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All alumni were mailed an invitation and registration form in early March. Check the Transy Web site at [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu) (For Alumni, News & Events, Reunions/Alumni Weekend), for reunion class pages and a detailed schedule. Make your hotel reservations early as other events are scheduled in Lexington that weekend.

*Highlights will include:*

#### **FRIDAY**

**T-Day Golf Outing**

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Inducting Jeffrey L. Blandon '88, Whitney O'Bannon Hankins '74, Jerome C. "Jerry" Jenkins '62, Dustin E. Meek '88, Jill Brooks Pellerin '75, and Evans D. "Jack" Tracy '56.

**TGIF Kick-Off Party**

#### **SATURDAY**

**Alumni Celebration Luncheon**

Special tribute to computer science and mathematics professor James Miller and sociology professor Richard Thompson to celebrate their retirements. Presentation of the Morrison Medallion, Irvin E. Lunger Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Distinguished Service and Distinguished Achievement Awards.

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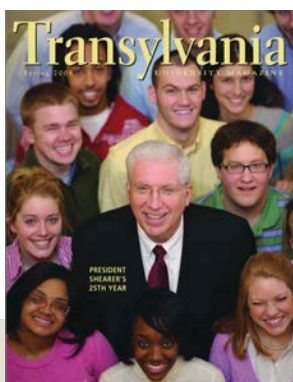
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#### On the cover

Being surrounded by students is a familiar role for President Charles L. Shearer as he nears the completion this July of a historic 25 years in office. See story on page 10. Students pictured are, clockwise from upper right, Kim Rodgers '10, Anthony Zanni '09, Candace Johnson '10, Danyel Wiley '11, Ashley Ramchandani '10, Mary Pat Baker '09, Stephen Blankenship '09, Aaron Brown '09, and Greg Tackett '10.

Photo by Joseph Rey Au

### Black Achievers hold sessions on campus

The YMCA of Central Kentucky Black Achievers program held sessions for middle and high school students on motivation and life skills on Transylvania's campus in February. Though Transylvania has previously had ties to the Black Achievers program, this is the first year that events have been held on campus.

"We've partnered as far as scholarship money with students who graduate from the program and come to Transy," coordinator of multicultural affairs Vince Bingham '98 said, "and we're pleased to have a greater involvement this year."

The aim of the program is to connect seventh through twelfth grade students with positive adult role models and provide exposure to career, educational, and social opportunities that enable the students to make informed decisions and develop the skills necessary to compete successfully in life.

The primary activities take place on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month throughout the school year and offer two types of sessions: general sessions designed to provide guidance and motivate students, and cluster sessions that expose students to specific life skills. Cluster sessions that took place include Arts and Culture, Business, Computers, Engineering, Medical, and Communications.

"Many of our alums are Black Achievers," Bingham said. "This is a program that ignites students' thirst for knowledge."

The Black Achievers program culminates with an awards banquet at Lexington Center in April. In March, Bingham accepted the Service Award on behalf of Transylvania at the Urban League Young Professional Gala in recognition of work done with the Leading and Impacting Futures Today Conference and Black Achievers.

### Parents Fund more than halfway to goal

After a successful fall phonathon and follow-up calls by students, the Parents Fund has raised nearly 78 percent of the \$93,000 needed to support the Transylvania library.

"Parents Council members, other parent volunteers, and parents of alumni filled every seat during the phonathon," said Lori Burlingham, assistant development director and coordinator of the Parents Fund.

"This led to a very successful phonathon and some really nice gifts."

Burlingham emphasized that all gifts, no matter the amount, are important.

"In the 2006-07 academic year, nearly 40 percent of what we spent on both paper and electronic books and periodicals for the library came from the Parents Fund," said Susan Brown, library director. "The

resources that the library provides for students are intimately connected to the quality of their research, their papers, and what they learn. The better our collections are, the better the students' papers and research will be."

Students continued to phone parents and grandparents early in the winter term to request support for the Parents Fund.

### New Transy license plates available

Transylvania supporters living in Kentucky can show their Crimson pride and also help fund scholarships at the University by purchasing a newly designed Transylvania license plate. In 2007, Transy supporters purchased or renewed 601 Transylvania license plates—just 3 shy of first place among Kentucky's 20 private colleges.

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, sponsor of the pro-

gram, returns \$10 to Transy for each license plate sold or renewed. More than \$22,000 went into Transylvania's scholarship fund during the first five years of the program.

Even if you already have a Transy plate, the first-time fee is \$44 because the new design will replace your current plate. The renewal fee for subsequent years is \$31. It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure your county clerk's office has Transy



plates in stock.

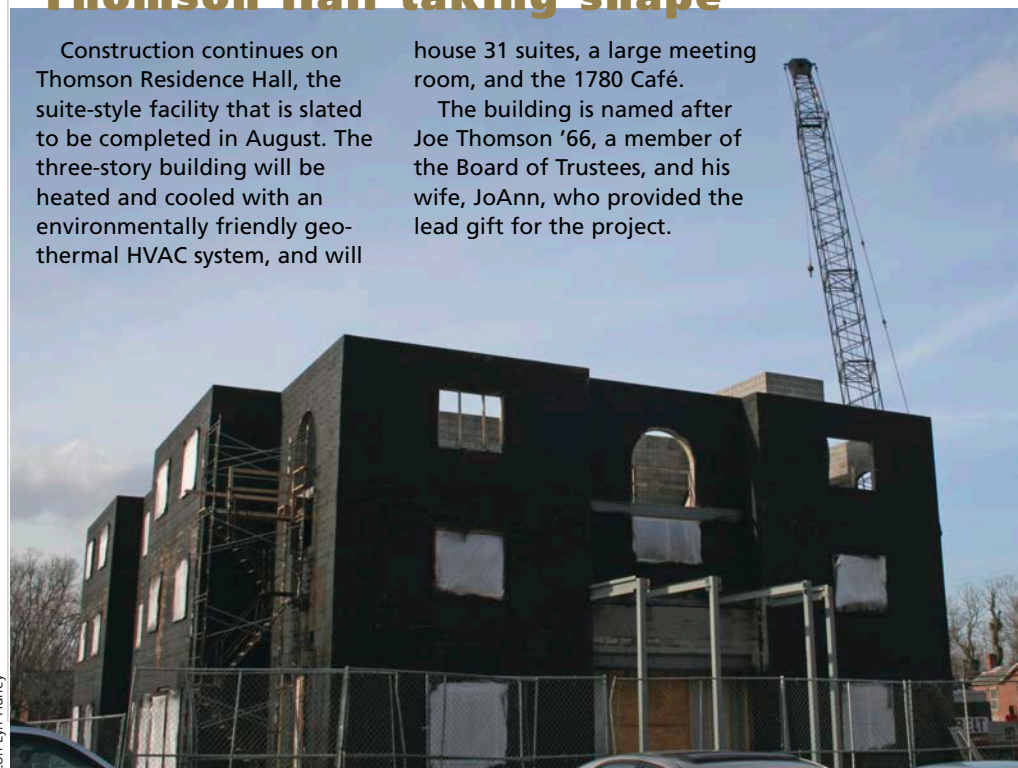
For more information, including contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at [www.kytc.state.ky.us/mvl](http://www.kytc.state.ky.us/mvl).

### Thomson Hall taking shape

Construction continues on Thomson Residence Hall, the suite-style facility that is slated to be completed in August. The three-story building will be heated and cooled with an environmentally friendly geothermal HVAC system, and will

house 31 suites, a large meeting room, and the 1780 Café.

The building is named after Joe Thomson '66, a member of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, JoAnn, who provided the lead gift for the project.



Lori-Lyn Hurley

## COUPLE ESTABLISH FORDHAM VISITING PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP

Lynn Fordham is passionate about the need for leadership throughout society. His world-view approach to the subject recently found a local focus when the Lexington resident, a retired research scientist, corporate executive, and entrepreneur, along with his wife, Joellen, established the Fordham Visiting Professor of Leadership at Transylvania.

Fordham sees training and motivation in leadership concepts and skills as essential for college students preparing for meaningful careers. The professorship will give Transylvania students those opportunities.

"There are many college graduates who are bright, and nothing else," Fordham said. "That's why I stress the importance of the non-intellectual aspect of leadership. It has been a critical quality for me throughout my career."

The visiting professor program, which will be funded through a charitable remainder trust established by Lynn Fordham, will bring leaders of international prominence to Transylvania to teach and interact with students, faculty, and staff. There will also be lectures and presentations to the wider public community. The appointment will be for one or two full terms, or for May term.

Although Fordham's research and corporate background is in science and technology, the scope of leadership training offered under the professorship will be broad. Special attention will be given to the areas of education, technology, and economics.

"Mr. Fordham's interests are broad enough that the visiting professors can be very diverse in their backgrounds," said vice president and dean of the college William Pollard. "We could invite people like the recently retired president of Yale University, the CEO of Procter & Gamble, or the poet laureate of the United States, for example. The possibilities are virtually endless."

As much as possible, there will also be a distinctly futuristic look to what the visiting professors bring to campus.

"The selection committee will give preference to those who have demonstrated the Fordhams' interest in leaders who can set projects and ideas in motion before they become generally popular, and who can see the way things will happen," Pollard said.

"The addition of the Fordham Visiting Professor will place our students in classroom contact with world leaders and innovators, established leaders who model the creative skills so thoroughly based in the liberal education ethos. This is going to be a very exciting program for our students, as



■ Lynn and Joellen Fordham

well as for the Transylvania community and the public."

Fordham, a native of Canada, was educated at the University of Western Ontario and held research and corporate positions at diverse companies, including the Polymer Corporation in Ontario, Monsanto in Massachusetts, and the Diamond Shamrock Corporation in Ohio and Texas. His research into free radicals attracted international attention among research chemists. He provided the technological leadership that led

to the creation of substantial wealth in both product and service businesses.

After surveying several locations in the U.S. Southeast, he and Joellen chose Lexington as their retirement home and moved here in 1995. They now focus mainly on investing and philanthropy. Fordham is widely read and keeps up with important political and cultural news and trends around the world.

"I consider myself to be a broad-based technologist," he said, "as well as a good businessman, well qualified in a variety of subjects such as income tax, estate planning, healthcare, investing, asset protection and philanthropy, all self-taught, using the basic beginnings I got in my education years."

Fordham has increasingly come to value the liberal arts aspects of his college experience at Western Ontario, even though his major was in chemistry and physics. That was a motivation when he and Joellen were choosing a college for a major donation. Also, they chose Transylvania in part because of their appreciation of the University's historic role in providing national leaders, including two U.S. vice presidents and a Supreme Court justice.

They were very impressed with the University overall, especially the Transylvania students they met.

"The reason we picked Transylvania over any other college is that we are so impressed with the way it stands out as a unique educational institution," Fordham said. "It also represents the values of the past, which modern society constantly needs to keep in focus. We hope our donation will act as seed money, to inspire others to create similar opportunities."

"The students who are attracted to Transylvania are a special group. They have outstanding student qualities as exemplified by their courtesy and humility, and are well suited to be worthy representatives of a class institution. They are finding that special relationship with their Transy professors that can only occur at a small liberal arts college. You carry your messages through the young and the educated, and Transylvania's students are very worthy of this professorship."

Though neither he nor Joellen had a previous personal link with Transylvania, they now feel they do. They enjoy attending various lectures and cultural events on campus.

"When you get involved with an institution like Transylvania, you develop a personal connection," Fordham said. "You're not a graduate, but you become a friend."

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**William Pollard  
Vice president and dean of the college**



# Community book project fosters intellectual discourse

**Taylor Johnson**, a first-year student from Louisville, had been on the Transylvania campus only a few days last September when he found himself engaged in a lively discussion with a small group of his new classmates over a deadly serious topic—capital punishment.

"The scariest part of it was that you had to dive in and voice your opinion among a group where none of us really knew each other that well yet," Johnson said. "It turned out to be a freeing experience."

The rigorous intellectual exercise Johnson's group experienced was part of an academic immersion program for new students called First Engagements: A Community Book Project at Transylvania University that took place during the first week of classes. All participants read Scott Turow's best-selling book *Ultimate Punishment: A Lawyer's Reflections on Dealing with the Death Penalty* as their basic text. Turow served on Illinois' Ryan Commission, which probed capital punishment issues in the state.

As Johnson and his classmates were going through the time-honored first week, new college student experiences of adjusting to roommates, finding their way to that first class, and checking out dining hall food, they were also being asked to consider what being a student at Transylvania really means.

The First Engagements program was designed by the faculty and staff to give them a stimulating introduction to the high standards of liberal education practiced at Transylvania through active participation in an intellectual community.

The unmistakable message: Your Transylvania education starts right here, right now.

"We want to have students coming to Transylvania with the idea that their education is at the forefront, that they should have high expectations of them-

selves as adult learners," said William Pollard, vice president and dean of the college. "We want them to see themselves as inquisitive people who want to read and discuss and debate."

From all accounts, including participating faculty and staff members, first-year students, and upper level student facilitators, First Engagements was a very successful project.

First-year student Daniel Rison from Mount Sterling, Ky., felt his discussion group was profitable both intellectually and socially.

"The discussion groups opened our eyes right away to what liberal education is all about," Rison said. "It's about fostering dialogue and having understanding. It also allowed me to find common interests with some students, because the discussion was so heated at times and so controversial, we would really air our laundry on the thoughts. People's interests and passions come out in this kind of discussion."

First-year student Crystal Walker from Louisville thought Turow did an excellent job of making his analysis feel very real and immediate.

"He's conflicted about the issue, and you feel you're right

in there with him as he presents his cases and arguments, but you don't know where he stands until his closing sentence," Walker said. "You always want to know—what was he thinking, what was his decision? When it finally comes, it was like a cathartic release."

Music professor Greg Partain, who moderated a group, originally suggested the book. "It's accessible yet sophisticated, deep, and thought-provoking," he said. "The topic is focused, but also multi-faceted—a wonderful springboard for discussions along many lines."

History professor Ken Slepyan agreed that the book was a good fit for the program.

"We wanted students to see what Turow's thought processes were as he wrestled with his analysis of the death penalty," said Slepyan, who also facilitated a group. "His ultimate decision was based on his own rational analysis. It modeled for students the kind of critical thinking we want them to do."

Assistant dean of students Michael Covert helped coordinate the project and also summarized student evaluations. "We asked them if they found the topic, the book, and the discussions to be intellectually

appropriate and stimulating, and the response was overwhelmingly positive," he said.

Education professor Amy Trail served on the project's committee and noted that a basic premise of the program was to inculcate in students the idea that their education can take place anywhere on campus at any time.

"The committee asked the question of what we could do outside of the classroom to support the liberal arts ethos of the University, and this program was one answer," Trail said. "The overall response and the enthusiasm everyone brought to the program made me feel it was definitely a fit for the spirit of the Transylvania community. Students were genuinely engaged."

