case. It was also his hope that the program would help encourage our most talented young people to stay in Kentucky.”

Young was in the early years of his eventual 23-year tenure (1977-2000) as chairman of the Transylvania Board of Trustees when he conceived the idea of offering full-tuition scholarships to students who would not only excel in academics but also become leaders on campus.

Mathematics professor David L. Shannon worked closely with Young to help establish the program and has seen the impact of these students over the years.

“From its inception there have been high expectations of academic excellence for the students selected for this program,” Shannon said. “These high expectations have consistently been met and often exceeded. It is common for these students to be among the leaders in classroom participation and performance, and they have often been catalysts for campus events and activities that have enriched and enhanced the intellectual ethos of the college.”

The awards were originally named the Thomas Jefferson Scholarships in honor of the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence. It was appropriate because of Jefferson’s ties with Transylvania in the school’s early years. He was governor of Virginia in 1780 when Transylvania was established by an act of the Virginia Assembly, and he later followed the development of the college.

One recent graduate who exemplifies the program’s aims is Laura Edgington ‘06, who graduated magna cum laude with a biology and chemistry double major and will begin graduate studies in the Ph.D. program in cancer biology at Stanford University this fall.

“I think the William T. Young scholars are a special group of people,” Edgington said. “My fellow scholars were some of the finest people I met on campus, and some of them are now my closest friends. Academically and leadership-wise, my standards have always been high, but having the Young Scholarship pushed me to be that much better of a person.”

Soulis named to endowed chair in theater

Drama professor Tim Soulis was named in April as the recipient of the Lucille C. Little Endowed Chair in Theater, the first endowed chair in any discipline at Transylvania. The University had received a challenge grant of $500,000 from the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation to establish the chair.

A member of the Transylvania faculty since 1994, Soulis has taught courses in drama and performance throughout the United States and directed more than 70 productions.

“The main purpose of Transylvania’s theater program is to develop in student actors, technicians, directors, and playwrights the vocal and physical skills and intellectual and emotional maturity to explore drama as an important form of artistic and personal expression and fulfillment,” Soulis said. “This is in harmony with the University’s goals as a liberal arts institution to broaden students’ intellectual and creative abilities.”

These goals will be enhanced by the endowed chair, which will allow operating funds to be redirected to new initiatives, which may include engaging an adjunct professor to develop and teach a course in children’s theater; employing guest artists to direct theater productions; arranging trips to New York City for drama majors and minors to attend plays and musicals; organizing workshops featuring visiting actors, directors, playwrights, and designers; and augmenting funds for drama faculty travel, enrichment, and professional development.

At a reception for Soulis, William F. Pollard, vice-president and dean of the college, expressed his gratitude for the foundation’s support of the arts and stated, “The main purpose of Transylvania’s theater program is to develop in student actors, technicians, directors, and playwrights the vocal and physical skills and intellectual and emotional maturity to explore drama as an important form of artistic and personal expression and fulfillment.”

Today we recognize an outstanding faculty member and look forward to the continued growth and development of a wonderful program,” he said.

Transylvania’s grant request is among the first awarded by the 13-member foundation board established by Lucille C. Little ‘28, a Transylvania trustee who was known in central Kentucky as an avid patron and generous supporter of the arts. Transy’s theater, dedicated in 1999, is named for Little, who provided the lead gift for the project. She died in 2002.
Alltech lectures examine yeast, aging, nutrition

The Alltech Lecture Series at Transylvania concluded this spring with three presentations that looked at the historical importance and future possibilities of yeast in relation to health, the role of biotechnology in slowing the aging process, and the effects of nutrition on gene activity.

Karl Dawson, director of worldwide research for Alltech, used the title “The Science in Your Glass of Beer, Wine, or Whiskey” to introduce his lecture on why yeast has become humankind’s most trusted and useful microorganism. In addition to the essential role of yeast in alcohol production and bread making, yeast was crucial in the development of microbiology, Dawson said.

Current research is also looking at the intriguing possibility of using yeast to fight disease in a fundamentally different way than antibiotics, which inhibit the growth of bacteria. “Yeast glycomics gives us the opportunity to change the way we think about disease treatment,” Dawson said. “For example, the salmonella bacteria has to attach itself to the intestine before it can reproduce and cause the disease. We can block the binding protein of the salmonella with a yeast product. It serves as a decoy that the bacteria attaches to and then is washed out.”

Inge Russell, a research scientist at the University of Western Ontario in Canada and visiting professor at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, titled her lecture “The Fountain of Youth: Does It Really Exist?” She said that each individual’s aging process depends about 30 percent on genetics and 70 percent on your environment. “You have huge control over the aging process,” she said. Russell said that restricting caloric intake—in a process she called “undernutrition without malnutrition”—and physical activity are keys to a longer life.

“In Okinawa, where there are more people over 100 years old than anywhere in the world, the people eat 40 percent fewer calories than most of us do,” Russell said. “They also work very hard.”

Ronan Power, Alltech’s director of research, spoke on “Feeding Our Genes for Better Health” and discussed the emerging science of nutrigenomics, which studies the effects of nutrition on gene activity. He focused specifically on the role of selenium as a nutrient with great potential for improving our health.

“In the past 50 years a clear link has been established between selenium intake and human health,” Power said. He cited experiments with mice that point to the ability of selenium to possibly delay the onset of Alzheimer’s disease. “While these studies are preliminary, we do believe they reveal many potential benefits for selenium supplementation, which may be of relevance to human conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, arthritis, and other issues,” he said.

The lectures were sponsored by Alltech, a global animal health bioscience company and producer of animal feed, headquartered in Nicholasville, Ky. The company’s president, Pearse Lyons, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, presented the first of the series’ lectures in February when he spoke on “The Competition for Food, Feed, or Fuel.”

Senior Challenge provides scholarship

The class of 2007 has provided incoming first-year student Sydney Crawley with the Senior Challenge scholarship.

Senior Challenge co-chairs Bradley Justice, Blythe Duckworth, David Riley, and Haley Trogdlen worked throughout the year to raise awareness of the program. As a result, graduates contributed $19,438 to the scholarship fund with 68 percent of the class making a gift.

The majority of the money was raised at a kick-off event held in February. Co-chairs also staffed a table at Senior Send-Off in May, and 97 students attended a banquet the week before commencement, where Crawley was introduced to the students who had helped fund her education.

“The person I will be in four years is the person you contributed to shaping,” Crawley told the seniors. “Anything I do, anything I give back to the community can be traced to each of you. Without your help, I wouldn’t be standing here today, on my way to becoming someone better. To the seniors of 2007, I will try to become a person worthy of your generosity.”

Crawley, a native of Lancaster, Ky., and a graduate of Garrard County High School, plans to major in biological sciences and minor in drama at Transylvania.

Correction

An article in the spring issue of Transylvania magazine incorrectly stated that Les Johnson ’84 was president of his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi. We regret the error.
Transylvania threw a party for Harry Stephenson ’46 in April that was truly a night to remember for this remarkable Transylvanian and the more than 250 people who showed up to honor him for his 90th birthday and 70 years of association with his alma mater.

The speeches ranged from heartfelt to humorous—often a little of both—as former and current students, faculty members, coaches, administrators, friends, and family celebrated Stephenson’s loyal service to Transylvania and the positive influence he continues to have on so many people.

“Tonight we honor the first athletics director west of the Allegheny Mountains,” quipped President Charles L. Shearer as he got the program rolling by relating Stephenson’s amazing tenure to Transylvania’s historic position as the first college founded west of the Alleghenies. Stephenson’s association with Transy began just over 70 years ago when he enrolled for classes in the fall of 1936. Since joining the faculty and staff in 1948, he has enjoyed an unbroken record of 58 years of service as teacher, administrator, and coach that may be unprecedented in the school’s history.

C. M. Newton, former Transylvania men’s basketball coach for 14 seasons and now a consultant to the Southeastern Conference, came back to honor the man who gave him his first coaching position in 1951.

“Harry mentored me as a young coach and has been a special part of my life ever since,” Newton said. “I always say that while my degrees are from UK, I got my education here at Transylvania. Harry, we love you, we appreciate you, and we’re going to see a whole lot more of you over the years.”

Milly Rodes was hired by Stephenson in 1952 and stayed at Transy for 39 years, teaching modern dance, tennis, and physical education while coaching tennis and basketball.

“I thought Harry came right after Rafinesque,” Rodes said with a smile, recalling Constantine Rafinesque, Transy’s legendary early 19th-century professor of natural sciences. “Harry has always been a tremendous mentor and friend to me and a very, very dear person. Anything I needed for our women’s teams, he would always get for me. He backed up our teams in every way he could, and I appreciate that. He will always be close to my heart.”

Stephenson also played a key role in bringing Lee Rose ’58 to Transylvania. Rose became one of Transy’s all-time best basket-

Harry Stephenson ’46 is joined by the introducers and presenters at his 70th anniversary celebration, from left, Don Lane, Billy Reed ’66, Haley Riney ’07, C. M. Newton, Pat Deacon, Lee Rose ’58, Milly Rodes, Brian Lane ’90, Stephenson, Jack Ebel ’77, Cindy Jacobelli, and President Charles L. Shearer.
Partain records second solo piano CD

A range of compositions that includes heavily textured pieces by Rachmaninov, lighter works by Scarlatti, lyricism from Brahms, a toccata from a Transylvania professor, and Beethoven’s powerful Appassionata make up the repertoire for music professor Greg Partain’s newest CD of solo piano music, titled Gregory Partain, piano, Volume II.

“I always want my programs to revolve around a central work that carries the heaviest expressive weight, and for this CD, it is the Appassionata of Beethoven,” Partain said. “This piece is one of the most powerful artistic statements available to any pianist. It gives a player the opportunity to unleash a lot of fury, in an artistic way.”

Partain said he chose the Scarlatti sonatas, with their cleaner, more transparent texture, as a foil to the thundering work of Beethoven, and selected Brahms’ Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 21, No. 1, as a lyrical statement. The recording begins with three preludes by Rachmaninov that are “strong enough to put at the end of a program, but I wanted to start the disc off with a bang,” Partain said.