The book project committee is currently reviewing three books as candidates to be used next fall in the continuation of the program. They are *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder, and *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

■ **First-year students discuss the Scott Turow book *Ultimate Punishment* in a group led by Spanish professor Martha Ojeda.**





■ First-year student Kasey Price met award-winning author Scott Turow at a reception following his convocation address in Haggin Auditorium in October on his book, *Ultimate Punishment*. The book looks at the role of capital punishment in a democratic society and was the basis for First Engagements: A Community Book Project at Transylvania University (see page 4.)

## Speech and debate team wins debate crown at state tournament

The Transylvania speech and debate team placed first overall in debate at the Kentucky Forensics Association state tournament, held February 15-16 at Transy.

The debate team of senior Elizabeth Sills and junior Marshall Jolly was the state champion team. Other Transy winners included senior Jennifer Leong (open debate), senior Megan Handshoe (impromptu speaking), sophomore Tyler Murphy (novice

debate speaker), first-year student Katrina Mineo (novice after dinner speaker), and sophomore Evan Brown (novice extemporaneous speaker).

Also at the tournament, Jolly was elected president of the Kentucky Forensics Association and Sills won the Harlan Hamm Award as the outstanding member of the association. Assistant director of forensics Leigh Ann Jordan was named Coach of the Year.



■ From left, Tyler Murphy, Clint Jones (coach), Laura Bradshaw, Jennifer Leong, Megan Handshoe, Katrina Mineo, Chase Bannister, Raven Mineo, Elizabeth Sills, Leigh Ann Jordan (coach), and Marshall Jolly.



## www.transy.edu wins two awards

Transylvania's external Web site received the Grand Award and the home page received the Award of Excellence in a competition sponsored by the Kentucky chapter of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Web developer Mariana Shochat redesigned the site to improve the look and functionality, and a number of enhancements were made. Overall upgrades include flash animation for the home page and athletics main page, new cross-links throughout the site, and an A-Z index.

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## Praise for Partain's CD

Music professor Gregory Partain's second CD of solo piano music, *Gregory Partain, piano, Volume II*, has received many glowing reviews since its release last year. Here are a few excerpts:

"...some of the best Scarlatti I've ever heard...13 minutes of stunning playing—crisp, clear, articulated, and phrased. There is balance and rhythmic vitality in every measure. Dare I say it, these approach the same level as Horowitz's legendary recordings..."

*American Record Guide*, November/December 2007

"Gregory Partain is a gifted pianist, and every item intelligently and sympathetically played. Partain's strengths show to best advantage in the group of Scarlatti Sonatas, especially the beautifully judged account of the pensive F minor, and in a thoughtful, sensitively shaped and expressive rendition of Brahms' rarely heard Original Theme variations, to which Partain imparts a cumulative power I have seldom heard brought out to such vivid effect."

*BBC Music Magazine*, November 2007

"...this album is an excellent introduction to an artist whose career should be watched with anticipation."

*All Music Guide*, October 2007



### Liberal arts leaders speak on campus

Two nationally prominent liberal arts leaders recently visited Transylvania as part of political science professor Jeff Freyman's Bingham-Young Professorship on liberal education.

Carol Geary Schneider is president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (Transylvania is a member), which is dedicated to advancing the cause of undergraduate liberal education for all students regardless of their intended career paths. More than 1,100 colleges and universities belong to the AACU, ranging from liberal arts colleges such as Amherst

College and Williams College to large, comprehensive schools such as Columbia University and Michigan State University.

Schneider met with faculty members to discuss the topic "Can Liberal Education Outcomes be Measured?" and talked about "Liberal Education and Leadership" with student leaders. She gave an evening address to the campus community and general public on "Liberal Education and America's Promise."

Eva Brann is a senior faculty member at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, where she



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served as dean from 1990-97. St. John's is known for its unique "great books" curriculum in which there are no majors or departments and all students follow the same program, which consists of reading, studying, and discussing the most important books of the Western tradition.

Brann discussed the purpose of the liberal arts college and reason and emotion in human nature in two presentations during the day, then addressed the campus community and general public in an evening address titled "Dangers to Liberal Education."

### Carroll elected to Board

John S. Carroll was elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees at the October 2007 board meeting. A former member of the board during the 1980s, Carroll recently retired as editor of the *Los Angeles Times* and returned to Lexington.

Carroll was editor of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and the *Baltimore Sun*, and was a Knight Visiting Lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2006. He chaired the Pulitzer Prize Board in 2002.



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■ **A snowfall blanketed the Transylvania campus in early March, giving, from left, sophomores Candace Johnson, Ashley Lewars, and Kris Olson, and first-year students Sophie Schwab and Nicole Combs a chance to play in the snow.**



## Men's soccer advances to NCAA Sweet 16

**The men's soccer team** enjoyed a breakthrough season that saw the Pioneers not only win their first contest in an NCAA Division III national championship, but advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 before ending the year with a sparkling 15-3-3 overall record and an undefeated mark (7-0-1) in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season play.

As regular season HCAC champs, Transylvania hosted the conference tournament and defeated Hanover College 2-1 in overtime in the first round and Manchester College 2-1 in the finals to win the tourney and the right to represent the HCAC in the NCAA championship.

The Pioneers eliminated Ohio Wesleyan College in the NCAA first round, played on Wesleyan's home field in Delaware, by winning a 6-5 penalty kick shootout after a 1-1 tie in regulation play and two overtime periods. They faced John Carroll University in the second round and also needed a penalty kick win, this time by 4-3, to advance after a scoreless tie in regulation and another two overtime periods.

The Pioneers arrived in St. Louis for the NCAA third round confident they could keep their season alive, but fell 1-0 to No. 20 Washington University in a contest that Transy head coach Brandon Bowman felt could have gone either way.

"I was very proud of the way we competed," Bowman said. "It's tough playing on the other team's home field, but with a

break here or there, we could have gotten the win. We came up just short, but we'll learn from this and be better prepared for next season."

Transy was ranked as high as No. 22 in the nation during a season that continued the Pioneer's dynasty in the HCAC. Since joining the conference seven years ago, the Pioneers have lost just one conference tournament game and two regular season contests. Transy's two out-of-conference regular season losses this year were by identical 1-0 scores on the road to Wilmington College and Maryville College.

Bowman was named co-Coach of the Year in the HCAC, his third such award, after leading the Pioneers into the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year.

Matt Vogel, a senior defender from Lexington, was named co-Player of the Year in the conference. He keyed a powerful Transy defense that allowed only seven goals for the season. Transy posted 11 shutouts, never allowed more than one goal in a game, and ranked third in the nation in goals against average at 0.38. Vogel was also named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All Great Lakes Region first team and to the All-America third team by that association and by D3kicks.com.

Four teammates joined Vogel on the All-HCAC first team, including senior defender Ryan Dale and senior midfielder Andrew Zemanski, who tied for the team scoring lead with seven goals. Junior midfielder Ryan

Wood scored four goals, while first-year forward Stu Hampson led the team in scoring with seven goals and five assists for 19 points. Wood was an HCAC Player of the Week, as were junior midfielder Corey Dilow and first-year forward Tony Spero.



■ Senior defender Matt Vogel advances on the ball during the Pioneers' NCAA Division III Sweet 16 match against Washington University in St. Louis.

## FIELD HOCKEY GETS TWO OVERTIME WINS

**The field hockey team** pulled out a 4-3 overtime win over Sweet Briar College in Virginia on the way to a 3-11 season record under first-year head coach Susannah Kilbourne.

First-year midfielder Annie Donelan scored three of Transy's four goals against Sweet Briar, including the game-winner in overtime. Senior forward Meaghan Linker scored the other Transy goal.

Transy's first win of the season also came in overtime, by 2-1 over St. Vincent's College in a game played at the University of Louisville. The Pioneers' third win came at the expense of Hendrix College in a 1-0 battle

on Hall Field as Transy outshot the visitors 29-8, but couldn't extend the lead against strong goalkeeping by the Warriors.

Donelan and Linker finished in a tie as Transy's leading scorers for the season with 14 points each, with Donelan scoring six goals and two assists while Linker had five goals and four assists. Junior Megan Blandford played every minute in goal for the Pioneers and had a 2.81 goals-against average for the year.

■ Senior forward Meaghan Linker was co-top season scorer for Transylvania's field hockey team.

Joseph Rey Au





Joseph Rey Au

## Volleyball sets records in season of firsts

### *It was a season of firsts*

for the volleyball team as the Pioneers qualified for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament and produced a first-team all-conference player on their way to a 15-17 overall record. Transylvania set school records for total wins in a season, winning percentage (.468), most conference wins (4), and highest finish in regular-season league standings (5th).

"This year was a very big step forward for our program," head coach Cindy Jacobelli said. "A lot of pieces of the puzzle finally fit together. The players started to feel what it was like to win consistently, for really the first time."

Just past mid-season, the Pioneers stood 6-15 overall (0-4 in the HCAC) and seemed destined to fulfill the pre-season prediction of the coaches poll

■ **Senior middle hitter Morgan White became the first Pioneer to make the All-HCAC first team.**

that placed them last in the conference. They then turned the year completely around by going 9-1 the rest of regular season play while bringing their HCAC record to 4-4, which secured them a spot in the post-season tournament.

Transy took on Anderson University in the first round of the HCAC tourney and dropped what proved to be a decisive first game by 35-33 before losing the next two (30-26, 30-24) as Anderson won the match 3-0.

In the midst of its 9-1 run, the team played in the Lynchburg Quad meet in Lynchburg, Va., winning two of three matches in a single day. The Pioneers' 3-1 win over host Lynchburg College gave Jacobelli her 100th career win at Transy. Earlier in the season, Transy had a 3-1 record in its matches at the Bishop Volleyball Invitational, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan University, to capture third place in the meet.

"The coaches at the Lynch-

burg meet were very impressed with the speed of our offense and didn't know how to defend us at certain points," Jacobelli said. "We try to get the ball in and out of the setter's hands very quickly, with our middle hitters in the air before she sets the ball."

Senior middle hitter Morgan White became the first Transy player to be named to the All-HCAC first team. Her 309 kills made her just the second Pioneer to exceed 300 in a season, and her total of 871 kills places her second on the school's all-time list. She was also named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV team.

Junior outside hitter Sarah Ruckriegel was second in kills with 291, followed by first-year middle hitter Jordan Geisen with 248 and first-year outside hitter Jessica Visse at 220. First-year libero Sarah Sams excelled on defense with 509 digs for the year.

## Women's tennis 6th in HCAC tournament

The women's tennis team won its first match of the year at Bluffton University by 7-2 and went on to fashion a 3-4 regular season record in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, good for sixth place. The Pioneers were 3-5 overall.

Under head coach Chuck Brown, Transy finished sixth in the season-ending HCAC tournament, played at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis. First-year player Katie Boone won her first match at No. 2 singles before falling in the semifinals, as did junior Bo Ryser, playing at No. 5 singles.

Boone was named to the All-HCAC team after playing No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles for most of her first season as a Pioneer. She was among 13 players named to the team and one of just four first-year performers honored.

## WOMEN'S GOLF CAPTURES THIRD IN HCAC TOURNEY



**Senior Rhea Badgett paced the** women's golf team, under head coach Mark Turner '77, to a third place finish in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, played at the Walden Pond Golf Club in Indian Springs, Ohio.

Badgett shot 85 to tie for second place in the individual standings after the first day, then followed that with a 92 for a 177 total, good for fifth place. Transy's team score of 753 was just 13 strokes behind second place Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Franklin College won the event handily with a 699 total.

Transy's other four team

■ **Senior Rhea Badgett was an All-HCAC golfer for the fourth straight year.**

members were led by junior Brittany Daulton, who shot 94-95 for a 189 total, good for 10th place, and first-year player Megan Graeter, who tied for low freshman honors with a 191 (100-91) to tie for 12th. First-year player Sarah Slattery was 15th with a 200 (105-95), and first-year player Sara Escobedo was 22nd at 209 (101-108).

A highlight of regular season play for the Pioneers was a third place finish among seven schools in the Hanover Invitational, hosted by Hanover College. Badgett took third place in individual competition with a 171 (88-83).

Badgett was named to the All-HCAC team for the fourth year in a row, and Graeter was chosen co-Freshman of the Year in the conference.





■ Shown at the Georgetown College Invitational at Lexington's Masterson Station Park are, from left, first-year runners Julianne Norman and Sydney Crawley, sophomores Danielle Thompson and Anna Rush, and senior Ellie Brooks.

## Cross country improves in Berea Invitational

The season's best showing for both the men's and women's cross country teams came in the Berea Invitational, hosted by Berea College, when the men finished seventh out of nine teams and the women took sixth place in a field of eight.

Senior Adam Graham led the way for the men over the 8,000-meter course with a time of 31 minutes, 15 seconds, good for 33rd place, followed by juniors David Hysong in 37th place with a time of 31:52 and Josh Morris in 38th at 31:55.

Transy's top finisher for the women on the 5,000-meter course was first-year runner Sydney Crawley in 23:35, which took 22nd place. Sophomore Stephanie Billiter finished in 23:36 for 23rd place, and first-year runner Julianne Norman was 25th in 23:38.

Under the guidance of head coach Toby Carrigan, both teams finished ninth at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, hosted by Hanover College. Graham again led the Transy men, finishing in 61st place with a time of 30:50. Billiter paced the women in 28:53 over the 6,000-meter course for 63rd place. Anderson University captured both titles, the men for the ninth year in a row and the women for the sixth straight year.

## Transylvania adds track and field to line-up

Transylvania will add men's and women's track and field to its intercollegiate athletics program beginning with the 2008-09 season, bringing to 18 the number of teams the University supports.

Athletics director Jack Ebel said that middle and long distance events will be the initial focus of the program, which will draw heavily on the existing cross country teams to comprise the roster.

"It became clear to us that we could significantly enhance our cross country program if we gave them the opportunity to compete in the spring as well," Ebel said. "We will expand the team as interest increases."

Track is a spring sport and is supported by the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The eight other HCAC schools have track and field teams.

Ebel also said that assistant cross country coach Jason Moncer has been named head track coach. Moncer is a University of Kentucky graduate who served as head cross country coach and track coach at Richmond Model High School for the past six years. He holds a USA Track and Field Elite Coaching Certificate.

"My goal is to be competitive within our conference right away," Moncer said. "Eventually, we hope to build a team to compete for the HCAC title."

## Women's soccer in HCAC title game

The women's soccer team rebounded from a slow start to win eight of its last nine regular season matches, defeat two teams ranked in the nation's top 20, and make the title game of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament for the fourth year in a row.

The Pioneers posted a 13-5-1 overall record and a 7-1 HCAC mark, good for second place in the regular season conference standings behind 8-0 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. A 1-0 win over No. 18 Wittenberg University on Hall Field helped spark Transy, which traveled to Wilmington College two weeks later and knocked off the No. 20 ranked Quakers 2-0 to get over the .500 mark at 5-4.

That was followed by an 8-0-1 tear that cinched second place in the conference and home field advantage for the first tournament game, against the College of Mount St. Joseph. Transy defeated the Lions 3-0 to advance to the title game at Rose-Hulman. The Pioneers played well, allowing the game's only goal in the 69th minute as the Engineers won the HCAC title and its automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship.

Transy also had a strong performance against another nationally ranked team, No. 6 Washington University in St. Louis, before losing 2-1 in the Glenn Hyundai College Show-

case at Hall Field. The Bears won their conference and advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament.

"Defeating those nationally ranked teams and matching up well with Washington in a close loss shows that we're right there in terms of talent with the top teams," said head coach Michael Fulton. "We probably played the toughest schedule in the four years I've been here. Our early season losses came as the team adjusted to the strength of the schedule, and after that, the experience and leadership of our senior class set in."

Three Pioneers were named to the All-HCAC first team. Senior forward Erin Rush was the team's top scorer with nine goals and two assists for 20 points. She was joined by sophomore midfielder Katie Kelly, Transy's second leading scorer with eight goals and two assists for 18 points, and sophomore defender Kate McKelway. Rush and Kelly won HCAC Player of the Week honors, as did sophomore midfielder Katie Sutherland.

Senior goalkeeper Ally Tucker led the team in saves with 68 while posting a 0.85 goals-against average. She was named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV

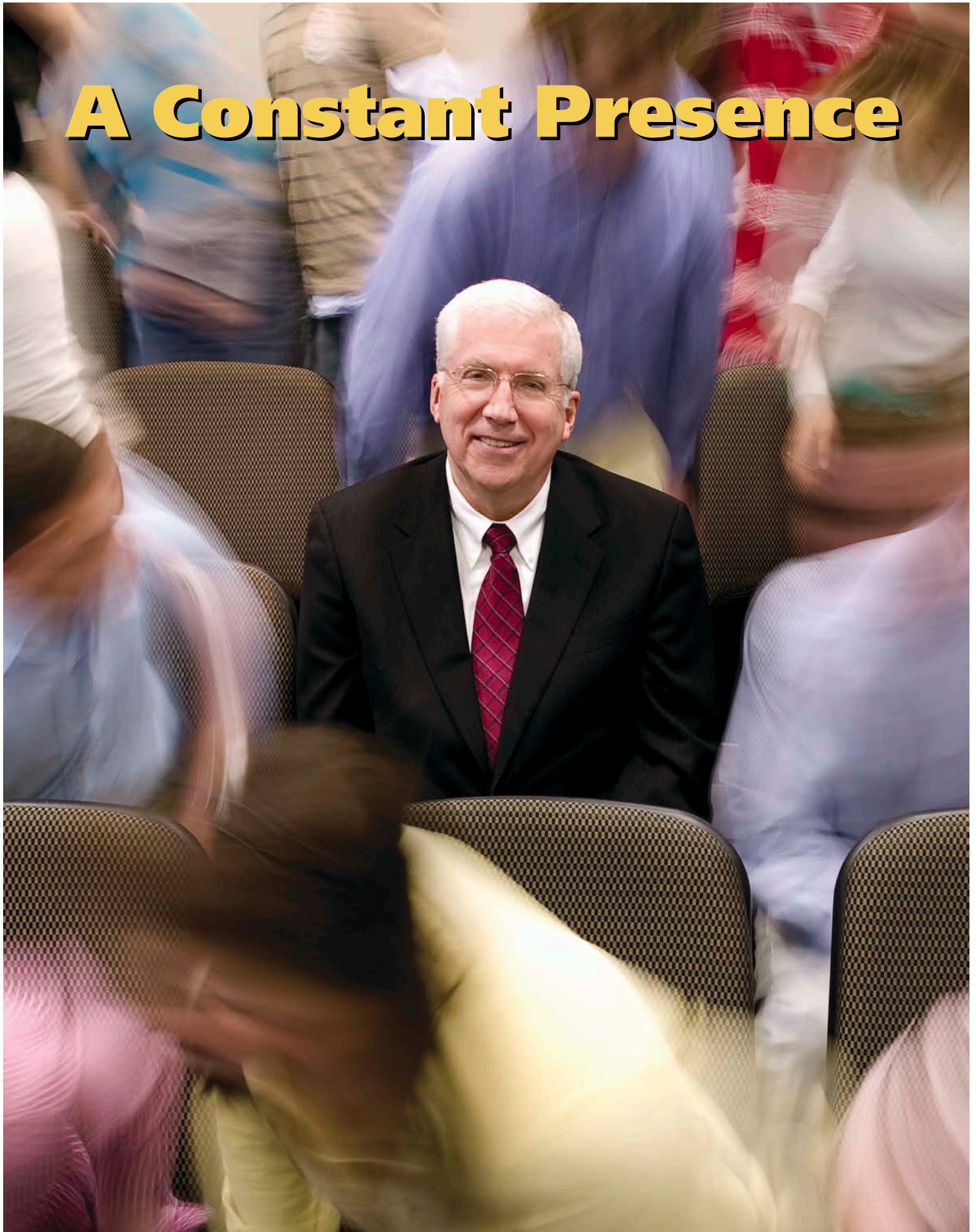
■ Senior forward Erin Rush was Transylvania's top scorer for the season.



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# **A Constant Presence**





## President Charles L. Shearer is unwavering in his dedication to students as he nears completion of a historic 25 years in office

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Nothing better exemplifies the dedicated, personal role that President Charles L. Shearer plays in the life of Transylvania than the supportive and engaging relationship he enjoys with students, who are, after all, the ultimate reason the University exists.

As he nears the completion this July of a remarkable 25 years as president—the longest such tenure in University history—Shearer can reflect with pride on many accomplishments that Transylvania has achieved over that time with the help of his leadership and hard work. A continuing and significant theme of his presidency has been the priority he always places on the well-being of students.

Anyone who has seen Shearer out and about on campus, eating in the dining hall, or attending athletic events or fine arts performances can see that contact with students is something he seeks out and truly enjoys.

“It’s a part of my job that gives me a lot of satisfaction,” Shearer said. “I like to know as many students personally as I possibly can. By showing them that I truly care about them as individuals, it also conveys the University’s purpose of a very personal and involved approach to their education.”

Art professor Nancy Wolsk, who came to Transylvania in 1978, has observed this trait in Shearer for his entire presidential tenure thus far.

“Charles really likes the students and he keeps up with them,” Wolsk said. “He does all kinds of things that university presidents normally do not do, like the Academic Career Skills class he teaches each year. That’s very time consuming, but the students love him for it.”

In his role as an Academic Career Skills (University 1111) leader, Shearer advises a group of approximately 15 first-year students, who meet with him weekly to discuss their progress in adjusting to the academic and personal challenges of college life. Sophomore Hampton Bourne, from Clarksville, Tenn., was assigned to Shearer’s class last year.

“Dr. Shearer always had a lot of good advice as far as how to spend my time wisely and how to adjust to the little things,” Bourne said. “I had met him before at an open house and a scholarship breakfast and

always found him to be a very likable person. He’s very easy to talk to, very polite, and very professional, all at the same time.”

A sophomore is also assigned to each University 1111 class as a mentor, a role that senior Sarah Billiter, from Shalbiana, Ky., has played with Shearer.

“When the first-year students learned that their mentor was going to be the president, I think a lot of them were nervous and wondering what that was going to be like,” Billiter said. “They were very pleasantly surprised to realize he was just interested in knowing that they were fitting in well at Transy and in hearing about their experiences. He went from being someone who might have been frightening because he is in such a superior position, to someone they could sit down with and talk and laugh with.”

Billiter also works with Shearer in her position as president of the Student Government Association, where she finds him to be a thoughtful and helpful resource.

“Dr. Shearer is such a good listener,” she said. “He looks at the issue from a student’s perspective. He has a talent for putting himself in someone else’s shoes. He considers every proposal or idea I bring up and gives me his considered analysis.”

Erwin Roberts ’94, a varsity basketball player at Transy and now an attorney with Frost Brown Todd in Louisville, remembers Shearer from his student days, and has since interacted with him as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and the Board of Visitors.

“Dr. Shearer was my mentor my freshman year at Transy,” Roberts said. “He really took an interest in all of us, and welcomed us to his home for dinner. He was always very supportive of our team. Now I’m getting to see the professional and business side of him, in the way he

Photos by Joseph Rey Au



■ On a recent snowy day on the Transylvania campus, President Charles L. Shearer stopped to talk with, from left, first-year student Corinne Tuney, sophomore Clay Turner, first-year student Jordan Michael, and junior Stephen Blankenship.

operates and oversees the University. This is where I've really come to appreciate what he accomplishes as president."

### **One word—dedication**

When others are asked for their thoughts on how this talented and much admired person has succeeded for so long at such a high profile, demanding job, one word keeps cropping up—dedication.

"I think the main thing is his absolute dedication to the school," said William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Transylvania Board of Trustees. "He gives other people a lot of the credit, but I don't think a lot of them would have shown an interest in, and supported the school, the way they have if it hadn't been for Charles."

Long-time trustee Warren Rosenthal has worked with Shearer on many fund-raising initiatives and capital projects over the years. When asked to cite key qualities that have sustained Shearer's effectiveness over the years, he pointed to his "strong dedication to making certain that the efforts for the best interests of the college and the students are served, and his ability to raise major funds for the endowment and the activities of the University."

Ann Rosenstein Giles '75, also a trustee, includes Susan Shearer in her evaluation of the president's role in Transylvania's successes.

"President Shearer and Susan's dedication and caring for faculty, students, and staff bring a real ambience of 'family' to the campus," she said. "He is very tuned into everything that's going on at Transy, and wants the best for all the parts that make up the school."

One aspect of his job that undergirds everything the University does is caring for the financial health of the college. With his Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University, Shearer has been well positioned to oversee the significant fiscal issues. That began during the four years (1979-83) he served Transylvania as vice president for finance, a period that controller Debbie Balles '79 was also a part of.

"Dr. Shearer put in the internal controls we needed, made personnel changes, and updated the computer system, all so that we have the proper level of accountability for our money," Balles said. "The driving

factor was our student billing—we wanted it to be better for the parents and students."

As evidence of the long-range, permanent improvements Shearer brought to the University's financial affairs, Balles points to the yearly audit. "The audit staff used to stay here for months, and now we get everything done in a week," she said.

"Because of his background, Charles has an excellent understanding of sound business principles and finance, and I think all of that is just critical to operating the University in a sensible manner," Young said.

As a trustee, Norwood "Buddy" Cowgill Jr. '65 is impressed with Shearer's devotion to both education and management. "To be so interested in education, and then to have his great feel for business and management is really an unusual combination," he said. "Charles makes such complete, well organized presentations at our board meetings that there are very few questions."

Transylvania's endowment has seen a dramatic increase over the nearly 25 years of Shearer's presidency, from \$33 million in 1983 to \$144 million today. The University is currently engaged in its 225th Anniversary Campaign, with a goal of the \$32 million initiative being to increase the endowment by \$9 million.

"In the past five years, we have lost our great financial mentor in Bill Young Sr. (William T. Young, 1918-2004, former Transylvania board chairman), and for Charles to be able to carry on in the same fashion with Bill Young Jr. and to raise as much money as he has in our current campaign is, I think, one of his great achievements," Rosenthal said.

### **Continuity of support**

Transylvania today is in the strongest overall position of its 228-year history, with its highest enrollment (1,153) and largest graduating classes, largest endowment, most well developed physical campus, and largest faculty and student research funds.

Shearer attributes the University's strengths to a continuity of support from all of its constituencies, beginning with the members of the Board of Trustees, whose leadership and strong financial commitment to Transylvania set the tone for the overall success of the college.

"I think it's a tribute to the strength of the college that we're able to engage people of such high quality to help serve the school," he said. "We continue to evolve, with new trustees, new staff members in key leadership positions, and outstanding



■ President Charles L. Shearer presents Transylvania Board of Trustees member James F. Glenn a plaque commemorating the dedication of the Glenn Building in October 2005 as William T. Young Jr., chairman of the board, looks on. Glenn provided the lead gift for the project. The Glenn Building, which includes a bookstore and Jazzman's Cafe, is a popular place for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors.



faculty members. Transylvania continues to be a place where highly qualified, dedicated people want to work and serve.”

In contrast to Shearer’s early years as president, when pressing needs such as enrollment and endowment growth consumed much of his time, more recent years have seen the college prosper, allowing him to devote time and energy to projects that enrich living and learning.

Many projects have resulted from a series of self-studies and strategic plans, undertaken as part of the college’s reaffirmation of accreditation process. Two very prominent such projects—the renovation of laboratory space in Brown Science Center and construction of a new residence hall—are currently underway and represent the best fruits of planning ahead for the needs of students and faculty members.

Recent years have also seen Shearer being involved in organizations that allow him to spread Transylvania’s reputation far beyond its region. “My job has changed in that I do more association work now, giving Transylvania greater regional and national exposure,” Shearer said. “Like many other liberal arts colleges, we have a variety of association memberships and involvements, on the state, regional, and national levels. The president is responsible for representing the University at these annual meetings, to keep in touch with issues and concerns that affect higher education in general and which may have an impact on Transylvania.

“The nature of the president’s job changes somewhat, but our mission stays the same, that of offering our students the highest quality liberal arts education. One of my goals is to have every alum feel that their degree has appreciated in value over the years. Because in fact, I think it has.”

Shearer also attends alumni events and considers the University’s outreach programs to alumni to be of paramount importance to the future of the college. “The alumni are the living legacy of Transylvania, and their role in the success of the college is critical,” he said.

As she prepares to graduate from Transylvania and become one of those alums, Sarah Billiter has this to say of her mentor:

“I think he really understands and prioritizes the overall goal of this institution, and that’s to provide students with an education they can take and make of it whatever they want, whatever they can dream. He still, over all these years, holds true to why he’s here.” ■

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

**President Charles L. Shearer’s days are busy ones—and then there are evenings and weekends.**

“You’re always on call, and you’re always expected to be the president,” is the way he sums up his demanding, but fulfilling role at Transylvania.

Here are some highlights of what this fully engaged executive, mentor, friend, and adviser may go through in any typical day or night, in his own words.

**Correspondence**—“I write many letters of thanks, and follow up letters after meetings with potential donors or with alumni. I’m often corresponding with the Board of Trustees.”

**Phone conversations**—“I speak with our Chairman of the Board usually at least once a week. I have communication with other trustees and alumni, or a friend of the college.”

**Meetings**—“I may have a meeting with the dean of students, or the physical plant. I usually have some contact with the development office every day. I’ll see the vice president and dean of the college. I meet with architects on our construction projects. Unexpected campus visitors, alumni, or someone from the Lexington community may drop by.”

**Campus events**—“I try to attend as many home games of our athletics teams as is feasible. I go to plays and musical performances. I attend many evening lectures, such as the Kenan and Lilly programs, Alltech lectures, Delcamp programs, and convocations.”

**Community relations**—“It’s important for Transylvania to have a presence in the Lexington community. I’m involved in a number of organizations and attend their meetings so that the University can be well represented on issues that may impact the college. It’s also a way for Transylvania to be a good citizen in the community.”