A special part of the repertoire is the world premiere recording of Transylvania music professor Larry Barnes’ Toccata: Act of War (2002), an intense piece written partly in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

“This is a very exciting piece that I wanted to introduce to a wider audience,” Partain said. “It’s rhythmically riveting, uses a lot of the resources of the instrument, and holds together beautifully.”

Partain recorded the CD using a Steinway at Baylor University, with assistance from a friend on the Baylor faculty, and experimented with some close miking to give the listener more of the sound the pianist actually hears, as opposed to being 100 feet away in a concert hall.

“I wanted to create an effect of a very close, intimate, tactile connection with the listener, to bring the audience into the inner circle of the performer,” Partain said. “There’s an immediacy and a directness to the recording—the piano sounds very close.”

For information on obtaining a copy of the CD, contact Partain at (859) 233-8177 or by e-mail at gpartain@transy.edu.

New residence facility to be named Thomson Hall

Joe Thomson ’66 and his wife, JoAnn, have given Transylvania the lead gift toward construction of a new residence hall that will be named in their honor. A member of the Board of Trustees, Thomson values the experiences he had as a student at Transy and through this support has made it possible for future students to live in this new facility, which will be named Thomson Residence Hall.

“I’m grateful to Joe and JoAnn and other donors, including the James Graham Brown Foundation,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “It’s gratifying when an alum can step up and make a gift of this magnitude.”

Though he lives in Pennsylvania, Cynthia native Thomson has not forgotten his Kentucky roots and returns to Lexington several times a year. Thomson is the owner of Winbak Farm, one of the most successful standardbred breeding operations in North America, and co-owner of the Red Mile racetrack in Lexington.

Construction of the suite-style residence hall is slated to begin in July.
Smith endows concert series, music scholarship

It was Christmastime in 1938 when Dorothy J. Smith '42 found herself in Lexington and at Transylvania for the first time, visiting a friend and fellow native of Kansas who was a student at the college. The campus was empty for the holidays, and she and Mary Margaret Aldridge Meyer '41 found a piano so Smith could sing the “Italian Street Song” for her friend, believing they were all alone.

“I was sitting there at the piano playing and singing, and in walked (music professor) Jack Bryden,” recalled Smith. “We had no idea he was in the building. He asked me what I wanted to do, and I said, ‘I just want to sing.’ He asked if I would like to attend Transylvania, and I said yes, but that I couldn’t afford it. He left to see (business manager) Spence Carrick and came back in about half an hour. They worked out seven service-ships—in orchestra, string quartet, girls’ quartet, girls’ trio, piano playing and singing, and one more—and that’s how I could afford to come to Transylvania.”

Because of that serendipitous encounter, Smith left Hutchinson, Kansas, to enroll at Transylvania and go on to achieve a career in music and English and have a career in music. And because Transylvania gave her the one opportunity she really wanted—“Just to sing”—Smith recently created the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Endowed Concert Series and the Sharon Sue Smith Memorial Scholarship, both of which will enrich the cultural and academic musical environment at Transylvania for years to come.

The concert series, which will become fully endowed at $1 million as part of Smith’s estate, will bring as many as three high-quality musical performances to the campus annually. It will begin this fall (Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., Haggin Auditorium) with the Kronos Quartet, the Grammy Award-winning group that has been together for more than 30 years. The group has gone far beyond the traditional boundaries of the string quartet, performing an eclectic repertoire that includes works by 20th-century masters, jazz legends, and rock and avant-garde composers, among other genres. They have performed thousands of concerts worldwide and released more than 40 recordings.

The series is planned to reflect a variety of musical styles, including classical, jazz, American folk, world music, popular, music theater, opera, and multimedia.

“I hope this concert series will enrich the campus atmosphere,” said Smith. “I want it to set a tone of excellence. Perhaps it will encourage some of the students later on in life to go to concerts and develop an interest in hearing artists in live performances.”

The concert series is named for Smith and her late husband, Fred K. Smith ’40, who had a long career with the Veterans Administration and the Social Security Administration.

The Sharon Sue Smith Memorial Scholarship, endowed for $200,000, is named after the Smiths’ late daughter, a graduate of the University of Kentucky in speech therapy who worked at Lexington’s Cardinal Hill Hospital and in Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1964, while a student at Henry Clay High School in Lexington, she was crowned Kentucky’s Junior Miss by Diane Sawyer, the reigning America’s Junior Miss.

The scholarship will be awarded to first-year students, with preference given to those with a major in minor in vocal or instrumental music. It will be preferred, but not required, that students have demonstrated financial need.

It was Dorothy Smith’s own financial need that gave Transylvania the opportunity to offer assistance to a talented young person so many years ago, and provide her the springboard to a rewarding career and satisfying life. Smith taught music in the Fayette County public schools for 25 years and at the Lexington School for four years, is a former violist with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, is a published composer and poet, and has sung professionally in many venues. She earned a master’s degree in education from UK.

“Today is payback day,” said Smith. “These two programs are my reward for Transylvania’s generosity toward me, a generosity that will echo in every concert and every student who benefits from the scholarship. Transylvania changed the direction of my life and brought me to where I am today. I am so very grateful for that. Thank you, Transylvania.”

Transy rolls out the red carpet for star donors

Left, Chairman of the Board of Trustees William T. Young Jr. and his wife, Barbara, attended The Stars Come Out, a donor gala held in the William T. Young Campus Center in May for trustees and major donors.

Right, the men’s a cappella group, standing from left: junior Bryan Mullins, first-year student Thomas Hatton, sophomore Josh Motley, junior Dayton Harris, senior Josh McDaniel, sophomore Thomas Baker; front, junior Matt Campbell, and senior Erik Weber; and junior Hope Kodman performed songs from the 1940s and 50s at the Hollywood-themed gala.
Senior forward Nick Feagan was a first-team All-HCAC selection.

Coming off a season that saw the Pioneers make the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III national championship and then graduate seven seniors, head coach Brian Lane ’90 knew the next season would be a challenge for his men’s basketball team. Instead of a significant drop-off, however, the Pioneers staged a late-season rally that saw them tie Bluffton University for second place in the regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference race, then capture the HCAC tournament championship for the second year in a row and win another automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Transy finished 19-9 overall, including a 10-6 conference record. “To be successful, I knew we were going to have to blend in some new players, and some from last year’s team who hadn’t played much,” Lane said. “I think we did that pretty effectively.”

The Pioneers won the South Padre Island Shootout in Texas over the holidays by defeating Rockford College and Westminster College to fashion a 9-3 record heading into January’s conference schedule. After running their HCAC record to 5-2, the Pioneers lost four conference games before finishing the season with five straight conference wins, including two in the league tournament. Transy defeated Bluffton 78-66 in the semifinals, then polished off Defiance College 77-64 in the title game.

Senior Parker Gregory was Player of the Year in the HCAC.

“After that, I thought we handled the conference tournament games really well.”

In the NCAA’s first round, Transy took on essentially the same College of Wooster team that the Pioneers had defeated the previous season on their way to the Elite Eight. Playing at Wooster, Transy ended the season with a 92-66 loss to the Fighting Scots, who went on to make the Final Four.

One of the “new” players Lane worked into the lineup was Nick Feagan ’06, who had played two previous seasons and returned for his final year of eligibility. “Nick coming back gave us a real boost,” Lane said. Feagan was Most Valuable Player of the conference tournament and a first-team All-HCAC selection after leading the Pioneers in scoring at 16 points a game and rebounding at 5.2 per contest.

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Senior point guard Cindy Beavin led the HCAC in assists.

With a new head coach, outstanding senior leadership, and the conference’s top player, Transylvania’s women’s basketball team fashioned a 19-9 record, finished a strong third in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference with a 12-4 mark, and made their first appearance in the NCAA Division III national championships.

Transy’s at-large bid to the NCAA tournament came after the Pioneers had lost by one point to Manchester College in the title game of the HCAC tournament. The Pioneers took on DePauw University, host team for NCAA first-round games and ranked No. 11 in the nation. Transy lost to the Tigers 74-54, and DePauw went on to win the Division III national crown.

First-year head coach Greg Todd gave his Pioneers high marks for their work ethic and season-long consistency. Transy took an 8-4 early season record into the crux of its conference schedule in January and rode HCAC winning streaks of four and six games to get to the conference tournament championship game, where they lost a 70-69 heartbreaker to Manchester.

“I felt we were playing our best basketball by the end of year,” Todd said. “That one-point loss to Manchester on their home court for the HCAC title was one of our best games.”

Senior leadership came from several players, including All-HCAC first team member Cindy Beavin, who played point guard and averaged 10 points a game while leading the conference in assists with 5.5 a game. Haley Riney also played the point and overcame injuries to average nearly 8 points a game. Guard Rachel Wilson averaged 7.5 points while forwards Jessica Hanson and April Young, and guard Katie Shuffet, all played valuable minutes.

Sophomore center Julie Leach turned in the best individual performance for the Pioneers and for the HCAC, leading the league in both scoring (18.3 points) and rebounds (11.4). She has scored and rebounded in double figures in 16 games this season and has been the HCAC women’s basketball player of the week four times.

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Senior leadership came from several players, including All-HCAC first team member Cindy Beavin, who played point guard and averaged 10 points a game while leading the conference in assists with 5.5 a game. Haley Riney also played the point and overcame injuries to average nearly 8 points a game. Guard Rachel Wilson averaged 7.5 points while forwards Jessica Hanson and April Young, and guard Katie Shuffet, all played valuable minutes.

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Transylvania’s men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams each finished fifth among 12 teams in the season-ending Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships at the Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center in Charlotte, N.C. The Pioneers were guided by first-year head swimming coach George Villareal and diving coach Billy Bradford.

Four Pioneers made the All-Bluegrass Mountain Conference team, led by junior Richmond Bramblet, who took first place in both the 3- and 1-meter diving events. Sophomore Lissa Lykins was third in 3-meter diving and first-year diver Brittany McCauley was third in the 1-meter event. Junior Travis Pfeiffer took third in the 1000-yard freestyle.

Washington & Lee University for the men and Johns Hopkins University on the women’s side successfully defended their overall championships for the meet.

The regular season for both teams was highlighted by wins against Illinois Wesleyan University, Asbury College, Union College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Sewanee–University of the South. The women’s team also defeated Wheaton College.
Golfers win HCAC tournament, finish 12th in NCAA national championship

After a second place finish in last year’s Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament, a very young Transylvania men’s golf team felt poised to move up significantly during the 2007 season. Move up they did, capturing their first-ever HCAC crown and contending for a national title in the NCAA tournament.

The Pioneers trailed four-time defending HCAC champion Franklin College by 10 strokes after two rounds of the conference tournament, but sailed past the Grizzlies over the final two rounds with scores of even par 288 and two-under 286 to win going away by 32 shots. The Pioneers were led by junior Matt Scott at 298, good for second place in individual play. The Heartland title qualified the team for the NCAA Division III tournament.

Sophomore Bradley Sutherland paced Transy in the NCAA tourney with a four-day total of 304, good for an 11th place finish in individual competition. Junior Greg Turcotte was next at 315, followed by junior Corey Maggard at 317 and Scott at 328.

The Pioneers had a very successful regular season, highlighted by first place finishes in invitational tournaments hosted by DePauw University, Centre College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Anderson University. They made a spring break trip to Orlando, where they finished sixth in the Webber International Invitational.

Maggard, Scott, Sutherland, and Turcotte made the All-HCAC team. Sutherland’s fine performance in the NCAA tournament garnered him national recognition with his selection to the Ping All-American second team.

Head coach Brian Lane ’90, in his third season leading the Pioneer men’s golfers, was named Coach of the Year in the HCAC for the first time. Transy golfers celebrate with former Pioneer golfer Mike McCaslin ’72 and his father, Raymond McCaslin, after winning the HCAC title and qualifying for the NCAA Division III national tournament for the first time. The McCaslins followed the team on the course and hosted a team dinner. From left, Matt Scott (foreground), Alex Rechtin, Greg Turcotte, Corey Maggard, Bradley Sutherland, the McCaslins, and coach Brian Lane ’90.
BASEBALL SETS RECORDS FOR Wins, CAPTURES HCAC SEASON CROWN

It was a record-setting season for the baseball team as the Pioneers recorded their most total wins as well as most Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference victories while also capturing the league’s regular season title for the first time.

Under the direction of then-interim head coach Chris Campbell ’00, Transy rose to No. 13 in the nation at one point on its way to a 29-12 overall record and a 16-6 HCAC mark. Included in the totals was a 3-2 record during a spring break trip to Florida to play in the Port Charlotte Classic.

Transy swept a doubleheader from Bluffton University in its last two conference games to clinch the regular season HCAC crown. That meant the Pioneers would host the HCAC tournament, which Transy entered as the No. 1 seed. But Manchester College defeated Transy 5-2 in the opener of the double-elimination tourney, and Anderson University ended the Pioneers’ season with a 6-4 win in the second round. That gave the Ravens the HCAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship.

Campbell was voted Coach of the Year by his HCAC colleagues for his leadership during the Pioneers’ remarkable season. After the season, he was named head coach (see sidebar).

Six Pioneers were named to the All-HCAC first team, including seniors Brian Vasse and Dillon Lawson, juniors Mitch Kuczek and Nick Moser, and sophomores Phil Blakely and Adam Wilkins.

Vasse, a third baseman, made the team for the fourth year in a row after batting .349 and driving in 37 runs. Lawson, an infielder, hit .343 with 33 RBI. Kuczek, playing outfield, led Transy in hitting with a .423 average, a new school record, and added 46 RBI. Moser, an infielder/catcher, batted .330 with 21 RBI. Playing outfield, Blakely hit .368 and drove in 41 runs, while Wilkins, a right-hander pitcher, posted a 6-1 record with a 3.34 earned run average.

Kuczek was also named to the Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association All-Mideast Region team, as was senior right-handed relief pitcher Zach Fields, who garnered a team record nine saves that ranked him second in the nation.

Campbell named head baseball coach

Chris Campbell ’00 had the “interim” tag removed from his title when he was named Transylvania’s head baseball coach after the 2007 season. Campbell joined the baseball staff as an assistant in 2004, helping that team to a then-record 28-11 mark, and was named interim head coach in 2006. He guided the Pioneers to their all-time best 29-12 record this year at 29-12 and their most total wins as well as most Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference victories while also capturing the league’s regular season title for the first time.

Student-athletes honored for skills, academics, leadership

Baseball standout Bryan Vasse and softball star Andrea Fitzpatrick were named male and female Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual athletics awards ceremony in May. Special awards for academic excellence and leadership were also presented.

Vasse, a senior from Louisville, was a first-team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference selection for the fourth straight years and is Transy’s all-time leader in hits, games played, and RBI. A co-captain in 2007, the third baseman helped the Pioneers to a 29-12 record this season and the school’s first HCAC championship.

Fitzpatrick, a senior from Bowling Green, Ky., was the HCAC’s Freshman of the Year in 2004 and Player of the Year in 2005, and a first-team All-HCAC selection four years in a row. She holds Transy’s single season home run record with 13 and career mark with 32. She is also Transy’s all-time leader in runs scored and RBI.

Allyson Fisher, a senior from Kokomo, Ind., and a four-year member of the volleyball team, won the George H. Stopp Award as the student-athlete with the highest grade point average over a four-year career. She was a dean’s list student and a four-year member of the HCAC All-Academic team.

Courtney Johnson, a senior from Kokomo and a four-year member of the swimming and diving team, won the Senior Leadership Award for her leadership on and off the playing field.

Senior infielder Dillon Lawson was a first-team All-HCAC selection.
For Brenda S. Bell ’67, the Timeless Traditions theme of Alumni Weekend 2007 not only brought to mind the classic images of dorm life, ball games, and dances at Transylvania, it also reminded her of the core values of a liberal arts education, which she centers on curiosity, community, and commitment.

“A traditional Transylvania education fosters curiosity, encourages the broadening of a community, and helps students explore commitment,” Bell said to her alumni celebration luncheon audience in the William T. Young Campus Center. “These traditions are not time-bound—they are timeless, and they create us as lifelong learners engaged in the world.”

Bell’s career has focused on empowering citizens in communities in the United States and abroad by improving adult education and literacy. After completing a B.A. in sociology at Transylvania, she earned a master’s in adult education from the University of Tennessee. Her current position as senior program adviser with the Education Development Center based in Newton, Mass., takes her to Afghanistan, the Philippines, South Africa, and India.

Even as she travels the world, Bell, who lives in Maryville, Tenn., told the alumni that she cherishes her Transylvania years and the education that formed the basis for her life and career.

“Some of the academic and social questions I started forming during my years at Transylvania have lasted a lifetime,” Bell said. “Classes in sociology, anthropology, religion, history, political science, philosophy, and psychology with professors like Ben Lewis, Ben Burns, Phil Points, Paul Fuller, Joe Binford, Joy Query, Lois DeFleur, and John Wright sparked my intellectual curiosity. I was curious about people who didn’t show up in history books and were left out of the decision-making.”

**Morrison Medallion**
Presented to alums for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs

**Katie Chandler Bolin ’49**
Katie Chandler Bolin has supported her alma mater for nearly 60 years, most recently by establishing two endowed scholarships: one for students studying music and the other for biology and chemistry majors on a pre-med track. A former member of the Alumni Executive Board, she served on the reunion committee for her class’s 50th reunion in 1999. A longtime supporter of the Transylvania Annual Fund, she is a member of the Robert Barr Society and the Transylvania Women’s Club. She was a client associate for 32 years at Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith.

**Irvin E. Lunger Award**
Presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania

**Joe E. Coons ’73**
A former member of the Board of Visitors, Joe E. Coons is treasurer of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, a member of its Executive Committee, and chair of the Finance Committee. He has provided financial support for numerous initiatives, including the 225th Anniversary Campaign, the Transylvania Annual Fund, the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, and the Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education. He provided a $100,000 challenge grant for the Lila Boyarsky Science Lab. He is a principle in Pinnacle Development Corp., Ashtree Development, LLC, and James Motor Co.

**The Transylvania Medal**
Presented to a non-alum who, through friendship and outstanding service, has promoted Transylvania

**Roger M. Dalton**
Roger M. Dalton joined Transylvania’s Board of Trustees in 1996 and has made valuable contributions as a member of the board’s Finance Committee and Physical Plant Committee. Now retired chairman of the board of National City Corporation for the Central Kentucky area, he was formerly president of National City Bank in Lexington, where he helped secure support from the bank for many Transylvania projects. He has given of his own resources to support the Transylvania Annual Fund, the 225th Anniversary Campaign, the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, and the Charles L. Shearer Art Building.

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**
Presented to an alum for extraordinary involvement in the life of Transylvania

**Christopher W. Arnett ’91**
Christopher W. Arnett is a member and former president of the Alumni Executive Board and the Transylvania Alumni Louisville Chapter. He is one of the youngest members of the James Morrison Society, a gift club for those making a provision for Transylvania in their estate planning. He has provided financial support for the 225th Anniversary Campaign, the Transylvania Annual Fund, the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, and the William T. Young Endowed Scholarship Fund. He is brand performance consultant for Choice Hotels International.
The view from 1967

Jan Anestis ’67 was reunion co-chair for her class for Alumni Weekend 2007. Afterwards, she wrote an e-mail to her classmates, both those in attendance and those who missed the event, that caught some of the spirit of the weekend. Here are some excerpts.

On celebration luncheon speaker Brenda Bell ’67:
“Many people walk calmly through life, and as they mature, they slowly temper youthful enthusiasm, or at least their behavior. If they once sang solos, they now sing in a quieter voice. If they were the first on the dance floor, perhaps now they dance the occasional slow dance. And on issues of politics, social policy, or education, their opinions migrate toward the middle, tempered by experience and an ebbing of intellectual passion. None of those things apply to Brenda! Her speech gave us a glimpse of a woman for whom life has been defined by curiosity, conviction, creativity and a spirit that defies containment. I can imagine Brenda at 90, choosing white water rafting over bingo. Life jacket? Who needs a life jacket?”

On reunion giving:
“Wanda Poynter Cole and Dave Miller led an incredibly successful campaign for our class gift. I think class gift chair is an awesome role— not the easiest of reunion year tasks, but so important to the life of the University. The money we all give helps ensure that young people who need financial aid can fulfill their dreams just as we did.”