■ Lectures by visiting leaders, authors, and artists are an example of campus events that President Charles L. Shearer takes part in. Above, Shearer and his wife, Susan, right, join Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and a world leader for the cause of human rights, at a reception after her October 2007 Kenan Lecture.

# A Taxing Situation

Tax attorney Cathy Creech '84 apologized for being a few minutes late for an interview with *Transylvania* University magazine. It seems a government lawyer had called her on her cell phone just as she was pulling into her parking space that morning at the Washington, D.C., firm of Davis & Harman LLP, where she is currently managing partner.

Such is the pace of her work in the nation's capital that when that kind of call comes, she usually takes it, regardless of where she is.

"We had some questions about the Internal Revenue Code provision on executive compensation, and I didn't want to miss him," Creech said. "We want them to issue a ruling that says something, and they don't want to do it."

That's all in a day's work for Creech, whose job involves advising companies and trade associations on tax issues and lobbying the federal government on their behalf. She came to Davis & Harman in 2002 when a group of her colleagues recruited her from another Washington law firm, Miller & Chevalier, where she had been since 1994.

Before that, the Transylvania English major and 1987 Harvard Law School graduate had seen these issues from the perspective of the federal government from 1991-94, when she was attorney-advisor in the Office of Tax Policy of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Her work there involved stock options, executive compensation, and qualified plans.

"I enjoyed helping make the rules, figuring out what the right answers ought to be," Creech said of her Treasury work. "I worked for a short time under the first Bush administration, then under the Clinton administration, drafting legislation and regulations. It was an exciting time."

Succeeding at one of the nation's premiere law schools, moving between the public and private sectors in the heat of D.C., and becoming a recognized expert in her area of federal tax law is a challenging calling. It demands mental toughness, creativity, and the ability to adapt to entirely different perspectives on important issues. For Creech, that all started at Transylvania.

"I think the fact that I had a broad liberal arts education that taught me to

**Attorney Cathy Creech '84 works in the nation's capital, specializing in federal tax issues**

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



■ The Washington, D.C., law offices of Davis & Harman LLP, where Cathy Creech '84 is managing partner, look out over the National Mall, with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial visible in the background.



think, write well, and analyze a variety of topics, whether it was a Shakespeare sonnet or the political and social theories of John Locke and Thomas Hobbes, has served me very well,” Creech said. “I had a fabulous course in art history, where I had to analyze pieces of art, and a genetics course with Lila Boyarsky. All of those experiences required a certain intensity and seriousness about the topic. No matter what area of work you go into, that’s excellent intellectual preparation.”

Creech was also very involved in extracurricular activities at Transy, serving as president of the Student Government Association and as a head resident adviser. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, president of Panhellenic, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega leadership honoraries and the English Honorary.

Her Transylvania honors included the Freshman Cup, the Lydia Todhunter Cup, Susan Lunger Brown Award, Jefferson Davis Award, Delcamp Award, and Virginia Bowman Cecil Award. She was also listed in *Who’s Who Among College Students*.

Creech’s leadership positions at Transy have also been beneficial to her in her public speaking and professional advancement activities.

“In some ways, life is just like being in student government or a sorority or fraternity,” she said. “You have to get along with people and mesh different personalities to motivate people to do what the organization needs to have done. I’m no longer worried about rush violations as Panhellenic chair, but you do learn a lot about human nature in those positions.”

Two professors will always be foremost in her Transy memories—English professor Tay Fizdale and political science professor Don Dugi.

It was Fizdale’s eloquence in teaching a survey course that fired her decision to major in English. “I really loved Tay Fizdale and was completely drawn in by the way he analyzed literature,” Creech said. “His ability to take it apart and present different theories about it was just fascinating to me.”

Creech credits Dugi’s rigorous, insightful guidance on preparing for the Law School Admission Test for helping give her the opportunity to attend Harvard.

“I took a lot of political science courses with Don Dugi and really liked it,” she

said. “I remember taking the LSAT practice exams he had for us. He taught you how to take it so you would do your best.”

As her senior year rolled around, Creech was still uncertain about her future, weighing the option of getting a Ph.D. in English literature and becoming an academic. However, the key Transy experience that sealed her decision to practice law was an internship with a Lexington law firm arranged by the University’s Career Development Center.

“I worked 15 or 20 hours a week doing legal research and writing opinions,” Creech said. “Most of it was of the slip-and-fall personal injury variety, but it was exciting to me. I found that figuring out the facts of a situation and what the law was appealed to me.”

Creech began law school at Harvard in the fall of 1984, a time when women were still a distinct minority.

“When I was at Harvard, my class was only 27 percent women,” she said. “It was still very much a male-dominated place. It was also a different environment overall from Transy, which was warm and collegial. Harvard was a big, bad place, and you had to find your own niche and make your own community.”

One of the communities Creech enjoyed at Harvard was the group of classmates she worked with her third year when she was editor of the *Harvard Women’s Law Journal*.

“We got articles submitted from very prominent people,” she said. “I had to learn how to deal with authors. I discovered that even famous people in the field would send you half-written things that we law students basically had to finish for them.”

Creech may have arrived at Harvard a little wide-eyed, but she left with a sense of confidence in her future.

“Academically, I was just as prepared as any of my classmates, though some of them had parents who were very important people, and they had traveled the world,” she said. “There are many prominent professors at Harvard, famous people you’d see on television and then in your class. Being there gave me opportunities I otherwise wouldn’t have had, and a sense that

I could do anything I wanted to do.”

Creech joined Miller & Chevalier right out of Harvard Law in 1987. The firm specialized in federal tax issues, an area of the law that has set the tone for her career to this point. She left the firm in 1991 for three years at Treasury, returned to it in 1994,

then was recruited to Davis & Harman six years ago.

Her firm is located in The Willard, an office building connected to the historic Willard Hotel on Washington’s most prominent boulevard, Pennsylvania Avenue. That puts her physically, and symbolically, at the center of things in the nation’s capital. Being well connected is always a virtue, and Creech has stepped outside her law firm job to become actively involved in her profession, which is

fulfilling to her personally and also an asset professionally.

“In what I do, it is helpful to have a certain profile as an expert,” she said. “I get that profile by things like public speaking and working for the District of Columbia Bar Association.” Creech is also on the board of the Southern Federal Tax Institute, and is currently an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School, where she and a client co-teach a seminar on executive compensation.

Creech also devotes part of her life to community involvement outside her profession, including serving as a board member for a charter school in the District. “Some of this goes back to the Transy ‘Try all things, think about all things, be a broad person’ perspective,” she said. “I’ve worked hard to get where I am, but I’ve had good people who helped me along the way, and many of those started at Transylvania. I’m at the point in my career where I want to start mentoring and helping other people.”

Creech is married to Britt Reynolds ’85, associate director of admissions at the University of Maryland. They have two children, Blair Reynolds, 11, and Robert Reynolds, 7.

She says she originally planned to return to Kentucky to work, but now finds herself happily at home living in the District. “Now it’s 20 years, and I have two children and own a house, so I guess I’m a

**“Some of this goes back to the Transy ‘Try all things, think about all things, be a broad person’ perspective.”**

# 20 TWENTY YEARS OF HONORING

## The Bingham Program reaches a milestone

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY

The 2007-08 academic year marks the 20th anniversary of the Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching, a program of distinction at Transylvania and nationwide.

The awards were the brainchild and dream of the late William T. Young, former chairman of the Transylvania Board of Trustees. Young provided the initial gift of \$3 million, then enlisted the support of Mary and Barry Bingham, who contributed \$2 million to the program's endowment. Designed to benefit all students by raising the level of teaching at the University, the Bingham awards recognize current faculty members for the innovation and creativity they bring to their classrooms. The awards are also used in the recruitment of highly qualified teachers.

"From the beginning, the goal of the program was to reward and foster outstanding teaching at Transylvania," said President Charles L. Shearer. "We wanted to be able to keep the good professors we had and bring new ones in."

The Bingham awards were established during the 1987-88 academic year. With additional gifts and market growth, the endowment reached more than \$20 million after only 10 years, and is now valued at more than \$35 million. The funds are used to make significant monetary awards to faculty members.

The first Bingham awards, announced in the fall of 1988, went to history professor Joe Binford, biology professor Lila Boyarsky, political science professor Jeff Freyman, and English professor Ann Kilkelly. Twenty years later, the Bingham program continues to inspire and reward faculty members for their dedication to the highest ideals of classroom teaching.

"The award has helped sustain my commitment to teaching as a profession," said philosophy professor Peter Fosl, a Bingham

fellow. "In a culture where education is little valued and teaching is poorly rewarded, one is easily led to question whether or not the effort to earn a Ph.D. and pursue a career as a college teacher is worth it. The Bingham award reinforced my belief that Transylvania is an institution that really does value good teaching."

"The award also made it possible for me to focus more on my teaching by reducing the energy I had spent on the financial struggles I faced as a young professor and parent."

Biology professor Peggy Palombi, a Bingham professor, said she was honored to receive the award and reiterated that the program shows the University's commitment to teaching. "The faculty work very hard. It's nice to feel that you get noticed for that."

### **A special idea**

One of the first teaching award programs in the country, the Bingham program is unusual among colleges, and has inspired several other schools to contact Transylvania about the program. After consulting with Transylvania, Marietta College set up a similar program with a smaller endowment, and former Transylvania vice president and dean of the college James G. Moseley chaired the first selection committee for that program. This is in keeping with the Bingham's desire that launching the program would have a "ripple effect" at other universities.

From the onset, noted educators from across the country have had a hand in the way the program carries out its mission. The program and its endowment are administered by a separate Bingham Board of Trust, which develops policies regarding the various awards, establishes the maximum number of awards to be granted in a given year, and decides the amounts of the awards.

The founding Board of Trust included John W. Chandler, previously president of Williams College and then president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, and Mary Maples Dunn, president of Smith College.

Once this board was established, Shearer and then dean of the college Asa Humphries agreed that a non-biased third party should select the recipients of the award, and the Bingham Selection Committee, comprised of distinguished faculty members from fine colleges across the nation, was named by the Board of Trust for this central responsibility.

The original selection committee included professors from Bryn Mawr College and Pomona College. This year's committee is comprised of Laura Duhan Kaplan, formerly of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Susan Jaret McKinstry of Carleton College, Cecilia Conrad of Pomona College, Patrick McDougal of Reed College, and Jonathan Berkey of Davidson College.

The committee visits campus extensively during the selection process for classroom observations and interviews with candidates, then makes its decision based on these visits, letters of recommendation, course syllabi, student evaluations, and other criteria.

### **Changing with the times**

Since its inception, the program has expanded to include four types of teaching awards: Bingham awards, Bingham fellowship grants, Bingham start-up grants, and Bingham-Young awards.

The Bingham awards are given to professors who have demonstrated teaching excellence and are for a term of five years, with a yearly salary stipend dependent on the rank of the recipient. Holders of this award are termed Bingham professors.

At the expiration of the Bingham Award







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period, Bingham professors are eligible to receive a five-year Bingham fellowship grant, which may be renewed for five-year periods up to a maximum of 20 years. The holders of these grants are known as Bingham fellows.

Start-up grants were added to the program in 1989. "We added the start-ups to recruit bright young newly minted Ph.D.s," Shearer said. These smaller, non-renewable awards are given for one year to unusually promising incoming faculty who are just beginning their careers.

To further enhance attention to the mission of the Bingham program, the Bingham Board of Trust instituted a new award in 1996 known as the Bingham-Young Award. The Bingham Selection Committee may, from time to time, choose a Bingham fellow as the holder of the professorship. The Bingham-Young professor, in turn, designs, develops, and implements a program of curricular enrichment or enhancement of the art of teaching at Transylvania, or both.

Political science professor Don Dugi was the first recipient of a Bingham-Young professorship in 2000, and his topic was the issue of race in relation to teaching and research. In 2004, Fosl's professorship was titled Liberty, Security, and Justice. Currently, Freyman is conducting a Bingham professorship on liberal education, and later this year psychology professor Meg Upchurch will begin her professorship on Drugged America.

Upchurch said she benefitted in many ways from Dugi's Bingham professorship, but especially in how she treats material related to race in the classroom. "I think I can speak in a more informed fashion now," she said at the time. "I have a greater breadth of thinking about these issues."

## **Teaching as the top priority**

Part of what makes the Bingham

program special is the way in which it demonstrates that at Transylvania, teaching is the number one priority.

The awarding of Bingham stipends to external applicants also benefits the school by allowing Transylvania to make salary offers that are competitive with some of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.

"It helps us with recruitment," Palombi said. "It allows us to have a chance at competing salary-wise for someone distinguished. We can show that we recognize the strength of what our people do in some slightly different ways."

For example, Kathleen Jagger, associate dean of the college and professor of biology, was a full professor with significant advising and leadership responsibilities at DePauw University in 2002 when she was recruited to Transylvania and received a Bingham award. "We couldn't match her salary, but the Bingham program allowed us to do that," said vice president and dean of the college William Pollard.

Jagger's previous experience has helped to make her an invaluable member of the Transy faculty and administration. In addition to her Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, she holds a master of public health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. At DePauw, she had been coordinator of the health services advising program and chair of the science division.

Since 1990, the program has also offered support for continuing professional growth and improvement through the David and Betty Jones Faculty Development Fund, made possible by generous gifts from Mr. and Mrs. David A. Jones and the late William T. Young. In keeping with the broad goals of the Bingham program, the Jones fund provides grants to members of the faculty as well as students who are working on projects that are being supervised by the faculty.

"The idea came in a Bingham Board meeting," Shearer said, "from a faculty member who suggested that we provide ways for faculty to do research and strengthen their discipline."

The Bingham program has evolved in other ways to reflect the input of the Transylvania community.

In 1995, roughly 10 years after the start of the program, the board's academic members, led by Robert A. Rosenbaum, launched a study of the program and recommended changes, including the way Bingham awards were renewed.

At this time the decision was made that Bingham professors could become fellows at a reduced rate after the five-year period. The latest change to the program has Bingham fellows continuing at their rank rate.

"The decision was made to reduce the amount of the awards so that they could be spread around a little more," said Pollard. "The faculty wanted more worthy candidates to be able to benefit."

Currently, there are 52 Bingham fellows, and 17 members of the faculty have Bingham awards. Since the program's inception, 61 have received start-up grants and 387 Jones grants have been awarded. The fourth Bingham-Young professor was appointed for a two-year period beginning in September 2008.

With awards to incoming and existing faculty, the Bingham program is fulfilling its goal of promoting excellence in teaching at Transylvania.

"The program has been very successful and has encouraged conversations about good teaching among the faculty," Shearer said. "We had little bumps along the way, and made minor changes, but we now have a program that achieves what the founders of the awards set out to do. I think they would feel very good about where we are with the program today." ■

# Experiencing the liberal arts ideal

A liberal education is often defined in terms of its classical curriculum that imparts general knowledge in a variety of subjects, including such disciplines as history, philosophy, literature, languages, art, and the social and natural sciences.