On the passage of time:
“It never fails to amaze me that years matter so little...that the people we knew those many years ago appear slightly changed physically, perhaps a little wiser, certainly a bit more at ease in their bodies, but essentially the same. It is a trip Back to the Future, an evening of Peggy Sue Got Married.... We are who we have become, but also who we were. I am delighted to have spent time with you all again.”

A long way from home

Akira Matsumoto ’62 and his wife, Nobue, returned to Transylvania from Tokyo for the first time in 20 years to attend Alumni Weekend 2007. Akira is president and owner of the Matsumoto International House in Tokyo, which hosts foreign students and scholars studying in Japan.
“I was surprised to see a quite new campus,” said Akira. “But still, you have good harmony of the buildings. We can hardly say which is old and which is new. I stayed in Hazelrigg Hall as a student. It was quite a sentimental journey to come here.”

Akira and Nobue were encouraged to make the trip by two of his fellow Transylvanians, Dot Watson ’62 and Tom Watson ’61. Akira and Nobue sat with the couple at the alumni celebration luncheon. “Tom spent two years in Japan as a naval officer, but I didn’t get to see him then,” said Akira. “Their letter really encouraged me to come.”
Eight new members were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend 2007, including Lawrence R. Kopczyk ’80, an All-American basketball player, and Kelly Galloway Willoughby ’85, a national level tennis player. Other inductees were basketball standouts W. Thomas Browning ’66 and David L. Yewell ’64, state championship field hockey players Connie D. Oliver ’82 and Mary J. Rogers ’84, Division I football coach Edward F. Camp Jr. ’30 (posthumously), and football star M. Vernon Tucker ’37.

The Pioneer Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes and coaches who are alumni of the University and others who have made outstanding contributions to the field of athletics, thereby bringing honor to Transylvania.

W. Thomas Browning ’66 lettered four years in baseball and three in basketball at Transylvania, receiving the Lynn Stewart Award in basketball in 1964, the Homerun Record Award in baseball in 1965, and the T-Club Award in 1966. He was a member of the 1964-65 basketball team that played in the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City.

The late Edward F. Camp Jr. ’30 was a standout basketball, baseball, and football player at Transylvania. In 1946 he was hired to restart the University of Louisville’s football program, dormant during World War II. He coached the Cardinals for 23 seasons, finishing with a won-lost-tied record of 118-95-2 to become U of L’s winningest football coach. He coached future NFL greats Johnny Unitas, Lenny Lyles, Doug Buffone, and Ernie Green.

Lawrence R. Kopczyk ’80 scored 1,204 points during his Transylvania basketball career and earned both player and academic All-American recognition. As a senior, he led the NAIA in free throw shooting, ranked 20th in scoring with a 20.1 points per game average, and was twice named NAIA Player of the Week. Also in his senior year, he was Transy’s Most Valuable Player and male Pioneer Athlete of the Year. He played one season of professional basketball in Greece.

M. Vernon Tucker ’37 played football for the Pioneers from 1933-36 and was a member of the T-Club for three years. As a senior fullback, he was credited by the 1937 Crimson as playing a “bang-up game throughout the season. His greatest game was against Georgetown, in which he knifed his way through the Tiger line for long gains.”

Kelly Galloway Willoughby ’85 was a three-sport standout at Transylvania. In tennis, she captured the KWIC and NAIA District 32 singles and doubles championships and qualified for the NAIA national tournament three times. She scored 781 points in basketball and received the Captain’s Award in 1985, and was a four-year starter in softball.

Mary Jean Rogers ’84 excelled in field hockey, basketball, softball, and tennis at Transylvania, earning 12 letters and winning the female Pioneer Athlete of the Year Award in 1984. She played on state championship teams in field hockey and softball. In basketball, she scored 1,320 points, made the KWIC All-Tournament team for three years, and the Kodak All-District team.

David L. Yewell ’64 was a starter on the 1962-63 Pioneer basketball team that was the first to qualify for post-season play and compete in the NAIA national championship in Kansas City. He played center/forward on that team, which posted a 20-9 record and won the Kentucky/Indiana Athletic Conference championship. He was named Transy’s
Family and friends watched from the bright spring lawn as Transylvania awarded 238 bachelor of arts degrees on the steps of Old Morrison on May 26.

David A. Jones, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Humana Inc. and a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, delivered the commencement address to the joyous crowd. Drawing on his life story, Jones spoke about the characteristics necessary for success: “Integrity, teamwork, clarity of purpose, high expectations, and clear communication.” He added that optimism is vital to these traits, and reminded the graduates that even when things look bleak, “The sun will shine tomorrow.”

A well-known Louisville entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader, Jones told the graduates, “You’re going to expand and put to exciting uses the base of knowledge and understanding developed here. You will undertake the necessary and often difficult tasks required of you and earn the joy of accomplishment.”

Jones read from the Walker Gibson poem _Advice to Travelers_ and urged the graduates to consider, “Who are you and where are you going?,” a question this class had already begun to answer.

Sixty-five percent of this graduating class studied abroad while at Transy, including Mark A. Rouse, a history major from Lexington, who spoke on behalf of the students.

Rouse asked his classmates to look to the future rather than cling to the past. “We can build on our experiences from the past, but if we dwell on them we will not be able to experience life to the fullest,” he said.

Before leaving his class with congratulations, he offered this advice: “Whatever you do in your life, love it.”

During the commencement ceremony, Jones was presented with the President’s Award in recognition of extraordinary contributions of service and financial support to Transylvania.

Jones is a founding member of the Bingham Board of Trust, which oversees the University’s Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching Program. With his wife, Betty, he created the David and Betty Jones Fund for Faculty Development. He and his family have supported virtually every major Transylvania initiative over the years, including the William T. Young
Scholars program and the William T. Young Campus Center.

In 1981, Jones was awarded an honorary degree by Transylvania, and he received the Transylvania Medal in 1994 for his friendship and outstanding service in promoting the interests of the University.

Jones joined with friend and law firm colleague Wendell Cherry and four other investors to open Heritage House, a Louisville nursing home, in 1962. Over the next three decades, Jones and Cherry moved the company, which took the name Humana in 1974, from the nursing home business to become the nation’s largest hospital company, then one of its major health insurance providers. Jones stepped down from the CEO role in 1997 and retired as chairman in 2005.

Jones is one of Louisville’s most active philanthropists and civic leaders. The Humana Festival of New American Plays at Actors Theater of Louisville is a premiere national event for showcasing new theatrical talent, and Jones has been a board member of such organizations as the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts and the Kentucky Center for the Arts. In 2004, he received the Milner Award from the Governor’s Awards in the Arts program for his commitment to the arts.

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As Transylvania’s newest graduates venture out to begin their careers or continue their learning in graduate or professional schools, here are three members of the class of 2007 with interesting outcomes.

**Blythe Duckworth**, a sociology major from Harrison, Ohio, planned to enter the field of speech language pathology. However, a recent internship with AIDS Volunteers of Lexington turned her focus to the non-profit sector and specifically to a newly designed internship program with the Jessie Ball duPont Fund in Jacksonville, Fla. Now Duckworth has been named to one of the two internship positions offered by the fund.

In the first year of the internship, Duckworth will learn about grant-making by handling grants herself, visit programs that are already up and running, and sit in on board meetings. In the second year, she will participate in a certificate program, most likely at Georgetown University, and spend two or three months working at a different non-profit.

Duckworth was one of 17 applicants interviewed for the position following a national search. The Jessie Ball duPont Fund makes grants to more than 330 eligible organizations identified by duPont in her will, including Transylvania.

“I am very excited about this opportunity to work with the duPont Fund,” said Duckworth. “This really is a perfect fit for me as I leave Transylvania and explore the non-profit sector.”

**Brian Epling**, a political science major from Owensboro, Ky., received the 2007-08 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award to teach English conversation in a secondary school in South Korea.

Epling will work in South Korea for one year, living with a host family provided by the school. His duties will include 20 hours a week of class time teaching English conversation under the supervision of a certified Korean teacher. Additional time will be spent for class preparation and assisting Korean teachers in planning lessons.

“While in South Korea, I hope to pursue academic interests through learning the language and exploring Korean culture,” said Epling. “More importantly, I want to avoid being a yearlong ‘tourist’ and help dispel stereotypes about Americans abroad by becoming involved in the local community.”

**Haley Riney**, an exercise science major from Owensboro, Ky., received the University of Kentucky Cralle Fellowship to enter the graduate physical therapy program this fall.

The one-year $15,000 fellowship also includes a tuition scholarship and student health insurance. It is for an entering student who is a graduate of one the 20 four-year independent colleges and universities affiliated with the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. The recipient is chosen annually by the Joan Cralle Day/Cralle Foundation Fellowship selection committee from a pool of applicants.

“The Cralle Fellowship is a wonderful honor, and I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship as a reward for my efforts as a student and athlete for Transy,” said Riney. “My solid educational background at Transy has been pivotal in preparing me for a future in the field of physical therapy. Being awarded the Cralle Fellowship will further enable me to reach my future academic and professional goals at UK and within the community.”

*From left, Chairman of the Board of Trustees William T. Young Jr., student speaker Mark Rouse, commencement speaker David A. Jones, and President Charles L. Shearer*

*Photos by Joseph Rey Au and Helena Hau*
When asked what advice she would give to people just starting out in life, Gwen Mayes responds, “Remember, luck follows those in motion.” It is a principle she has applied to her life since graduating from Transy in 1978 with a double major in biology and pre-medicine.

Mayes works in Washington, D.C., as director of government relations for Abiomed, a company that develops, manufactures, and markets advanced medical technologies designed to assist or replace the pumping function of the failing heart. She is dedicated to her mission, which is to ensure that Medicare and HMOs cover expenses associated with the devices. She began her career, however, as a respiratory therapist, and excelled in a variety of positions involving public health, journalism, speaking, and law before landing in her present position at Abiomed.

“It’s fair to say that my career path looks a little like a paper airplane at times,” Mayes said. “It’s taken different shapes and sizes.”

After earning her master’s degree in medical science with a specialty in advanced respiratory diseases from Emory University in 1980, Mayes first worked as a physician’s assistant in a surgical intensive care unit. She then became director of education and transplant coordinator for LifeLink of Georgia, a non-profit organ and tissue recovery organization, where she became a recognized expert in organ donation and transplantation, and a public health analyst.