It's also thought of for its ability to foster in students a disciplined, analytical approach to thinking and reasoning about the critical issues that are fundamental to human life. These intellectual skills also serve students well regardless of their major subject and the specific career path they ultimately choose.

The following profiles bring those abstractions to life by showing how five students are taking advantage of their Transylvania experience to realize the ideals of a liberal arts education, and how this approach to their education will serve them well in the careers they plan to pursue.

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY AND WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



**LAUREN COVERT**  
Pursuing the business of Germany

Lauren Covert came to Transylvania because she felt a liberal arts college would be the best place to explore many areas of knowledge while also focusing on ways to use her education to the best advantage in a rewarding career.

For the senior from Lexington who is completing majors in German and business administration, along with a minor in music, all of that, and lots more, has come to pass.

"The thing about liberal arts is that you're allowed to be curious in whatever you want to be curious about, and then at Transy you can become engaged with that," Covert

said. "I wanted to be able to graduate with a degree and know I could go on and do anything I wanted to."

During her campus visit, Covert sat in on an upper level class being taught by German professor Rick Weber and felt fully engaged in the discussion. Her decision to major in the language came after exchanging e-mails with Weber over the summer and taking a German course her first term at Transy.

Since then, Covert has participated in the Transatlantic Program run by the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, headquartered in Chicago, and studied

abroad for a semester at the University of Regensburg through the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, first working with the business community and then studying German language, literature, and culture.

"German has become the favorite part of my Transy educational experience," Covert said. "I added a business administration major as a complement to my German studies. I was looking for a way I could use German throughout my life."

Covert's long-range goal is to complete an MBA and work in the area of German-American business relationships.

"During the summer I spent in Berlin with the Transatlantic Program, I worked at Berlin Partner, the marketing and development agency for Berlin," Covert said. "That's what I want to do in my future, and it was a perfect situation for learning."

Another aspect of the liberal arts experience has to do with finding connections between seemingly disparate fields of knowledge. Covert has seen her professors make those connections, and has contributed some of her own.

"In a business class, I was called on to talk about what happened in Germany economically after World War I, because I know the history from my German studies," she said. "In a marketing class, I was asked to talk about the culture of Germany, since I have now lived there twice."

Transylvania's small size is working to Covert's advantage, especially in advising, with Weber for her German major and business administration professor Julia Poynter for her business studies.

"Because of Transy's small classes, my professors have come to know me very well, and I'm receiving great advising. Dr. Poynter recently suggested that I check out events in Lexington that might attract German-speaking visitors. Dr. Weber told me of a Transy graduate working at a German marketing company. I'm looking forward to knowing I will have a relationship with these professors even after I've left Transylvania."



## JOHN KROMER

### Following his instincts

When senior John Kromer made a list of what he was looking for in a college, it included a small campus, an NCAA Division III swim team, and an accounting major. Transylvania offered those things, but it was something else that influenced Kromer to apply.

"I came for a visit," he said, "and as I was walking across campus, there was a girl I didn't know sitting there and she said, 'Hi, how are you?' I looked around and there was no one else. She was talking to me. It was the friendliness that sealed it for me."

As for the list, Kromer, who was a swimmer in high school in Independence, W. Va., decided to forego swimming for study time and was unable to schedule an accounting course his first term.

"It was a blessing," he said. "I had taken chemistry in high school, so I took that instead and something about it just made sense to me."

Now completing a double major in chemistry and French with a biology minor, Kromer plans to attend graduate school in chemistry and is leaning toward a career as a chemistry professor. He got a taste of that when he presented research with chemistry professor Gerald Seebach at an American Chemical Society conference last year.

"The chemistry program here really encourages you to get involved in research," he said. "I spent the summer here doing research with Dr. Seebach. I also got a summer Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Minnesota, where I worked with Peter Carr, who is forefront in his field in chromatography."

Kromer will return to the ACS convention this year to present research that he first conducted for his senior seminar.

"In my science classes, I've learned how to explain my work," he said. "I've learned how to speak somewhat eloquently and be convincing."

But Kromer's time is not spent entirely with left brain pursuits. A trombone player for 12 years, he is also a member of the Transylvania

band.

"Music has always come naturally," he said. "It's really mathematical to me. Especially playing trombone—there are seven slide positions—so that's how I've been able to do it."

When music professor Ben Hawkins offered a May term course on beginning and refresher wind instruments two years ago, Kromer knew Hawkins was hoping to recruit new band members, but he asked if

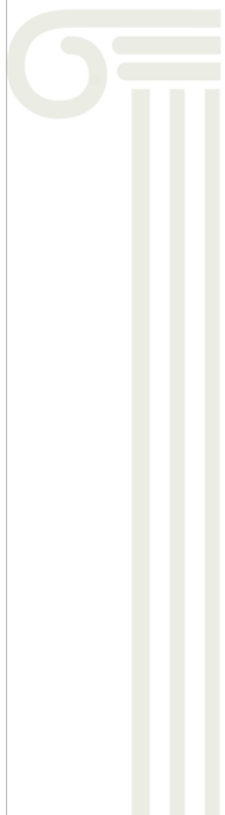
he could take the course and learn to play a new instrument.

"I thought, 'What does no one else play?' he said, "I know—bassoon."

The bassoon clicked for Kromer too, and he has played the instrument in the concert band ever since.

"Music is fun for me," he said, "I can go there and relax. Chemistry is so analytical. Music is more interpretive. I'm not sure I really understood what liberal arts meant





## MARY AWONIYI

### Living her dream

when I came here, but I've been living it with all the opportunities we have."

Senior Oluwaseye (Mary) Awoniyi made her mind up about her future when she was 12 years old. That was when she announced that she wanted to be a lawyer and serve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U. S. Army, and Awoniyi hasn't wavered from her dream in spite of seeming obstacles.

"I joined ROTC in high school," she said. "On the first day, the cadet commander said, 'There's never been a female cadet battalion commander at this school and there never will be,' so I was determined, and I worked hard, and I realized it was something I really loved. It taught me something about who I was."

Awoniyi was awarded the battalion position her senior year, further confirming her Army goal.

"I knew that in order to do what I wanted to do in the Army, I needed a college education," she said.

Awoniyi's family moved from her native Nigeria to Louisville when she was six years old. Although it was a difficult transition that required her to overcome a language barrier,

Awoniyi was an avid reader. An English teacher her senior year of high school told her that an English major would be good preparation for the study of law.

"He told me that would teach me how to analyze, how to articulate my thoughts," she said.

Though she planned to attend the University of Kentucky, the Transylvania table at a college fair caught Awoniyi's eye.

"I learned about the small class sizes and the student-faculty ratio and all these great things about Transy, but I wanted to do ROTC at UK," she said. "When I found out that I could still do that and come to Transy, I realized that UK had everything I wanted, but Transy had everything I wanted and everything I needed."

A history buff, Awoniyi considered a major in political science, but ultimately took her high school teacher's advice. She will graduate with a major in English and a double minor in German and anthropology.

She chose the Army National Guard as a stepping stone to active duty. "I'm studying German hoping that the Army might send me to Ger-

many," she said, "and it will also be helpful if I go into international law."

She feels the same way about her study of anthropology.

"It will help me understand a variety of cultures," she said. "Working in the legal world—laws, cultures, rules, are different."

A paralegal in the Army National Guard, Awoniyi has learned to balance her time between her duties with her unit and her responsibilities on campus, where she has been involved in a wide array of activities, including serving as a student orientation leader and an admissions assistant and being a cheerleader.

"If you don't want to sleep, time management isn't hard," she joked. "I've had to make some sacrifices, but it's taught me that in order to succeed you have to make choices. You sometimes have to say, 'No, I can't go out to eat Friday night, I have to write that paper.'"

Awoniyi is confident that her experiences at Transy will carry her toward her goals.

"I've had the opportunity to sit in a classroom and voice my opinions," she said, "and talk to pro-



## SHANE McGUIRE

### Pre-med studies with a twist

fessors in class—things I know will take me much further than I can imagine.”

Shane McGuire had a pre-med course of study in mind when he arrived at Transylvania, and he soon settled on a biology major, a popular undergraduate route to medical school. But he was also searching for a way to make his Transy learning experience different in some meaningful way. He took advantage of the flexibility offered at a liberal arts college to make that happen.

“I originally had minors in both economics and religion,” McGuire said, “but I really liked the New Testament class because it came at the subject from a historical and scientific perspective. I got to see how other people approach the Biblical text.”

The junior from Lexington decided to pursue a second major in religion while still taking some economics courses. “I’m interested in how religion and science go together in our culture, since science deals with the natural and religion with the supernatural.”

McGuire went to Turkey and

Greece with religion professor Paul Jones in his May term course, Paul and the Roman Empire, and found the learning experience memorable. “I hear about all those places in class, but when you see the professor give a lecture on the site, nothing compares with that.” He’s taking another May term travel course this year, Journey Through the Bible, which visits Israel and Egypt.

Even though religion has taken precedence as a way of adding variety to his pre-med studies, McGuire still values the economics courses he has taken. “It’s a great background to have, especially if I wanted to run my own practice someday or be more knowledgeable about investments.”

As for his overall learning experience at Transy, McGuire has found that the University’s small classes characteristic of a liberal arts college have several important benefits. He chose Transy after sitting in on a class at both a large, comprehensive university and at Transy.

“The small class challenges you more than a large class at a big school,” McGuire said. “You have to show up

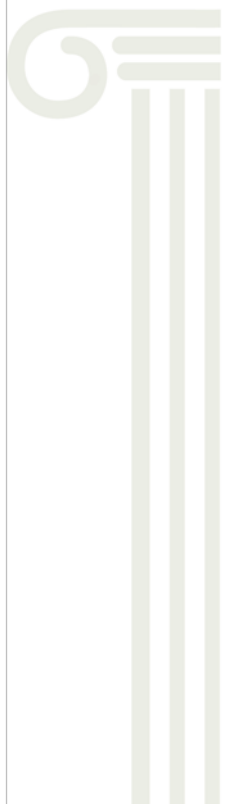
prepared, because there’s a good chance your professor will call on you. That pushes you to stay on top of things. It’s also easy to ask questions with only 15 people in your class. Usually, if you ask it, everyone else in the room is thinking it.”

Outside the classroom, McGuire is head resident adviser for Clay and Davis residence halls, a job that is giving him lots of leadership learning. After a year as a resident adviser, his management role now is to motivate the other advisers to do their jobs. It’s teaching him a lot about how to deal with people. “I have friends in every fraternity, and when something’s going down, I find those people and have them take responsibility for fixing it.”

McGuire also finds time to be pledge educator for his own fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, and a member of Student Government Association and Transy’s NCAA Division III intercollegiate golf team.

“I’m still trying to figure out exactly what I want to do with my life, and Transy is helping me with that. A liberal arts education is





## MARCIE SMITH

### Crafting solutions

When junior Marcie Smith, who is a William T. Young Scholar, came to Transylvania for her scholarship interview, she stayed with Charlene Rubio, who is now a senior. At the time, Rubio was majoring in international affairs, a major that's not on the books at Transylvania, but one that can be created with approval from the academic dean.

"Charlene was heading down this path, and I knew that's what I was looking for," Smith said. "Because it is a self-designed major, it is individualized. You have some control over the courses you take. That made it appealing to me."

Smith, from Richmond, Ky., is now working toward a double major in French and international affairs. "This combination allows me to take an interdisciplinary approach, and that flexibility has been great. I have a lot of interests, and I've been able to explore those while maintaining a coherency."

The same can be said of Smith's minor in environmental studies. "I just picked up the environmental studies minor," she said. "I've never considered myself interested or good

at the natural sciences, but I recently took Intro to Biology, and had I taken it my first year, I could see myself torn between Brown Science Center and Haupt Humanities."

Smith also audited an ecology course and is spending this spring in Madagascar as part of an ecology and conservation program, where her love of French will come into play.

"I knew that I wanted to study abroad, and I knew that I was fascinated by Francophone Africa," she said. "Madagascar seemed like a good fit because it also has this environmental focus."

When she submitted her application to the program, Smith had to make a compelling case that her perspective was going to enrich the experience. "I was writing as a social science major applying for a program that was explicitly natural science," she said. "I had to prove that I could contribute to the independent research portion of the trip."

To that end, Smith is focusing on environmental policy or environmental security in Madagascar, which is the direction she plans to take after graduation.

"Whether I go directly into the workforce or to graduate school," she said, "I want to focus on this emerging field that looks at national and international security priorities through an environmental perspective."

Her interest in environmental work was born during the summer of 2006 when she interned at the Lexington Sister Cities Commission and saw the film, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

"I was moved," she said, "and a group of us decided to host a screening of the film on campus. That turned into a showing at the Kentucky Theater followed by a panel discussion with (U. S. representative) Ben Chandler, (economics professor) Alan Bartley, and (biology professor) James Wagner."

From there, Smith was instrumental in forming TERRA (Transylvania Environmental Rights and Responsibilities Alliance), Transy's on-campus environmental group. She is no longer the head of TERRA, but watching the change in leadership has been a rewarding experience for her.

"I think my generation is trying to craft solutions," she said. "That's exciting, regardless of what the issue



# Alumni

## NEWS & NOTES

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1970 Crimson

■ Ann Goff Tomlin '70 was crowned Miss Transylvania and Joshua Santana '70 was Mr. Pioneer in 1970. Doing the honors are the late vice president and dean of the liberal arts college John R. Bryden '37 and his wife, Elaine Hume Bryden '48. Tomlin is a semi-retired teacher living in Maysville, Ky., and Santana practices law at Joshua E. Santana, PSC, in Lexington. John Bryden, who served Transylvania for 51 years, at various times as student director of music ensembles, professor, academic dean, provost, vice president, and trustee, died in 2001. Elaine Bryden lives in Lexington and is a retired teacher.

'40 **Nena Hale Hash**, Galax, Va., and her husband, Kelly, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Both are still active, well, busy, and happy.

'41 **Harry K. Buttermore** and **Betty Talbott Buttermore** '42, Lexington, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on November 28.

'49 **Joyce Spalding Leverett**, Lexington, retired from teaching in Fayette County in 1992 after 37 years, but is still working in the family business, Spalding's Bakery, with her daughters and other family members. Spalding's was featured in the November issue of *Business Lexington*.

'52 **Mildred Nisbet Gould**, Chambersburg, Pa., a retired college and high school counselor, celebrated her 50th

wedding anniversary in August. She has five grandchildren, who call her "Pearl."

**Patsy Barton Seay**, Bloomfield, Ky., enjoyed a week-long cruise of the Hawaiian Islands in October. Her March knee replacement surgery didn't hinder her a bit.

'54 **Stanley B. McWhorter**, Dayton, Ohio, continues writing and publishing with an emphasis in English Romanticism. He is active on the lecture circuit in history, government, and political science as part of the University of Dayton's continuing university studies, and is an exchange professor from the U.S. to Heidelberg University and Université de Leon.

'56 **Eleanor A. Botts**, Cincinnati, was inducted into the University of Kentucky School of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame in October.

**Terry L. Cummins**, New Albany, Ind., published his first novel titled *Briny's Gift*. The book examines why it's more blessed to give than to receive and can be purchased from the author at [tlctlc@aol.com](mailto:tlctlc@aol.com) or (812) 945-9401, or Destinations Booksellers at [destinationsbooksellers.com](http://destinationsbooksellers.com) or (812) 944-5116.

'58 **Bobbie Gayle Bryant Amato**, Lexington, retired from Avant Travel in June 2006 but returned part time in 2007.

'61 **Eleanor Lollis Rose**, Charlotte, N.C., represented Transylvania on October 27 at the presidential inauguration at Davidson College.

'64 **Darryl A. Spencer**, Pineville, N.C., is an associate professor of English at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte.

He writes for the on-line 'zine *Charlotte-ViewPoint.org*. Darryl is in the phone book if anyone is passing through and would like to say hello or meet for good barbecue or Vietnamese or something even *haute-er*.

**'68 Michael R. Nichols**, Versailles, Ky., rep-

resented Transylvania on October 27 at the presidential inauguration at Brescia University.

**'69 Lynn Swetnam Boone**, Louisville, and her husband, Bob, traveled throughout North Carolina and made a trip to the British Isles during the fall. She continues to volunteer at a historic home by helping with fund raisers, giving tours, and demonstrating weaving.

**'70 Robert A. Roy** and his wife, Jody, moved to West Virginia. Rob still works as an IT management consultant for Plexent, and Jody is the office manager at Avalon Resort.

**'71 Vicki O. Ray**, Waddy, Ky., retired after over 30 years in the public health and environmental protection field. She graduated in May with a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary and was ordained in June. She is now pastor of the Salvisa Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**'72 James H. Gearhart** has been in Jefferson City, Mo., as a hospital chaplain since 2003. He and his wife are empty-nesters. Jim invites classmates to look him up if they are ever in the area.

#### TRANSYLVANIA ALUMS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF DISTINCTION

Five Transy alums were inducted into the Bryan Station High School Alumni Association's Hall of Distinction in October 2007: **John M. Compton '62**, Lexington, a former teacher, coach, and assistant U.S. attorney; **Wyatt L. Gragg '70**, Prospect, Ky., a sculptor; **Karen S. Campbell '76**, a teacher in Germany; **Cheryl A. Truman '79**, Lexington, a books editor and columnist for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*; and **Michael W. Nicholson '96**, Lexington, an assistant professor of business administration at Transylvania.



■ Chi Omega sisters and members of the class of 1964, front row, from left, Kay Taylor Gevedon and Juliet Ellis Crumrine; back row, from left, Marianne Carter Humphries, Mary Anne Clarke, and Andrea Stone Bales, are pictured in September 2007 at their annual gathering in Leitchfield Beach, S.C.

**'74 Robert C. Grant**, Griffin, Ga., continues to teach elementary school music in Thomaston, Ga.

**'75 Kathryn M. Shafer**, Knoxville, Tenn., has been teaching advanced placement English at South Doyle High School for seven years. She plans on traveling to Daytona Beach, Fla., this summer to score the essay portion of the College Board test.

**'80 Marc A. Mathews**, Lexington, has been named treasurer for the University of Kentucky.

**'82 Steven R. Zweigart**, Maysville, Ky., has opened a solo law office in Flemingsburg. He can be reached by e-mail at [steve.zweigart@gmail.com](mailto:steve.zweigart@gmail.com).

**'83 J. Drane Stephens**, Eminence, Ky., is a certified diabetic educator and has added to his practice a Center for Diabetic Education.

**'84 Clifton L. Gooch** was named chair of neurology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine and will move to Tampa in the spring.

**'86 Gregory L. Chrzczon**, Beacon Falls, Conn., is director of software development for Allen Systems Group's Rye, N.Y., office.

**'87 Bradley T. Thomason**, New York City, is in two commercials currently running for etrade and New Hampshire Cooperative. He recently wrapped his first lead role in a feature-length independent

film, *Filthy Rich, Filthy Uncle Phil*, which will be released in the spring.

**Robert T. Watson**, Louisville, a partner in the law office of Landrum & Shouse, has been elected president of the board of directors of the non-profit Kentucky Center for Special Children's Services dba Carriage House Preschool in Louisville. As board president, he was also a featured speaker at a press conference given by U.S. Representative John Yarmuth introducing the Empowering Children with Autism through Education Act to the U.S. Congress in July.

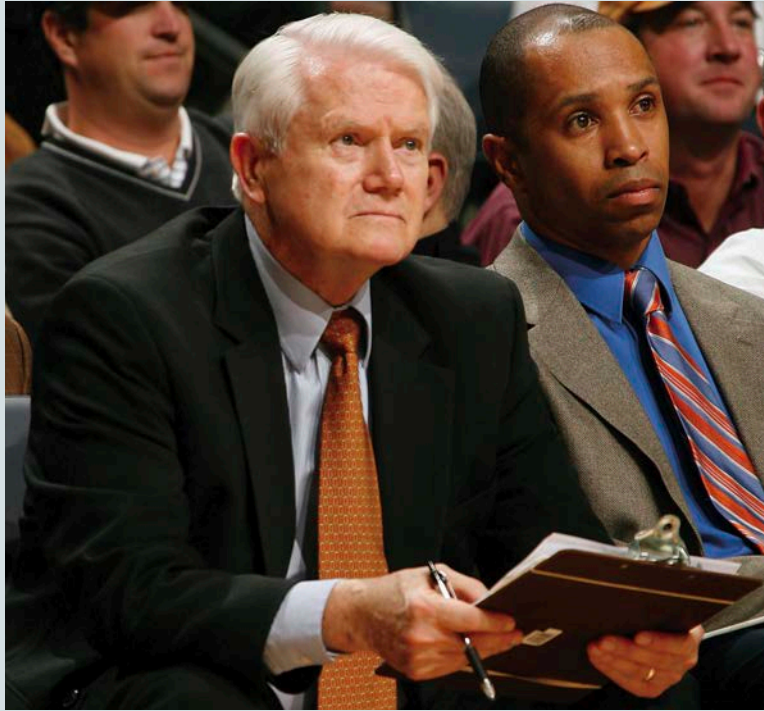
**'88 Gwen Williamson Mathews**, Lexington, a realtor with Re/Max, was named to the Quality Service Certified 2007 Honor Roll. From a national field of 30,000 real estate agents, she was ranked No. 20 and received the 2006 Platinum Level Award.

**'90 Renee Deaton Fister**, Murray, Ky., received promotion to full professor of mathematics and statistics at Murray State University. She can be reached at [renee.fister@murraystate.edu](mailto:renee.fister@murraystate.edu).

**Cynthia M. Ganote**, Berkeley, Calif., is an assistant professor of sociology at Saint Mary's College of California. Prior to moving to the Bay Area, she taught at the University of Louisville, where she received a teaching award titled "Faculty Favorites," which was given by students to 14 professors across all schools at U of L. She was a faculty member at the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program at Bellarmine University for the last two summers. E-mail her at



## Still into the game after 50 years



■ **Lee Rose is back on the bench as lead assistant coach for the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats. His coaching career began 50 years ago at Versailles (Ky.) High School.**

**Seven years after** apparently ending his extensive full-time basketball coaching career when he retired in 2001 as assistant coach for the Charlotte Hornets of the National Basketball Association, Lee Rose '58 finds himself back on the court as lead assistant to head coach Sam Vincent for the same team (now known as the Bobcats).

"Sam was a promising young coach I worked with in the NBA's Developmental League," Rose says. "He said, 'Look, if I ever get a head coaching job, I want you to go with me.' You know, that's pie in the sky, a big wish. Because my wife and I love Charlotte and have grandchildren here, I told Sam I would help him only if he came to Charlotte, never dreaming that anything like that would happen."

When Vincent was offered the job last year, one of his first calls was to Rose, who accepted the lead assistant position. In this role, Rose handles all of the administrative details associated with being a head coach, which includes game responsibilities.

"Sam depends on me to maintain orderly information to him as it relates to match-ups, a strategy change I think might be appropriate, how many timeouts and fouls we have, and other priorities as the game progresses," Rose says. He also tracks off-court matters like community involvement for Vincent.

Rose's background for his position consists of a virtual lifetime of basketball coaching and administration that began in 1958 when he accepted a teaching and coaching job at Versailles (Ky.) High School immediately after graduating from Transylvania. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his start in basketball.

Rose was an assistant coach, first under C. M. Newton at Transylvania and later at the University of Cincinnati, before returning to his alma mater to coach the Pioneers for eight seasons (1964-65, 1968-75) and compile a 160-57 record (.737 percent).

After leaving Transy, Rose took two NCAA Division I teams—the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Purdue University—to the Final Four and coached seven seasons at the University of South Florida, winning National Coach of the Year (1977) and Big 10 Coach of the Year (1980) honors. His NBA career has taken him to the San Antonio Spurs, New Jersey Nets, and Milwaukee Bucks before landing his first position with Charlotte in 1996.

Rose also has considerable international coaching experience. He coached the United States team at the 1979 Soviet Union Spartakade Games and at the 1985 World University Games in Japan, and was co-coach for the U.S. squad at the 1983 International Basketball Federation Games in Switzerland.

Regardless of how far around the globe (more than 30 countries

so far) his travels take him, Rose has warm memories of his Transylvania years. He and Eleanor Lollis Rose '61 were married during her sophomore year and were part of the Transy family in every possible way for many years.

After earning a master's degree from the University of Kentucky, Rose left Versailles High School to join the Transylvania faculty and coaching staff in 1959, a job that included being director of the dormitories. He and Eleanor lived first in Ewing Hall, then in Hazelrigg Hall, and both of their children—Michael and Mark—arrived while they were living in the dorms.

Eleanor remembers well the challenges of starting a

family in campus housing while Lee was getting his start in coaching, but credits Transylvania with providing an ideal support system.

"Our Transy years were a great place for Lee to get his feet wet in coaching because it was such a nurturing environment," she remembers. "It was a demanding life, with young children, but I was in a comfortable place in many ways. Mitchell Clark was an English professor who was a mentor to me."

The odd schedules required when building a life around basketball games often called for flexibility in family matters. "We used to have Mike and Mark's birthday cakes at breakfast, because Lee would have to be at a game or out recruiting that evening," Eleanor recalls with a laugh.

Eleanor and Lee have been a team for Rose's entire career. As usual, she was the first person he consulted with when Vincent offered him his position. "I wouldn't be what I am if it weren't for her," Rose says.

Outside of coaching, Rose began the Middle School Project in recent years, in conjunction with Forward the Fifth, a non-profit organization. Rose came to Transylvania from West Irvine, Ky., a small town in Appalachia. Today, he is giving back to the region by visiting middle schools in Kentucky's 42 Appalachian counties, talking with small groups of students to encourage them to stay in school.

"Nationwide, 30 percent of all high school students drop out," Rose says. "I've spoken to about 10,000 students so far, in 33 of the 42 counties. I'm going to do them all."

What is there about coaching that would draw a person back to an active position in it after 50 years of practices and game days?

"Coaching is a profession that keeps you young and involved with people," Rose says. "I enjoyed tremendously working with college kids, and I enjoy the relationships I have with NBA players as well. It's a full and active life."

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



## Jennifer Moore named chair of Kentucky Democratic Party

**Jennifer Moore '95** became the youngest state Democratic party chair in the nation in December 2007 when the Kentucky Democratic Party State Central Executive Committee voted

unanimously to name her to that position.

Moore, an attorney with the Louisville firm of Grossman & Moore, PLLC, was a political science major at Transylvania. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and has been active with the Democratic party for many years.

"I am excited to begin laying the groundwork necessary to continue the successes of Democrats in Kentucky," Moore said. "Working together with our new Democratic governor and constitutional officers, as well as Democratic leaders all across the state, we can build a better tomorrow."

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**David C. Hoffman**, Palo Alto, Calif., is an associate in the Palo Alto law office of Morrison & Foerster. If any of his classmates are visiting the San Francisco Bay Area, please drop him an e-mail at dch28@cornell.edu.

**'91 Theo "Alan" Edmonds**, Lexington, has launched an art/design/philanthropy company with national aspirations called Hillbilly Chic that seeks to transform the negative stereotypes usually associated with the term "hillbilly" into a chic trend in high art and urban design in metropolitan markets. For more information, visit [www.coollifeky.com](http://www.coollifeky.com).

**'92 Tina Lemire** and her husband, Mark, have happily settled in the Seattle area.



■ Transylvania alums enrolled in the master's degree program in public administration at Morehead State University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy attended the National Lawyers Convention of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policies Studies in Washington, D.C., in November 2007. From left, **Brad McLean '07**, **Erik Weber '07**, **Elizabeth Poindexter '07**, **Drew Grey '06**, and **Jack Branum '07**. They heard addresses by President George Bush, Chief Justice John Roberts, Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito, Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, Democratic presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meece.

Tina left IBM (and Kentucky) to take a job with Microsoft in the Xbox division working on the user interface for the Games for Windows Live service.

**Susan B. Marine**, Waltham, Mass., represented Transylvania on October 12, 2007, at the presidential inauguration at Harvard College.

**'93 Donald E. Martin**, Charlotte, N.C., has joined the law firm of Powell Goldstein in its recently opened Charlotte office and will focus his practice in the area of commercial and real estate transactions.

**Matthew H. Walls**, Chelsea, Mich., is director of information services for Domino's Pizza, LLC. His wife, Karen, and his son, Zach, live in Ann Arbor, where Karen teaches high school. Matthew would love to hear from folks from Transy. He can be contacted at [mhwalls@live.com](mailto:mhwalls@live.com).

**Joey E. Tucker**, Lexington, has accepted a director's job at Milward Funeral Directors.

**'94 Cleveland S. "Landy" Townsend** and **Allison Sheckels Townsend '96** moved back to North Carolina and live in Wake Forest with their sons, John and Ben. Landy is a product manager in the marketing department of Salix Pharmaceuticals and Allie is a stay-at-home mom.

**'95 John Paul Hill**, Cuthbert, Ga., has been named Andrew College's interim head cross country coach. He is also an assistant professor of history at the school.

**'96 Natasa Pajic**, Lexington, was elected to the board of directors of CASE-KY at the annual conference in December of the Kentucky chapter of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.



**'97 Chrissy Boblitt Evans**, Prospect, Ky., has been promoted to senior business systems analyst for Brown-

Forman Corporation.

**Erin Weaver McGee**, Cynthia, Ky., has completed her master of library and information science degree (her second advanced degree). She still works as a consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education.

**'98 Angela Key Fox**, Lexington, is a realtor with Rector-Hayden and represents Barlow Homes.

**Christie Bane Kissick**, Lexington, is a physical therapist at the University of Kentucky.

**Anna Kremer-Schmitt Pray** and her husband, Marty, live in Louisville with their three children, Alex, 5, Marilyn, 3, and Luke, 1.