Mayes has also been a freelance writer on wellness issues, a wellness columnist and feature writer for Today’s Woman magazine, and a popular conference speaker on health and legal issues.

In 2000, Mayes received her juris doctor degree with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law, and was later appointed executive director for the Office of Women’s Physical and Mental Health with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services. Mayes later worked as project officer for U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, practiced law, and, for several years, ran her own consulting firm.

While at first glance it may appear that her varied professional pursuits have taken her down a winding road, closer examination shows that Mayes has always stayed true to a central calling.

“I can look at all of these endeavors and see that they were all part of a master plan, a mosaic,” she said. “When I look back at every career and every job, there’s been a common theme of healthcare, health policy, law, and how society interfaces with critical medical decisions.”

It was a calling she first answered as a Transy student when she read Elizabeth Kubler Ross’s On Death and Dying and became interested in informed consent and health rights issues.
It’s by listening to that call that Mayes has found in her latest accomplishment, Abiomed. “I’m the first person in this job,” she said. “It’s a new venture for me, and it’s a new venture for the company. I want to build a strong voice for the company and these products and the patients who benefit from them.”

She has not abandoned her passion for writing, either. In her spare time, she teaches writing workshops, and she entertains the long term goal of writing fiction in a way that would help people understand the medical challenges that are facing all of us.

“I always tell people I’d love to be ‘Jane Grisham’,” she said. “People learn from reading good fiction, and cutting-edge medical and legal issues, like improving women’s access to healthcare, and making room in society for the artificial heart, and genetic discrimination, would make for spicy reading. I hope to pursue that passion along with what I’m doing in Washington.”

Luck follows those in motion, and Mayes shows no signs of complacency. She has found in her latest accomplishment, however, a way to bring her interests together in a satisfying combination. She is proving that luck also follows determination.

“There’s a beautiful song by Carole King called Tapestry,” she said. “It’s about how you can look at the back of a tapestry and it looks like random fibers, random weavings, but you turn it over and it creates a beautiful picture. I would definitely say my career and professional development have been along those lines. If you looked at each endeavor in isolation, there might not appear to be a common theme, but when you put them together, the theme emerges. It’s comforting and certainly exciting for me to have put those pieces together.”

**Weaving the threads**

Mayes remains passionate about a variety of healthcare issues, but these days, her immediate goal is to continue to establish and develop the Washington office for Abiomed. “I’m the first person in this job,” she said. “It’s a new venture for me, and it’s a new venture for the company. I want to build a strong voice for the company and these products and the patients who benefit from them.”

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**A multi-disciplinary education**

Education is important to Mayes, and she credits her liberal arts background for exposing her to many areas of study and the idea that she could embrace more than one.

“Liberal arts gives you exposure to a lot of different things, and that helped me broaden my horizons and whet my appetite,” she said.

At Transy, Mayes was a resident assistant for two years, president of the Student Activities Board, and held offices in Phi Mu sorority.

“I enjoyed my four years at Transylvania,” Mayes said. “It was a wonderful community. I got very involved when I was in school, and I think the exposure to leadership positions at a young age helped to shape me tremendously.”

Mayes describes herself as a fairly typical pre-med student. “I thought I was going to go to medical school,” she said. “Events didn’t unfold that way, and then I headed out on this kind of winding path, but I always looked at Transy as a foundation and a good friend,” Mayes said.

She said her Transy professors provided her with advice over the years, including chemistry professor Gerald Seebach, whom Mayes visited while she was in graduate school, and the late chemistry professor Monroe Moosnick, who was her adviser and mentor.

“Even 10 years after I graduated, I would still go back and seek the advice of Dr. Moosnick,” she said.

**Listening to the call**

Mayes, who headlined a women’s health month program for students and community members at Transy in 2002, said that when she’s asked to talk to young people, she tells them, “It’s important to pay attention to what calls your name.”

It is by listening to that call that Mayes was led to her current position. In the early 1990s, when she was working for the federal government in Washington, D.C., when she read a report about the artificial heart program that was still being developed. She was fascinated and began spending her spare time reading about the artificial heart and the future of the program. She mentioned to one of her colleagues that the most exciting job she could imagine for herself 10 or 15 years down the road would be to work on Medicare reimbursement for the program.

It was roughly 15 years later, in the summer of 2005, when Mayes was living in Louisville and practicing law, that the job specifically aimed at getting Medicare coverage and reimbursement for the artificial heart made by Abiomed came open.

“It’s really almost magical that this has come about,” she said. “We all have persistent interests and visions and ideas that we hold on to, and certainly for me,
‘49 **Eddy R. Whitaker**, Louisville, and his wife, Rosetta, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 5.

‘52 **Dianne Fischer Seymour**, Fresno, Calif., welcomed her first great-grandchild, Isabella Grace Sage, born March 17.

‘55 **Autumn Stanley**, Portola Valley, Calif., has sold her extensive archive on women inventors to Iowa State University, which is converting the material to archival storage for use by scholars. The first (20th-century) installment consists of 50 boxes of books, correspondence, clippings, research notes, manuscripts, and biographical material collected during research for her book *Mothers & Daughters of Invention* (Scarecrow Press, 1993; Rutgers paperback, 1995). Still to come are the 19th-century section of the archive and a smaller, separate archive of material on the 19th-century magazine editor and reformer Charlotte Smith (1840-1917), on whom Autumn has just finished a biography. Tentatively titled *More Hell and Fewer Dahlias*, the manuscript is under review by Lehigh University Press. Iowa State plans an opening ceremony when the archive is complete.

‘62 **Morris Jay Ambrose**, Golden, Colo., was inducted into the Atherton High School Hall of Fame during a ceremony in April in Louisville. Ambrose is a nationally distributed columnist and former editor of the *El Paso Herald Post* and Denver’s *Rocky Mountain News*.

‘66 **William F. Reed**, Louisville, was presented the Outstanding Service Award by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association at the Boys State Basketball Tournament on March 23.

‘69 **Robert N. Neske**, Hastings, Neb., has retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years and has been called to be the dean of St. Mark’s Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Hastings.

‘70 **Barry H. Bronson**, Lexington, was a guest speaker at the *SportBusiness Magazine* Conference in London. Bronson, a 20-year marketing communications professional at Lexington-based Ashland, Inc., and its Valvoline division, gave a speech titled “Activating Sponsorship to Meet Business Objectives” and spoke about NASCAR mar-

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We believe this commencement photo was taken in 1951, but perhaps *Transylvania* readers can tell us for certain. The graduating seniors are climbing the steps of Old Morrison and will enter the auditorium that ran the width of the building at that time, before remodeling after the fire of 1969 resulted in the smaller chapel of today.

Michael R. Mitchell, Tarzana, Calif., represented Transylvania on February 3 at the presidential inauguration at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif.

'Shearle L. Furnish, Amarillo, Tex., has been chosen as the first dean of Youngstown State University's new College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in Youngstown, Ohio. Before accepting this position, Shearle was head of the Department of English, Philosophy, and Modern Languages at West Texas A&M University.

'Daryll E. Arend, Louisville, retired in 2004 from teaching middle school and is now teaching part time at the University of Louisville. He is beginning to travel and would enjoy renewing contacts with other alumni.

'Nancy A. Alff, Las Vegas, Nev., continues to practice law with the law firm of Parsons, Beherle & Latimer. She is active in the state bar of Nevada, where she was sworn in as president at the annual convention in Squaw Valley in June.

'Robert W. Rouse, Midway, Ky., has joined the staff of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence as project coordinator of the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, a program that trains parents to become more effective advocates for their children's education.

'Judy Webb Lowery, Lexington, is a sixth grade teacher and cheerleading coach at Morton Middle School in Lexington. She has two children, Betsy and Evan.

'D. Scott Reynolds, Philadelphia, represented Transylvania on March 22 at the presidential inauguration at Temple University.

'John M. Copeland, Lexington, was made partner at the accounting firm of Dulworth, Breeding & Karns. He and his wife, Tammy, have three children, Katie, Evan, and John Mason, 1.

'Christen Jones Pate, Texarkana, Ark., is a senior physical therapist with HealthSouth Rehab in Texarkana, Tex. She is married to Eric Pate and they have two children, Trevor, 4, and Taylor, 1.

'William O. "Dale" Amburgey, Conshohocken, Pa., is director of enrollment analysis at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. His wife, Kristy, continues to work in the career development center at Drexel University.

'Brent P. Little, New York, taught the Medical College Admission Test to a class of 100 prospective doctors at the University of Melbourne in Australia. Brent will soon begin his third year of residency in diagnostic radiology at Albert Einstein-Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

Julie Danhauer Nowak, Richmond, Va., has started her own business, Botanical Buddies, which makes all-natural personal care and health products. In London, she dined with Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brother Bob Goldsmith '73, who lives in England.

'Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend 2007 to seven alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.

'Edward E. Ball Jr. '57 was recognized for his significant career in education. Now retired, he was formerly a professor at Western Kentucky University, deputy superintendent of Franklin County and Anderson County schools in Kentucky, middle and high school teacher, coach, principal, and executive director of the Kentucky Academy for School Administrators.

'Brenda S. Bell '67 was honored for her achievements in education. Her work has focused on improving adult education and literacy in the United States and abroad. As senior program adviser for the Education Development Center, she advises on initiatives in rural Afghanistan, the Mindanao area of the Philippines, and South Africa. She was previously associate director of the Center for Literacy at the University of Tennessee.

'Anne England Mulder '57 was honored for her significant contributions to education. She was named Woman of the Year in 1989 by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges, and retired as president of Lake Michigan College in 1993. She was previously a professor and development director at Nova Southeastern University and interim dean in the school of education at Grand Valley State University. The American Association of Community Colleges gave her its Distinguished Service Award in 1995.

'Christian K. Nielsen Jr. '62 was recognized for his achievements in broadcasting and banking. Working from the WUKY studios at the University of Kentucky, he hosts “One Night Stand,” a nationally syndicated show on National Public Radio featuring dance bands from the 1930s to the present, and “Sentimental Journey,” a local program with music of the late 1940s and early ’50s. He is a retired real estate officer from Bank One in Lexington.