**Anand V. Narayanappa**, Phoenix, was named a diplomate in the American Board of Anesthesiology. He was also made partner with Valley Anesthesiology Consultants and is working as a neuroanesthesiologist at the Barrow Neurologic Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

**Brandy Johnson Nelson**, Winchester, Ky., is the assistant biosafety officer at the University of Kentucky.



■ **Tammy Hammond Natof '99** is congratulated by her professor, **Raymond G. Romanczyk**, at a dinner reception in her honor.

**'99 Tammy Hammond Natof**, Merrick, N.Y., successfully defended her dissertation at The State University of New York in Binghamton in November, earning a doctoral degree in clinical psychology.

**Jennifer Dierolf Trent**, Palm City, Fla., received the Certified Shopping Center Manager designation through the International Council of Shopping Centers in October. She is nationally recognized as having extensive knowledge of the financial, legal, development, and marketing facets of shopping center and mall management.



**'01 Whitney Harmon**, Memphis, an attorney with Glankler Brown, has been awarded the first Frank J. Glankler Jr. Pro Bono Award given



by James S. Gilliland and Glankler Brown law firm in memory of Mr. Glankler.

**Mitchell L. Meade** and his wife, **Jacqueline Sieglar Meade '02**, live in Dayton, Ohio. Mitch received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry in December from The Ohio State University and is a chemist with the U. S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

**'02 Zachary S. McCarty**, Chattanooga, was named director of clinics at SouthEast Eye Specialists in Chattanooga after completing a 13-month residency in pediatric medicine and ocular disease.

**Jennifer Akins Patterson**, Stamping Ground, Ky., received her master of arts in military studies from the American Military University in June. She and her husband, Frank, have two daughters, Kristen, 3, and Rebecca, 6 months.

**'03 Angela Mueller Ferguson** and her husband bought their first house in Latonia, Ky. Angie is the court administrator for the Kenton County Family Court as well as a volunteer and auxiliary staff member for the Women's Crisis Center.

**Jennifer G. Hillman** purchased her first condo in Maineville, Ohio. She is pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati.



**Eric Thomason**, Lexington, is running for the city's 3rd District Urban County Council seat. His Web site is [www.thomasonforcouncil.com](http://www.thomasonforcouncil.com).

**Jonathan D. Upton**, Louisville, is an investment strategist at Lamkin Wealth Management.

**Benjamin E. Vessels**, Louisville, graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in May and is working toward his master's degree. His wife, **Cassey Harper Vessels '04**, will graduate from U of L Medical School this May.

**'04 Brian T. Beitzel**, St. Paul, Minn., accepted a career appointment with the U. S. Postal Service at the Information Technology/Accounting Center in Eagan, Minn.

**Joseph U. Leonoro**, Charleston, W. Va., has joined the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson and will focus his practice in the area of employment law.

**Sarah E. Tingle**, Crestwood, Ky., graduated from Bellarmine University in December

with a doctorate of physical therapy degree.

**'05 Jessica R. Hamlet**, Lexington, is associate curator at the Headley-Whitney Museum.

**Claire D. Selby**, Sullivan Island, S.C., is studying jewelry design and gold smithing at the Staatliche Zeichenakademie Hanau in Frankfurt, Germany.

**Jackie G. "Jason" Thompson**, Shepherdsville, Ky., received his master of music degree in composition from Ball State University in May and is pursuing his doctor of musical arts in composition at the University of Arizona, where he is the recipient of a graduate fellowship.

**'06 Samuel M. Arnett** is employed by the Misawa Board of Education in Misawa, Aomori, Japan. He was awarded this position through the JET Program for the 2007-08 program year and is planning to re-contract for the 2008-09 program year as well.

**Catherine S. "Katie" Bartlett** will graduate with merit in July with a master's degree in English literature from the University of Wales, Swansea. She currently works in northern Germany as an au pair for an American/German family and will return to the United States in August to pursue a career in education or publishing.

**'07 Melissa Coombs**, Lexington, has joined the CPA firm of Dean, Dorton & Ford.

**Jodi M. Garrison**, Lexington, has joined the CPA firm of Dean, Dorton & Ford.

## MARRIAGES

**Ike W. Callaway '69** and Kristy Smith, August 4, 2007

**Rebecca Lynn Groh '93** and Darren Platt, December 15, 2007

**Gregory O. Shenton '97** and Kara Christine Macksoud, June 30, 2006

**Albert Samuel "Bo" Warren '97** and Danielle Denae Gillespie, June 23, 2007

**Christina Margaret Eversole '03** and **John Rippetoe Hayne II '03**, May 19, 2007



**Benjamin Eugene Vessels '03** and **Cassey Marie Harper '04**, March 31, 2007

**Steve Ryan Pratt '06** and Kyrsten Lillehei, August 11, 2007

**Jill Erin Taylor '06** and **James Christopher Rose '06**, June 9, 2007

## BIRTHS

**Leah Hawkins Steppe '88** and Bryan Steppe, a son, Charles Bryan Steppe II, September 3, 2007

**Stephanie Miller Broering '90** and Thomas Broering, a daughter, Allie Rose Broering, September 18, 2007

**James B. Napier '90** and **Stacy A. O'Reilly '91**, a daughter, Rhys Elizabeth Napier, August 15, 2007

**K. Jane Grande-Allen '91** and Michael S. Allen, a daughter, Sydney Madeleine Allen, June 13, 2007

**Jenny Lynn Varner Hatter '93** and Harland Hatter, a son, Harrison Clay Hatter, November 24, 2007



**Amber Smith Miller '93** and Marc Miller, a son, Gage Thomas Miller, October 2, 2007

**Joey A. Tucker '93** and Larissa H. Tucker, a daughter, Haylee Reagan Tucker, December 20, 2007

**Elizabeth Harvey Matson '94** and Michael Matson, a son, Nicholas James Matson, November 19, 2007

**William T. Kissick II '95** and Marian Kissick, a daughter, Catherine Madison Kissick, September 17, 2007

**Angela Key Fox '98** and Brian Fox, a son, Jacob Matthew Fox, July 1, 2007

**Christie Bane Kissick '98** and Jerry Kissick, a daughter, Morgan Grace Kissick, June 8, 2007

**Mackenzie Riney Leachman '98** and **David C. Leachman '97**, a son, Charles William Leachman, November 9, 2007

**Leigh Ann Blackburn Napier '98** and Mike Napier, a daughter, Halle Kathryn Napier, October 24, 2006

**Brandy Johnson Nelson '98** and John Nelson, a son, Truth Barrett Nelson, October 13, 2007



## Providing a familial approach to healthcare

### **If Jennifer Lail Wertman '75**

could snap her fingers and fix one healthcare problem in this country, she would see to it that every child had health insurance.

"With as much wealth as this country has and as much money as we spend on healthcare, every child should be insured and every child should have a medical home—a place where they are known by a person, where they have a record," she said.

Wertman, a primary care pediatrician at Chapel Hill Pediatrics and Adolescents, served as North Carolina's representative to the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality's Medical Home Learning Collaborative on Children with Special Health Care Needs in 2003, and continues to serve in a leadership role as project director of the North Carolina Title V Medical Home Grant Project. The focus of the project is the "medical home" concept, a model for providing special needs children with primary care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, and culturally effective.

Said Wertman, "We ask, what are the ways we take care of these children? What are the communication obstacles? What are the things that make it hard for a child who has leukemia, for instance, to be cared for when the leukemia is in remission? They go back to their regular doctor and then what happens?"

This is the heart of Wertman's work. With the amount of specialized care for children now, including intensive care units, cancer treatments, and treatment surrounding premature birth, she's seeing more and more patients with chronic conditions.

"One in every five homes has a child with a special healthcare need," Wertman said, "and approximately 18 percent have a chronic health condition—something that's going to last longer than a year, something that's going to require more services than a 'regular' child."

This work with special needs patients has become a primary focus for Wertman, who has been in practice for 27 years.

"I really like taking care of complex children, and it has become a niche for me," she said. "The chronic conditions of children are the ones that are compelling us these days. When I was a younger pediatrician, we worked a lot with infectious disease. With vaccines, many of those diseases have been immunized away. Now, instead of treating children with pneumonia and meningitis, we're treating depression, chronic asthma, obesity—things you can't fix in a 10-minute visit."

Wertman's practice over the years has evolved to reflect this shift, and that's where the "medical home" concept comes into play.

"Part of what the medical system is dealing with is adapting from the acute care visit to the chronic care model, where you actually are dealing with conditions over time, you're assuring that the con-



■ **Jennifer Lail Wertman '75, a primary care pediatrician at Chapel Hill Pediatrics and Adolescents, works closely with families like the Nelsons, six siblings all treated by Wertman.**

ditions are cared for, and you're measuring that the condition is getting better."

Realizing that the acute visit model doesn't work for the chronic care condition, Wertman turned her attention to how to take care of people long term and provide on-going support.

"When I was in medical school, a baby born at 26 weeks gestation was not considered viable," she said. "There was no question about whether or not you were going to resuscitate. Now, a 26-week baby is resuscitated, put in intensive care, cared for for three or four months, sent out to a pediatrician, and has the issues related to extreme prematurity."

Wertman said the number of children with chronic conditions is increasing because survival rates

from prematurity and trauma are increasing. Children severely injured in car accidents, for example, are taken to intensive care units that have the high technology to care for them.

"The results of that event have to be cared for long term," Wertman said, "Whether they be learning issues or problems with mobility."

In Wertman's busy practice, she takes care of children with conditions like cerebral palsy and down syndrome, and while she acknowledges that she sees sorrows in her line of work, she also witnesses many joys. It is the notion of family that is at the center of what she does.

"I have a great time," she said. "It's an amazing gift to be a part of people's lives over a span of time. I get to watch families grow up."

A child herself when she first knew what she wanted to do with her life, Wertman announced her desire to be a pediatrician at the family dinner table when she was in the eighth grade.

Years later, it was from the lobby of Forrer Hall that she called her mother to say that she had been accepted into medical school, and she considers her Transylvania education a gift that set the tone for her career.

"(Former chemistry professor) Monroe Moosnick is close to sainthood in my book," she said. "The faculty is the thing that is so rich at Transy. My professors at Transy understood college students. They could recognize our cognitive potential and keep it directed where it needed to be."

Wertman attended the University of Kentucky Medical School and completed residencies in pediatrics at the University of Florida Shands Teaching Hospital and Duke University Medical Center. In 2005, Transylvania presented her with a Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of contributions to her profession, community, and alma mater.

—LORI-LYN HURLEY



## SPANISH PILGRIMAGE IS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR RACHEL WILSON '07

**Rachel Wilson '07 struggles to explain exactly why** she decided to walk 500 miles across the breadth of northern Spain last fall after graduating from Transylvania, all the while deferring her graduate school plans, and freely admits that she discovered no startling revelations about herself during her 38-day pilgrimage. Even so, it's obvious she wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

"One beautiful morning during the first week, we were climbing a little path through the trees and came out on a huge grassy knoll where you could look back and see the mountains you had crossed and then ahead to where you're going," Wilson recalled. "I stood there for several minutes. It was such an amazing feeling, just being in Spain, and I thought, 'This is where I'm supposed to be right now.'"

That otherworldly experience was actually in contrast to most of Wilson's days, which she says were a real-life adventure consisting of making new friends, seeing beautiful and memorable sites in Spain, and trying very hard to keep her backpack dry on rainy days.

Wilson became one of uncounted pilgrims over a 1000-year period who have walked the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James in English, a traditional pilgrimage route. She walked alone and with others while beginning just over the French border in St. Jean Pied de Port and arriving more than a month later in Santiago near Spain's west coast, staying at hostels each night along the way.



At various times, Wilson's walking companions were a speech therapist from Scotland, a filmmaker from Germany, and two older women—one from Montreal, the other from Denmark—who "adopted" her. "They were my grandmas," she says. "They took me under their wing and tended my blisters."

At the end of her pilgrimage, Wilson stayed in Europe for six more weeks, spending part of the time with her mother and part with Trans students Katie Grisanti and Jessica Jarboe, who were doing a study abroad program in Grenada.

Wilson majored in Spanish at Trans and developed a love for Spain and its culture that

prompted her to undertake the pilgrimage. Spanish professor Veronica Dean-Thacker was her adviser and a major influence on her love of the language and the country. She will begin the Hispanic Studies program at the University of Kentucky in the fall.

Wilson says her love of Spain made the pilgrimage decision a relatively easy one.

"It was the first time in my life where I had the freedom to make a decision, other than going straight to college, and of course I would go to Spain," she says. "It was a great adventure, and I loved meeting all those people and hearing the things they had done with their lives."

■ **Rachel Wilson pauses at a roadside marker as she enters the Galicia region and nears Santiago, the ultimate destination of her 500-mile, 38-day pilgrimage across northern Spain.**

**Heather Long Blandford '99** and Joey Blandford, a daughter, Claire Christine Blandford, March 25, 2007

**Ann-Phillips Mayfield '99** and Jay Ingle, a daughter, Charlotte Murphy Ingle, October 7, 2007

**Jennifer Dierolf Trent '99** and Stuart Trent, a daughter, Hollon Meredith Trent, July 30, 2007

**Jessica Gipson Dawson '00** and Duane F. Dawson, a daughter, Charlotte Anne Dawson, November 17, 2007

**Jayme M. Gower '00** and **Kyle T. Olson '00**, a daughter, Veronica Renee Olson, November 16, 2007

**Stephanie Bisig Unverzagt '00** and Jay Unverzagt, a daughter, Olivia Anne Unverzagt, October 2, 2007

**Leigh Wiley Burress '01** and Richard W. Burress, a son, Roen Wiley Burress, May 18, 2007

**Samantha Shockley Oglesby '02** and Thaddeus Oglesby, a son, Isaac Stephen Oglesby, November 8, 2007

**Amber Cason Wingfield '02** and Isaac Wingfield, a son, Keenan Cason Wingfield, May 11, 2007

**William H. Nickell '34**, Lexington, died December 21, 2007. He was an honors graduate of the University of Louisville Medical School. He practiced medicine in West Liberty, Ky., for 10 years, and served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. After retiring from the Army, he returned to Lexington and was appointed chief of the Medical Service at the Lexington VA Hospital, a position he held until he retired in 1975. He was a charter member of Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Ky., after moving there in 1990. He was an avid golfer and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Alpha Kappa fraternities.

**Ruth Blankenship Cole '35**, Barbourville, Ky.,

## OBITUARIES

*Only alumni survivors are listed.*

## FILMMAKING IS BLAKE JUDD'S TRUE CALLING

**When Blake Judd '04 was growing up,** he was intently focused on basketball, playing for four years for his high school team in Greensburg, Ky.

"I knew I wasn't going to become a basketball star," he said, "but I didn't think beyond it."

As an English major at Transylvania, he played intercollegiate basketball for three years, but his true calling, he says, was always there.

"I think I always knew what I wanted to do," he said. "Filmmaking came naturally."

Judd runs JuddFilms, a Lexington-based independent production company, and has just completed his first feature film, *Seven Signs*. The movie was directed by J.D. Wilkes, front man for the rockabilly band Th' Legendary Shack Shakers.