'Dorothy C. Watson '62 was honored for her 32-year career in teaching, nursing, and healthcare administration in the United States and abroad, and for her volunteer work. She received the Tennessee Public Health Associations’ state award in 2005 and an outstanding alumna in nursing award from Salve Regina College in 2006. As a volunteer at Partners for Healing, a free medical clinic in Tullahoma, Tenn., she was one of three women selected for “Make Mom's Dream Come True” on ABC-TV’s Live With Regis and Kelly.

'Thomas C. Watson Jr. '61 was recognized for his career in law and the military. An attorney and retired U.S. Navy captain, he held numerous posts over his 31-year Navy career, including commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Legal Service Office in Yokosuka, Japan, and commanding officer of the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He practices law on a limited basis in Tullahoma, Tenn.
Robert Barr Society Reunion

Class of 1942 – 65th Reunion
From left: Dot Steinbeck Smith, Ann Horton Burns, Frances Hamilton Matarazzo, Dow Kindred.

Class of 1947 – 60th Reunion
Corbin Crutcher

Class of 1952 – 55th Reunion
From left: George Vaughn, Doris Loyd Ledendecker, Betty Hubble Blakemore, Ginny Stevenson Bryant.

Class of 1957 – 50th Reunion/Newest Robert Barr Society Members

Jeremy C. Alexander and Jennifer Gerstle Alexander ’97 live in Lexington with their two daughters, Raegan, 6, and Avery, 2. Jeremy works for Biomet.

Kasey M. Eidson, Pittsburgh, received her Ph.D. in microbiology and molecular virology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in December and will graduate with her M.D. degree in May 2008.

Jeremy C. Alexander and Jennifer Gerstle Alexander ’97 live in Lexington with their two daughters, Raegan, 6, and Avery, 2. Jeremy works for Biomet.

Leigh Bowen Lowe, Louisville, owns the custom t-shirt quilt business, Campus Quilt Co., which was featured on the Rachael Ray Show in March 2007. Campus Quilt Co. makes custom blankets and bedspreads out of t-shirts and keepsakes clothing, and was included during a segment of the show highlighting ways to preserve memories.

Jeremy C. Alexander and Jennifer Gerstle Alexander ’97 live in Lexington with their two daughters, Raegan, 6, and Avery, 2. Jeremy works for Biomet.

J. Rodney Parker, Savannah, Ga., completed his first marathon in Jacksonville, Fla., in January with a time of 3 hours, 29 minutes, 55 seconds.

Ann E. D’Ambruoso, Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May.

Tara Pennington Clark, Frankfort, Ky., passed the CPA exam and is a supervisor with Myers and Stauffer.

Bethany Morgan Fansler, Oklahoma City, received her J.D. degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in May.


Lindsay Robinson Driskell, Jeffersonville, Ind., is financial aid adviser at the University of Louisville.

Erin E. Jones, Lexington, is the wellness director at the Beaumont Centre Family YMCA.

### WEDDINGS

- **Cheryl Elaine Frith ’03 and Nathan Lane Vanderford were married on August 12, 2006.**

### BIRTHS

- **Dianne L. Davis ’86 and Christopher Brann, a son, Alaric Orion Brann, January 9, 2007**
- **Christopher T. Begley ’88 and Soreyda Begley, a son, Aaron Taylor Begley, January 2, 2007**
- **Rachel Meade Harper ’90 and Alex Harper, a daughter, Lily Grace Harper, August 18, 2006**
- **Jennifer Maxwell Payne ’92 and Charlie Payne, a son, Matthew Charles Payne, February 7, 2007**
- **John M. Copeland ’93 and Tammy Copeland, a son, John Mason Copeland, June 6, 2006**
- **Julie Danhauer Nowak ’94 and Steve Nowak, a daughter, Hallie Olivia Nowak, October 25, 2006**
- **David William Rice ’99 and Gabrielle Alanna Myers, June 17, 2006**
- **Ann Elizabeth D’Ambruoso ’01 and Justin Thompson, March 19, 2005**
- **Roxanna Lynne Hatton ’01 and Matthew Wesley Hill, September 9, 2006**
- **Melissa Kay Brooks ’06 and Jeremiah D. MacRoberts, August 5, 2006**
- **Ryan Tyler Preece ’07 and Melissa Carroll Hart, June 3, 2006**

### MARRIAGES

- **Julie Carol Derringer ’93 and James Brett Benge, October 25, 2006**
- **Mark G. Shearer ’94 and Kristi Shearer, a son, Taylor Grey Shearer, March 29, 2007**
- **Rebecca Stanley Larson ’95 and Bryan Larson, a daughter, Elizabeth Belle Larson, February 12, 2007**
- **Ashley Hatcher Drury ’96 and Don Drury, a daughter, Caroline Grace Drury, November 2, 2006**
- **Carolyn Morris Pugh ’96 and Will Pugh, a daughter, Annabelle Mary Pugh, January 29, 2007**
- **Kristie Henderson Clark ’97 and Casey H. Clark ’97, a daughter, Katye Anne Clark, January 5, 2007**
- **Marsha Mills Hubbs ’97 and Gary Hubbs, a son, Jasper Isaac Hubbs, November 7, 2006**
- **Brian L. Naylor ’97 and Kimberly Brantham Naylor ’98, a son, Benjamin Edward David Naylor, born May 21, 2006, adopted October 22, 2006**
- **Carol Munson Caudill ’98 and Travis Caudill, a son, Owen Richard Caudill, January 30, 2007**
- **Amanda Harvey McWane ’98 and Mark McWane, a daughter, Madeline Grace McWane, February 19, 2007**
**OBITUARIES**

Only alumni survivors are listed.

**Betty Campbell Badger ’36**, Landgrove, Vt., died January 28, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and Stagecrafters. She taught English for one year before moving to Vermont, where she worked for National Life Insurance Company in Montpelier. She later worked in New York City while her husband was overseas during World War II. She was active with the Landgrove Library, and a member of the Second Congregational Church of Londonderry and the Londonderry Garden Club.

**Cecil C. Sanders ’36**, Lancaster, Ky., died January 13, 2007. At Transylvania, he was president of Pi Kappa Delta Honorary, a member of Lampas, and played on the football team. He attended the University of Kentucky Law School and was selected for training as a PT boat captain when he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was offered a position in the Kennedy administration, but refused in order to pursue his first love of being a “country lawyer.” He served on the board of regents at Eastern Kentucky University for 50 years, and was a trustee as well as chairman of the board of Midway College. He served the state during two terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives and one in the Senate. He was a long-time active member of Lancaster Christian Church.

**Warren T. Carr ’38**, Winston-Salem, N.C., died February 24, 2006. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and played on the football team. He received his master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctor of philosophy degree from Duke University.

**Rick Berman **’64 had been interviewed before by major print and broadcast media, including The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and NBC Nightly News. But when the CBS News magazine 60 Minutes recently came calling, the Washington, D.C., lawyer and lobbyist admits it was a different ballgame.

For starters, the 60 Minutes crew was exhaustive in its approach, shooting 20 hours of film to produce the 13-minute segment it aired. The subject was Berman’s views on what he calls the “nanny culture” of overbearing advocates of government regulation, especially in the areas of freedom of choice involving food, drink, and restaurants.

Then there was the pressure of maintaining one’s focus during a lengthy interview session.

“The sit-down interview with Morley Safer was over two hours,” Berman said. “Over that period of time, if you’re trying to keep your wits about you and not say anything stupid, it’s a bigger test when you have to do it knowing that 20 million people will be watching what comes out of your mouth.”

Berman launches his advocacy for free enterprise and consumer choice from the offices of Berman and Company, which he founded in 1986 and now employs 30 people. The company engages in research, communications, advertising, and government affairs work.

Berman’s basic point of view is that freedom of choice, especially in the area of food and drink, should be defended against the advocates of government regulation. His opponents cite studies showing the potential dangers of such things as tuna, salt, diet soda, and trans-fat, and want the government to step in with regulation of the marketplace.

On the 60 Minutes segment, Berman’s primary opponent was Michael Jacobson with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, who accused Berman of wanting to “leave corporate America unfettered of any regulations that protect the public’s health.” Jacobson’s side views obesity as a disease and a national epidemic, while Berman contends that, except for the morbidly obese who have a physiological problem, obesity is a personal responsibility issue. “Taking long walks and keeping your mouth shut will cure this ‘disease,’” Berman said on the program.

Other examples of the exhaustive approach the 60 Minutes crew took included their shooting five hours of film while Berman’s company created a television ad, and then using about 15 seconds of it on the show, and filming an hour-and-a-half college class Berman was teaching and using about five seconds of it.

In the end, Berman felt 60 Minutes gave him a fair chance to present his views, and that he more than held his own in verbal sparring with his critics.

“I found it to be a challenging, but manageable experience,” he said. “My going in attitude was, I’m probably going to take some hits, but I’ll be happy if I get a tie out of it. When I watched it, I thought we did better than a tie.”


**Caroline Slater Burnette ’99** and W. Scott Burnette, a son, Chapman-Scott Burnette, September 6, 2006

**P. Mitchell Crump ’99** and Shannon Bacher Crump ’00, a daughter, Cameron Elizabeth Crump, December 30, 2006

**Janette Vaughn Horn ’99** and Garet Horn, a son, Cole Garet Horn, February 26, 2007

**Jana Nance Quinsenberry ’99** and Kevin Quispenbey, a daughter, Lilyanne Clare Quisnenberry, November 20, 2006

**Farrah Pond Guerrant ’00** and Eric S. Guerrant ’00, a son, Matthew Guerrant, May 18, 2006

**Sharlene Taylor Blair ’01** and Jason D. Blair ’01, a son, Aidan Luke Thomas Blair, December 6, 2006

**Mitchell L. Meade ’01** and Jacqueline Siegler Meade ’02, a son, Carson William “Wil” Meade, March 15, 2007

**Joshua P. Morris ’01** and Emily Head Morris ’03, a daughter, Riley Emma Morris, January 22, 2007

**Shana Spitzer Page ’01** and Steven Page, a son, Horace Godfrey “HG” Page, February 2, 2007

**Tara Pennington Clark ’02** and Jason Clark, a son, Ethan Joseph Clark, February 11, 2007

**Tara Hutchison Ray ’04** and William Michael Ray ’03, a son, Jasson Bishop Ray, November 17, 2006
Class of 1962 – 45th Reunion

Class of 1967 – 40th Reunion

Class of 1972 – 35th Reunion
Five alumni received Distinguished Service Awards during Alumni Weekend 2007 for outstanding service to Transylvania.

**Ann Wallace Horton Burns ’42** had a close relationship with students during the years (1962-80) that her husband, the late Ben Burns ’41, was a Transylvania professor and dean. She fed and entertained students in their home and traveled abroad with them and her husband, and continues to support the Ben Burns Scholarship Fund. She served on the Alumni Executive Board from 1992-95, is a former president of the Robert Barr Society, and is a member of the Transylvania Women’s Club and the James Morrison Society.

**John Morgan Compton ’62** has been a driving force within his class, serving on reunion committees in 1997, 2002, and 2007. He twice hosted his classmates for special reunion gatherings and dinners at Gloryland Farm. He is a member of the Bluegrass Area Alumni Chapter and the Pioneer Alumni Recruitment Team, and served on the Alumni Executive Board from 1969-72.

**Dorothy Joan Steinbeck Smith ’42** recently established the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Endowed Concert Series, an annual program that will provide the campus community with top-quality musical entertainment from many diverse genres, and the Sharon Sue Smith Memorial Fund-raising support for the new tennis complex.

**John C. Cook ’38**, Tucson, Ariz., died January 9, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Stagecrafters. After attending the University of Kentucky Law School, he entered the Army Air Corps during World War II and retired in 1969 as an electronic warfare officer. He spent three years as an engineer in the ECM division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

**Elizabeth Davis Ewalt ’38**, Cincinnati, wife of Wolford M. Ewalt ’38, died March 20, 2007. At Transylvania, she was president of Chi Omega sorority, a member of Lamps and Stagecrafters, and crowned T-Club Mid-winter Carnival Queen. She received her master’s degree from Northwestern University.

**A. Wayne Braden ’39**, Ft. Worth, Tex., brother of Donald D. Braden ’30 and Dale Braden Reading ’40, died January 24, 2007. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He received his master’s degree from the School of Philosophy at the University of Chicago, his doctor of divinity degree at Lexington Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Southern California. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. He served pastorates in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Huntington Park, Calif., Winchester, Ky., and Nashville. He was a professor of homiletics at Brite Divinity School and a dean at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He later worked for the Lamar Society at the Association of Southern Colleges and Universities and served, during his retirement, in many churches throughout the South.


**Virginia Stewart Prewitt ’39**, Mansfield Center, Conn., wife of Charles W. Prewitt ’39, died January 29, 2007. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She taught home economics in Ashland and Hazel Green, Ky., and worked as a chemist for du Pont. She collaborated on the writing of home economics textbooks and, with her husband, worked with the ministry of education in Afghanistan, where she trained home economics teachers. The couple traveled around the world working for the Sane Freeze movement and devoted their time to volunteer work for peace organizations. For her peace work, she was presented with the Arthur E. Higgins Award by the Connecticut United Church of Christ.

**Mary Esther Crossfield Brown ’40**, Lawrenceburg, Ky., died March 9, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Y.W.C.A. and Lambda Omega. She was a member of Fox Creek Christian Church, the Fox Creek Homemakers, past president of Anderson County Homemakers, and a member, past worthy matron, and past secretary of the Eastern Star. She retired from the State Department of Agriculture after 28 years of service and 36 years in the accounting field.

**Marjorie Gaines Grad ’40**, Jacksonville, Fla., died February 13, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of the glee club. She worked in libraries at the University of Kentucky, Fort Knox, Ky., Transylvania, and at the Lexington Public Library.

**Carlton F. Elkin ’42**, Louisville, died January 5, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and head cheerleader for the Crimson Club. A member of
Class of 1977– 30th Reunion
Front row, from left: Sally Hutchison Humphreys, Sheila Carroll Lowther, Mary Teesdale Taylor, Sallylyn Doherty Williams, Lynn Sowders McGaughey, Holly Chandler Harris, Doug Baltridge, Malinda Beal Wynn; second row: Karen Caldwell, Kay Highbaugh Brown, Nancy Osborne, Lee McCullough Santana, Jim Horton, Randy Cooper, Jack Ebel; back row: Scott Brown, David Allen, Tarbell Patten, Roger Michael, Richard Comley, Fred Peters, Mark Turner.

Class of 1982 – 25th Reunion

Class of 1987 – 20th Reunion
Front row, from left: Nancy Adams Clark, Lori Floyd Haddix, Polly Cox, Leigh McMurty Carr, Lisa Behle Gaines, Jennifer Echser Wallace; second row: Mary Woodhead Hillenmeyer, Billy Van Pelt, Emily Smathers, Jennifer Mackey Degler, Karen Craig Ogle, Mary Anne Hobbs McDaniel, Yvonne Yancey Zavada; third row: Pam Hall Campbell, Joel Caudill, Gene Vance, Allen Haddix, Todd Page, Brandi Skirvin, back row: Sue Sears Moulder, Sam Simpson, Jay Whaley, John Gaines, Steve Amato.
Class of 1992 – 15th Reunion

Class of 1997 – 10th Reunion

Class of 2002 – 5th Reunion
Front row, from left: Karen Bryden Joyce, Tara Pennington Clark, Stacey Clark, Jennifer O’Connor, Lisa Bell Strunk, Leigh Schwarzel; second row: Sally Francisco Billings, Melonie Proctor, Erin Monfort Hansen, Amanda Harris, Jessica Campbell, Sara Veeneman, Amy Vice, Christy Henson; third row: Betsy Chatham, Amanda Graham Kincaid, Becky Sanders Wallace, Adam Applegate, Laurel Lackey Basil, Katherine Lobe, Lindsay McWilliams Workman, Sarah Anderson, Robert Croft; back row: Greg Darnell, Jon Bridges, Aaron Sutton, David Verville, Skip George, Jeremy Fields, Billy Bradford, Jim Burton.
Highlands Presbyterian Church and Lancaster Christian Church, she was retired from Seagrams Distillery.

Marvin T. Wells ’42, Shelbyville, Ky., died December 22, 2005. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked in the government education/rehabilitation farm program for 15 years, taught high school science and biology in Jefferson County, Ky., for 13 years, and worked as an agricultural insurance field representative for 10 years before his retirement.

Frances Marion Williams ’42, Elkton, Ky., died December 27, 2005. At Transylvania, she was a member of Stagecrafters and held the office of chaplain in Phi Mu sorority. She attended Western Kentucky State University and Austin Peay State University. She was retired from her 44-year career as a high school librarian and was the author of *The Story of Todd County, Ky. 1820-1970* and *A Mother Goose History for Grown-Ups and Children*.

Dorothy Monson Ford ’47, Cynthiana, Ky., died April 21, 2007. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. A retired teacher, she was a member of Indian Creek Christian Church, past president of the Harrison County Garden Club, Woman’s Club of Harrison County, and Democratic Woman’s Club of Harrison County. She was a former member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors.

The topic of discussion is teaching in all of its aspects when the Emerson Club, a group comprised of Transylvania education alumni, meets at the home of education professor Amy Maupin. The group’s main purpose, however, is helping her former students sustain what they’ve learned in Transylvania’s education program, which is rooted in humanism.

“We want to nurture their core,” Maupin said, “the initial calling that brought them to education.” She said that in many cases, the deep reasons that her former students wanted to go into teaching have been pushed aside by the accountability movement, which measures student, teacher, and school performance based on assessments tied to strict standards, rather than broader goals.

The idea for the club was born out of conversations between Maupin and education professor Angela Hurley, who wanted to create a support group for recent graduates teaching in the central Kentucky area.

It was Hurley’s idea to call the group the Emerson Club after transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson, whose essay *The American Scholar* promotes the idea of teachers as intellectuals. The reference to transcendentalism is a play on the word “transcend,” as the group seeks to transcend the typical notions of schooling methods and address the deeper purpose of teaching.

Jill Abney ’04, a teacher at Madison Southern High School in Madison County, Ky., said the Emerson Club allows for much needed discussion among peers. “Although teachers spend all day in a room surrounded by people,” she said, “we are so often isolated from our professional colleagues.”

Abney hopes the club will become a voice that guides education on some level, a sentiment echoed by Emerson Club member Rebecca Mueller ’00.

Mueller, who teaches at Bryan Station High School in Lexington, said, “Beyond the personal value, I also believe in the broader goals of the club—to educate and engage various stakeholders in our attempts to temper the dominance of test scores and broaden the definition of ‘assessment’ in our schools.”

U.S. Representative Ben Chandler (D.-Ky.) has expressed an interest in attending a meeting of the Emerson Club, and the group has plans for expansion. A Web site and blog are in the works, and the club hopes to produce a publication. In the future, the Emerson Club will open to a wider audience, and could incorporate opportunities for alums who are teaching to connect with current education students.
Eckenhoff receives presidential appointment and major honor from hospital association

A presidential appointment and a top honor from the American Hospital Association came almost on top of one another this spring for Edward A. Eckenhoff ’66, president, CEO, and founder of the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C.

In March, President Bush named Eckenhoff to the President’s Commission on Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors, a nine-member group charged with investigating the treatment of wounded service members in the wake of a public scandal over outpatient care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The commission is chaired by former senator Robert J. Dole and former health and human services secretary Donna E. Shalala.

The investigation was sparked by a Washington Post series documenting substandard living conditions for wounded outpatient soldiers at Walter Reed and bureaucratic ineptitude at dealing with their problems.

Eckenhoff, long recognized as a national innovator in rehabilitation medicine, said the commission is working as much as two days a week and will present the president its formal report by the end of July. The investigation encompasses the entire military healthcare system, from the care provided wounded service members in the field to stabilization of their condition in a U.S. hospital in Germany, their care at the more than 200 Department of Defense and Veteran’s Administration hospitals, and the long-term therapy they receive when they return home.

“Our recommendations will hopefully bring about a much better, more seamless healthcare system for our wounded service members,” said Eckenhoff. “We want all the 200-plus hospitals to talk with each other to bring about efficiencies and transparency.”

Eckenhoff said he has received e-mails from service members and their families from all over the country. “A lot of the e-mails relate stories of the care they have received, which they want to have on the record,” he said. “Serving on this commission has been a very rewarding experience. If we can do something for all these wounded Americans coming home, I’m going to find it a lot easier to sleep at night.”