When Judd saw the band perform at The Dame in Lexington, he liked them so much that he returned to see them again, with his camera. He and a friend shot concert footage, pieced it together, and showed it to Wilkes.

"He asked me if I'd like to make a documentary," Judd said.

Wilkes' idea was a movie that would give voice to southern individuals. He wanted to show that the older, stranger South still exists, despite the expansion of the "New South's" urban sprawl.

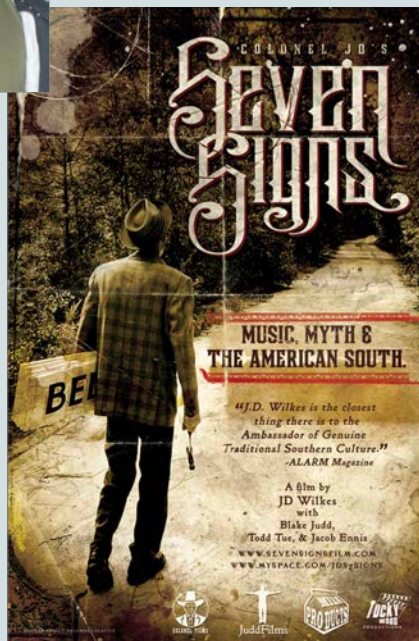
"We went out for 17 days and shot about 80 percent of the movie," Judd said.

The film follows Wilkes through seven southern states as he walks the back roads of Appalachia, nailing up seven signs, each one representing a different apocalyptic theme, and seeks to explore forgotten and pushed aside southern traditions, cultures, religions, and daily activities.

*Seven Signs* premiered in Nashville at the Belcourt Theater on January 30, 2007, and played to a packed house. It was



■ Blake Judd '04 recently completed his first feature film, *Seven Signs*.



screened at Transy in January 2008. Judd said there are plans to enter it into film festivals and that several distributors have expressed interest.

*Seven Signs* has led to other projects for Judd. A live concert DVD for Th' Legendary Shack Shakers is in post-production, and he's working on a concert documentary for Hank Williams III.

"I like the niche I'm in," Judd said. "My style is guerilla and that's how I like it – hands-on everything."

Judd shot his first film, *Friends. Filmed. Not Forgotten*, during his junior year at Transy for the first Alcohol Awareness Film Festival, where it won first place, and he maintains strong Transy connections.

He credits English professor Tay Fizdale's film classes and philosophy professor Peter Fosl for influencing him to pursue his interest in filmmaking. In fact, Fosl makes an appearance in *Seven Signs*.

died September 12, 2007. During World War II, she worked as a chemist for Goodyear Rubber Company in Louisville, serviced airplanes in New Mexico, and worked in the farmers market in California. After the war, she was the first special education teacher in the Knox County, Ky., school system. She served as dietician for the Knox County

Hospital and Daniel Boone Manor Nursing Home, and she was a director of the Knox County Library. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma education fraternity and was a nationally recognized master flower show judge. She was an active member of the Barbourville First Christian Church.

**Emily Hedden Conway, '38**, Sharpsburg, Ky., died December 14, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and Stagecrafters. She was an avid bridge player and a member of the Wednesday Bridge Club.

**Melvin R. Link '38**, Hilton Head Island, S. C., died May 1, 2007. At Transylvania, he was manager of the varsity football team and was president of his class for three years. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, was voted the most outstanding man on campus his senior year, and was elected Mr. Pioneer. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville Medical School and was a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy from 1942-1947, where he was chief medical officer on the USS *Walke* and served at Bethesda Medical Hospital. After his naval career, he received an appointment to Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, then practiced medicine in Charlotte, N.C., for 35 years. He was a member of Island Lutheran Church and former president of the Lowcountry Kiwanis Club.

**Mary Catherine Denman Stauffer '38**, Lexington, mother of **Richard E. Nallinger '74** and grandmother of **Mills Nallinger Sublett '02**, died December 3, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She taught preschool at Sayre School, and was a member of Central Christian Church, Besse Fortune Circle 14, and Central Kentucky Women's Club.

**Ralph L. Murray '40**, Cincinnati, died November 3, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and played on the football team. He was retired as field service associate professor emeritus of professional development at the University of Cincinnati and was co-founder of the university's nonacademic personnel department. He served St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Latonia, Ky., for seven years as nonstipendiary lay reader in charge. He held the rank of companion, order of merit, Diocese of Lexington.

**Celona Bacon Edwards '42**, Louisville, wife of **Aubrey L. Edwards '43** and mother of **Aubrey L. Edwards III '68** and **Alice Edwards Cooper '76**, died December 19, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She received a master of education degree from the University of Louisville. She belonged to the Second Presbyterian Church, Women's Club of Louisville, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Louisville Boat Club.

**Charles G. Hughes '42**, Lexington, father of



**C. Glenmore Hughes Jr. '66** and grandfather of **Charles G. "Chip" Hughes III '87** and **Edward G. Hughes '92**, died September 25, 2007. He was a retired machinist at Corning Glass Works in Harrodsburg, Ky., and retired chief warrant officer 4 in the Kentucky National Guard. He was a member of Harrodsburg Christian Church.

**Jack B. Howard '45**, LaFollette, Tenn., died December 27, 2007. He was a retired clerk at Harlan, Ky., Post Office, a member of Cedar Hill Baptist Church, and a 60-year member of Harlan Masonic Lodge #871 F & AM in Harlan.

**Betty Jean Nickell Wells '45**, West Liberty, Ky., died September 4, 2007. She was a retired assistant professor of English at Central Virginia Community College, and an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**Angeline Rhodus Cox '50**, Richmond, Ky., wife of **James A. Cox '49** and sister of **Frances Rhodus Sharp '58**, died September 30, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Lambda Omega sorority.

**Barbara Jones Honeycutt '50**, Glasgow, Ky.,

died February 10, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of Lambda Omega sorority. She was a retired teacher of French and English in the Glasgow City Schools.

**Larry I. Schreck '50**, Monroe Township, N.J., died June 1, 2007. At Transylvania, he was on the *Rambler* staff and the baseball team. He was an account executive at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

**Betty Van Meter Nutt '52**, Wauke, Iowa, died June 8, 2007. At Transylvania, she was a member of the *Crimson* staff, Playmakers, and the Creative Writing Club. She was a realtor associate with Iowa Realty Co. Inc.

**William E. Charlton '54**, Harrodsburg, Ky., died October 13, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of the *Crimson* staff and the *Rambler* staff. He was a consultant for Trim Masters Inc., a member of Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church, and a founding member of the Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Society.

**Bert W. Smith '54**, Shelbyville, Ky., husband of **Fay Thompson Smith '58**, father of **Elizabeth W. Smith '83**, **John S. Smith '84**,

and **Lynn T. Smith '91**, and brother of **Jane Smith Frye '61**, died November 12, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of band and choir, the *Rambler* staff, and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He was a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary and a retired Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister. He served as director of church relations and admissions counselor at Transylvania from 1961-68, was a member of the Alumni Executive Board from 1969-74, and vice president of the Alumni Association for one year. He was a former member of the Rotary Club International in Glasgow, Ky., and Paris, Ky., and the Caveman Barbershop Chorus.

**Joe W. Aspley Jr. '56**, Lexington, died November 22, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the choir. He received master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees, as well as certificates for advanced studies in the fields of counseling, evangelism, and stewardship, from Lexington Theological Seminary. He was a retired minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and served churches in Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio.

## ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

### Transy vs. Centre Baseball Challenge is April 30

The fourth annual Transy vs. Centre Baseball Challenge is set for Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at Applebee's Park, home of the Lexington Legends minor league team. The game will take place just three days after Alumni Weekend 2008 (April 25-27).

The Bluegrass Alumni Chapter will host a picnic dinner for alumni, parents, and families at the park prior to the game. For more information, contact the alumni office at (859) 233-8275. Watch your mailbox and e-mail for more information.

### Transy Golf Classic set for May 19

Join Transy's athletics department and the alumni office for the Transylvania Golf Classic, a four-player scramble set for Monday, May 19, at the University Club of Kentucky, located at 4850 Leestown Road in Lexington. Lunch will be at 11 a.m., followed by a noon tee-off. Lunch is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank while the closing reception sponsor is McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC Attorneys at Law. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

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

### Alumni on-line community update

Since its launch in September 2006, the Transy alumni on-line community has attracted over 1,700 registered users, and that number continues to grow. This is a secure, password protected site that alumni can access from [www.transy.edu](http://www.transy.edu). Services include an 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.

This summer the on-line community will have a new look with more features. First-time users will need to obtain their unique school ID number from the alumni office: (800) 487-2679, [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu). For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

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## TRAVEL WITH FELLOW ALUMNI TO EXCITING DESTINATIONS

The Transylvania Alumni Association, in partnership with Collette Vacations, is offering alumni and friends five exciting trips for 2008 and 2009 with destinations as diverse as Costa Rica, Hawaii, and South Africa. All tours include round trip air travel from Lexington and some meals. Prices listed are per person for double occupancy.

The **Tropical Costa Rica** nine-day tour departs **September 24, 2008**, and includes 17 meals. Highlights are San Jose, Poas Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Arenal Volcano Hot Springs, Monteverde Cloud Forest, and Guanacaste. The cost is \$2,059. Optional three-night jungle adventure post-tour extension can be added for \$399 (includes eight meals). First deposit of \$250 due prior to April 24, 2008.

The **Rome and Florence Holiday** eight-day tour departs **December 1, 2008**, and includes nine meals. Highlights are Rome, dinner with the tenors, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Florence, and Uffizi Museum. Cost is \$2,349, with first deposit of \$250 due prior to July 2, 2008.

The **Exploring New Zealand (New Zealand's North & South Islands)** 19-day tour departs **January 26, 2009**, and includes 27 meals. Highlights are Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Tranz Alpine Train, Franz Joseph Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Dunedin, and Mt. Cook. The cost is \$5,499. Optional two-night Fiji post-tour extension can be added for \$349 (land only—air add-ons apply). First deposit of \$250 due prior to August 26, 2008.

The **Hawaiian Adventure** 10-day tour departs **February 19, 2009**, and includes 12 meals. You'll visit Oahu, Kauai, and Maui. Highlights are Polynesian Cultural Center, Honolulu City and Punchbowl tour, Society of Seven dinner and show, Plantation Railway, Waimea Canyon, Kauai Coffee Company, Polynesian Luau dinner and show, and Iao Needle. The cost is \$3,849. Optional three-day, two-night Big Island post-tour extension can be added for \$649 (land only—air add-ons apply). First deposit of \$100 due prior to October 19, 2008.

The **Spectacular South Africa: Culture & Nature in Harmony** 14-day tour departs **March 12, 2009**, and includes 19 meals. Highlights are Johannesburg, Soweto, Panoramic Route, Kruger National Park, Safari Game Drive, Garden Route, Knysna, Featherbed Nature Reserve, ostrich farm visit, Cape Town, Table Mountain, and winery tour. The cost is \$4,199. Optional three-night Victoria Falls post-tour extension can be added for \$899 (land only—air add-ons apply). First deposit of \$250 due prior to October 13, 2008.

For more information and a trip brochure, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at (800) 487-2679, npajic@transy.edu.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. He was the author of three books and published articles in various denominational magazines, local newspapers, and university publications.

**James K. Dunavent '56**, Sebastian, Fla., died November 9, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky. He was a former high school teacher and social worker, and was employed by Suncoast Mental Health as a counselor in psychology.

**Philip E. Oatley '56**, Lexington, died December 20, 2007. He was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran, a retired Fayette County school teacher, and a member of Broadway Christian Church.

**Richard L. Payne '57**, Estes Park, Co., died December 9, 2007.

**Jeanne Hall Traugott '58**, Tampa, Fla., mother of **Pamela Traugott Adler '90**, died

December 2, 2007. She founded the Happy Times Kindergarten Nursery in Frankfort, Ky., then obtained a master's degree in mental health counseling from the University of South Florida, and went on to work as a counselor in the Pinellas County Public Schools. She was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church.

**H. Terry Rappe '64**, Franklin, Tenn., died October 26, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of the *Rambler* staff, student council, and the baseball team.

**Edward S. Alton '69**, Calabash, N.C., died September 12, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and the choir. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served as minister of music at St. Brendans Catholic Church in Shallotte, N.C.

**William C. Reynolds '69**, Lexington, brother of **Michael F. Reynolds '82**, died November 4, 2007. He was vice president and trust officer with Central Bank and had been pres-

ident of advertising and marketing for Baskin-Robbins Store Owners Association of Central Kentucky. He served on the Richmond Place Retirement Community Board, and was president and director of the Lexington Estate Planning Council and the Bluegrass Estate Planning Council. He had been active in United Way and the National Kidney Foundation. He was a member of Lexington Lions Club.

**R. Mark Mulholland '76**, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., died December 28, 2007. At Transylvania, he was an associate member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and involved in theater. He attended Marshall University Graduate School and earned a master's degree in teaching from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Scottish Society of Charleston, S.C. He was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association of America. He was self-employed in historic development and renovation, co-owner of Holland Homes, LLC, and for many years was the managing partner of the historic Maison Du Pre' Inn, Charleston, S.C.

**James S. Parker '76**, Ocean Springs, Miss., died March 5, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

**Michael Robert Tyra '93**, Sarasota, Fla., died November 9, 2007. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was manager of Box Furniture in Sarasota.

**Marian "Mike" Stewart Broadus**, Lexington, mother of **Anne Broadus Gadarowski '82**, died August 10, 2007. She was the widow of Transylvania professor James M. Broadus Jr. and was a full partner in many of his classes at Transy. She and her husband were committed to justice, civil rights, and education throughout their lives.

**Linda Ladenburger**, Lexington, mother of **Regan Ladenburger '92**, died November 18, 2007. She served Transylvania for 20 years, as secretary for the Office of Admissions and coordinator of the Admissions Student Tele-counseling Team.

■ 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.



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—Billy Van Pelt II '87

Director, Division of Purchase of Development Rights  
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**Billy Van Pelt** considers Transylvania to be the foundation of his life professionally, socially, and from a civic standpoint. That's why he serves on the Alumni Executive Board and volunteers to call fellow alumni during the Annual Fund phonathon. It's also why he included Transylvania when he decided to establish a living trust.

"The living trust is a receptacle for all my retirement funds, investments, life insurance policies, and other assets," he said. "At my death, a percentage of the balance will go to Transylvania."

When Van Pelt started planning the trust, he consulted the Transylvania development office first. "There was absolutely no pressure for a percentage or an amount, they simply gave me some examples of what other people have done," said Van Pelt. "I took one of those examples to my attorney, we talked about it, and then we came up with the end result."

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The Transylvania University music department presented "An Evening at the Cabaret: Selections from Broadway Musicals" in February in Carrick Theater. The Transylvania Choir, Transylvania Singers women's choir, Pioneer Voices men's chorus, Transy men's a capella group, and dozens of soloists presented a variety of Broadway songs spanning many decades and styles, including "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*. "There are Worse Things I Could Do" from *Grease*. and "For Good" from *Wicked*.