In May, Eckenhoff received the Award of Honor from the American Hospital Association in recognition of his outstanding contributions to improving the health status of communities and the nation.

Eckenhoff founded the National Rehabilitation Hospital in 1986 and has overseen its growth from a single hospital to a medical rehabilitation network that operates in 40 locations, providing nearly 400,000 ambulatory visits annually and more than 2,200 inpatient admissions. The organization enjoys a reputation for innovation and excellence in patient care, research, teaching, and technology development and is ranked among the best and largest of its type in the nation.

Eckenhoff suffered a traumatic lower spinal cord injury while a student at Transylvania that left his legs paralyzed, and it was his own rehabilitation experience that helped him decide on his life’s calling in medicine.

Rich Umbdenstock, president of the AHA, referenced Eckenhoff’s personal courage in presenting him with the award at the association’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C.: “As a patient, Ed recognized the need for specialized rehabilitative care and he answered that call through the National Rehabilitation Hospital. As an administrator, he’s developed a world-class care network to help patients with a wide range of conditions return to normal activities of daily living.”

Andrew N. Hopkins ’49, Lexington, husband of Anna Lee Cooper Hopkins ’49, died April 16, 2007. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He earned his master’s degree from the University of Kentucky and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He coached football and taught school in Wheelersburg, Ohio, and Lexington. He was an associate principal at Henry Clay High School for several years and was the first athletic director of Fayette County Schools. In 1966, The Courier-Journal named him High School Football Coach of the Year and the Lexington Herald-Leader named him Best Football Coach in Kentucky. In 2006, he was inducted into the Transylvania Pioneer Hall of Fame. He was also selected for the Henry Clay High School Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Wheelersburg High School Hall of Fame in 2003. He was a member of Woodland Christian Church.

Antonio A. Vertuca ’49, Lima, Ohio, died February 9, 2007. He attended the University of Kentucky and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 54, and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He was past president of the local United Italian Charitable Organization and instrumental in initiating the Italian language program at Lima Central Catholic High School. He was retired from Westinghouse Aerospace.


Chloe Anne Winters Hammond ’57, Circle Pines, Minn., died February 2, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and Phi Beta, and she played in the band. She attended the University of Kentucky and was retired from her position as benefits manager at People’s First National...
It's a date! Alumni Weekend 2008
Mark your calendar and plan to join your classmates and Transy friends in Lexington for Alumni Weekend 2008, set for April 25-27.
If you are a member of one of these classes, please make sure the Alumni Office has your current mailing and e-mail addresses so you do not miss out on all the fun. If you’d like to help plan your class reunion, contact Natasa Pajic ’96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Executive Board officers, members elected
In April, the Alumni Association elected Randy Cooper ’77 president and Wanda Poynter Cole ’67 president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board. The following were elected to three-year board terms: Robert Anderson ’56, Jan Allinder Anestis ’67, Robert Cartwright ’94, Gayle Ropke Greer ’58, Marta Stone Hayne ’58, Larry Langan ’66, Jan Schoonmaker ’68, Dot Couch Watson ’62, and Candace Caine Zaluski ’71.

Get your Transy license plate and help support scholarships
Transylvania held on to second place in Kentucky independent higher education license plate sales in 2006. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends purchased or renewed 601 Transy plates last year, resulting in $6,010 for scholarships ($10 from each plate sold goes to the general scholarship fund). The University has received $129,140 for the scholarship fund since the license plate program began five years ago.
Centre College sold 637 plates to capture first place among the 19 participating private colleges. Trailing Transy in the top five were Georgetown College, 494; Bellarmine University, 220; and Berea College, 202.
Plates must be purchased from your local county clerk’s office. To view Transylvania’s plate, get more information, or find contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System Web site at http://mvl.ky.gov.

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 alumnus or alumna who has been out of school eighteen 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.

Alumni on-line community update
Since its launch in September 2006, the Transy alumni on-line community has attracted over 1,300 registered users, and that number continues to grow. This is a secure, password protected site that alumni can access from www.transy.edu. Services include: on-line alumni 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 will need to obtain their unique school ID number from the alumni office: (800) 487-2679 or alumni@transy.edu. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic ’96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

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Bank and Trust Co. in Paducah, Ky.
Margaret Tutt Tilghman ’51, Versailles, Ky., died April 23, 2007. She was a retired legal secretary and member of Pisgah Presbyterian Church.
Phillip J. Pridemore ’59, Paris, Ky., died March 6, 2007. At Transylvania, he sang baritone in the choir and was a member of the journalism club. He was the owner and operator of Pridemore Tire in Paris.
TRUSTEE WILLIAM L. ROUSE JR. DIES

William L. Rouse Jr., a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees for 27 years, died March 22, 2007. He was 74. He was elected to Transylvania's board in 1979 and served as treasurer, member of the Executive Committee, and chairman of the Finance Committee.

"Will played a crucial role in overseeing the finances of the University and understood the importance of finances in supporting the mission of the college," said President Charles L. Shearer.

A Lexington native, Rouse was a 1950 graduate of University High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Kentucky in 1954, where he played basketball under Coach Adolph Rupp.

After service as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, Rouse began his career in banking in 1958 with the Security Trust company, which later merged with First National Bank and Trust to form First Security National Bank and Trust Company. He worked in all areas of the bank, and in 1974 was named executive vice president. In 1979 he became president and then chairman and chief executive officer. He retired from banking in 1992.

Rouse was active in many civic organizations and served on the boards of Ashland Inc. and Kentucky American Water Co., and on the advisory board of Louisville Gas & Electric. He was treasurer and director of the Triangle Foundation, vice president of the Downtown Lexington Corp., director of the Central Kentucky Concert Association, member of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, chairman of the Fayette County Board of Adjustments, past president of Commerce Lexington, chairman of the board of Idle Hour Country Club, and a board member of Kentucky Bankers Association, Lexington Industrial Foundation, and Lexington Hearing and Speech Center.

He was one of the organizers of the Kentucky Athletic Club, which started "The Bash," a fund-raiser for Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital.

Rouse was a generous supporter of the Transylvania Annual Fund as well as many other projects and funds, and showed an unwavering commitment to enhancing the University's level of excellence and national reputation.

"He was proud to be associated with Transylvania," Shearer said. "He supported the University's mission, programs, and projects and never hesitated to step forward when asked to help."

The University honored Rouse with the Irvin E. Lunger Award in 1988 for exceptional service to Transylvania and the Transylvania Medal in 2004 for his friendship and service in promoting the interests of the University.

"He was like an anchor," Shearer said. "He was a great friend and very committed to Transylvania. This is a loss for us and a loss for the community."

Virginia Van Meter Patterson ’60, Lexington, died January 30, 2007. She graduated from the University of Kentucky and taught school in San Diego, Germany, and Lexington.

Judith Gross Westbrook ’64, Richmond, Va., died January 8, 2007. At Transylvania, she was president of Phi Mu sorority and a member of Lampas and the Student Government Association. She served as a student orientation leader and was named to the T-Day Court of Honor. She received her master of education degree from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va. She was a primary math specialist and taught for 6 years in North Carolina and 12 years in Richmond Public Schools before her retirement. She was a member of Bethany Christian Church, where she served in many positions, including elder.

Allie C. Conway ’66, Sharpsburg, Ky., died December 4, 2006. He was included in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. He was retired from a career in pharmacy.

Garry J. Homer ’74, Queenstown, Md., died June 18, 2006. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

David H. Threlkeld ’74, Huntington, W.Va., died April 2, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Phi Alpha Theta. A member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, he was the former co-owner of Bay Window Antiques and Collectables in Berea, Ky., and had been a literacy volunteer with Tri-State Literacy Council in Huntington.

Christopher W. Johnson ’77, Georgetown, Ky., died March 8, 2007. He was former director of the Division of Charitable Gaming in Kentucky. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and received his juris doctorate from the University of Louisville. He was a founding father of the Kentucky chapter of Delta Chi fraternity and served the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the attorney general’s office and as legal officer for the Kentucky State Police. He was a member of the First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon, elder, and board chairman.

Marsha Stevenson Born ’78, Jensen Beach, Fla., died March 23, 2006. At Transylvania, she was active in theater and chorus.

Sima Maiti ’02, Lexington, died April 25, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Circle K and Phi Mu sorority. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky and was completing her second year of graduate studies toward her nurse practitioner master’s degree. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, the American Nursing Association, and the Kentucky Nursing Association.

Garnett Eva Gayle, Lexington, died March 13, 2007. She was retired from the United States Government and a U.S. Navy WAVES veteran. She graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Journalism and worked in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Tom Underwood, the University of Kentucky Law College, and the IRS. She was a member of Central Christian Church and active in many civic organizations including the Lexington Red Cross and Lexington Women’s Club. She served as Chi Omega adviser at Transylvania for 30 years.

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.
Sam and Carolyn Ware know well the advantages of giving to Transylvania by using appreciated stock. A low cost basis, combined with gains from a strong market, lets them give Transy larger gifts than they might consider by giving cash. “We have a very low cost basis for some stock, and it’s financially better for us to give that rather than cash,” says Sam, a retired Ashland Oil Co. computer engineer. “Also, since it’s a charitable gift, you don’t have to pay the capital gains tax.”

Sam and Carolyn, who live in Lexington, are members of the class of 1961. They have remarkable family legacies at Transylvania, including four generations on Sam’s side and three on Carolyn’s. They have plenty of reasons for their loyal support. “We feel that what Transylvania has to offer young people is so important that it always stays high on our list of giving priorities,” says Carolyn. Adds Sam, “Transy has a family atmosphere, and that was so important to me.”

TAKING STOCK

For more information about the advantages of giving appreciated stock to Transylvania, or about other forms of giving, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679 or visit www.transy.edu and click on Giving to Transy.
This year’s Miss Transylvania, Lucy Gardner, and Mr. Pioneer, Joshua Sankovitch, are joined by 2006 winners Nancy Butkovich and Matt Clayton at the Student T-Day Coronation Ball during Alumni Weekend 2007. This Transylvania tradition dates back to 1924 when senior Thelma Shephard Robertson and junior Ryan Thompson first won the honor. Photo by Joseph Rey Au