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Alumni Weekend 2008: Picture Perfect

More than 630 alumni and guests enjoyed a great weekend of renewing old acquaintances and making new ones during Alumni Weekend. Here are a few photo highlights of the event. For more coverage, see article beginning on page 14.



■ Enjoying the class of 1998 dinner are, from left, Melissa (Keach) and Nathan Underwood, Ben Senninger, and Monty Absher.



■ Jill Brooks Pellerin '75 enjoys seeing her former basketball and field hockey coach, Pat Deacon, at the Pioneer Hall of Fame reception in the Beck Center.



■ From left, Traci Kramer Shaw '94, Christy Cowgill Harris '93, and Clarissa Short Beiting '93 relax during an afternoon at the races at Keeneland.



■ Janice Jackson Boyd '58 and Monnie Gortney Talley '58 check out the scrapbooks during their class gathering at Graham Cottage.



■ Ann Spradling Hake '58, Chris Hobgood '58, and Eleanor Lollis Rose '61 visit with biology professor emeritus Lila Boyarsky during the class of 1958 dinner at Malone's.



■ From left, Carolyn Hensley Reynolds '69, Nancy Geoghegan Pike '68, Cliff Pike '68, and Mike Reynolds '68 take a break from racing action at Keeneland.

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FACULTY RECEIVE BINGHAM AWARDS, PROMOTIONS, TENURE

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

History professor Gregg Bocketti, psychology professor Melissa Fortner '96, psychology professor Mark Jackson, education professor Amy Maupin, and Robert England, who joins the computer science faculty in September, received Bingham Awards.

Bingham Awards are accompanied by annual salary supplements for five years. A committee comprised of outside educators selects the award recipients based on classroom visits, essays, and student evaluations.

Gregg Bocketti came to Transylvania in 2004 after earning a Ph.D. from Tulane University. With a primary focus in Latin America and the Caribbean, his aim as a teacher is to widen and deepen students' knowledge and understanding of history, and to develop their abilities in discovering, examining, and responding to knowledge.

"While I expect students to absorb certain particularly significant historical details, I always emphasize that history is much more than the 'names and dates' approach students may be familiar with from high school," he said. "Instead, I emphasize the importance of students' understanding of general course themes, as this will make the course experience particularly useful in their larger academic and post-academic careers."

Melissa Fortner came to Transylvania in 2004 after earning a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University. She teaches courses ranging from Foundations of the Liberal Arts to Developmental Psychopathology, and is guided in her teaching by her understanding of the broad goals of liberal education—that liberal education promotes understanding of the human condition, of humanity itself.

Psychology courses, she said, provide students with a social scientific perspective on humanity. In her classes, she endeavors to communicate not just facts but methods. "I portray psychology as a dynamic, rather than

static field of inquiry," she said.

It is her intention to promote a love of learning for learning's sake, not just as a way to motivate students to perform in the classroom. "If students are to embrace the goal of understanding the human condition, they must do so from personal desire," she said. "Otherwise, learning dissolves into passive acceptance of facts and truths."

Mark Jackson came to Transylvania in 2003 after earning a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. One of his goals as an educator is to help students understand that human behavior is complex and has complex causes. "Questions about why people do the things they do rarely, if ever, have simple answers," he said, "and the origins of behavior rarely, if ever, can be traced back to a single cause."

He said that achieving a deeper understanding of human behavior requires approaching issues from multiple perspectives and appreciating the complex interactions of the factors addressed in each perspective.

"I try to ensure that each

course has a kind of narrative," he said, "and doesn't come across as a potpourri of loosely related topics. This helps students see the themes and bigger ideas inherent in the course content."

Amy Maupin came to Transylvania in 2001 after earning an Ed.D. from the University of Tennessee and teaching at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Her goals as a professor of education are tied to her belief that the teacher should be one of society's greatest public intellectuals. "The teacher," she said, "should be the model of intellectual curiosity and an agent for change and social justice."

To this end, she aims to inspire her students to ask the big questions, particularly, "What does it mean to be human?"

"I bombard my students with 'why' questions," she said. "As often as possible I give students choices and ownership of the class. Because I teach constructivist pedagogy, it is especially important for me to incorporate such constructivist principles frequently."

In choosing readings, she often steers clear of traditional textbooks, turning instead to philosophical essays, books by contemporary scholars, and literature, including poetry. The poet, she maintains, is the person who best keeps the question alive: what is my purpose and place in this world?



Promotions and tenure

Anthropology professor **Chris Begley** and philosophy professor **Ellen Cox** have been granted tenure and promotion to associate professor. Promotion to full professor has been granted to physical education/exercise science professor **Sharon Brown**, physics professor **Jamie Day**, and sociology professor **Brian Rich**.

'Carousel' is smash hit

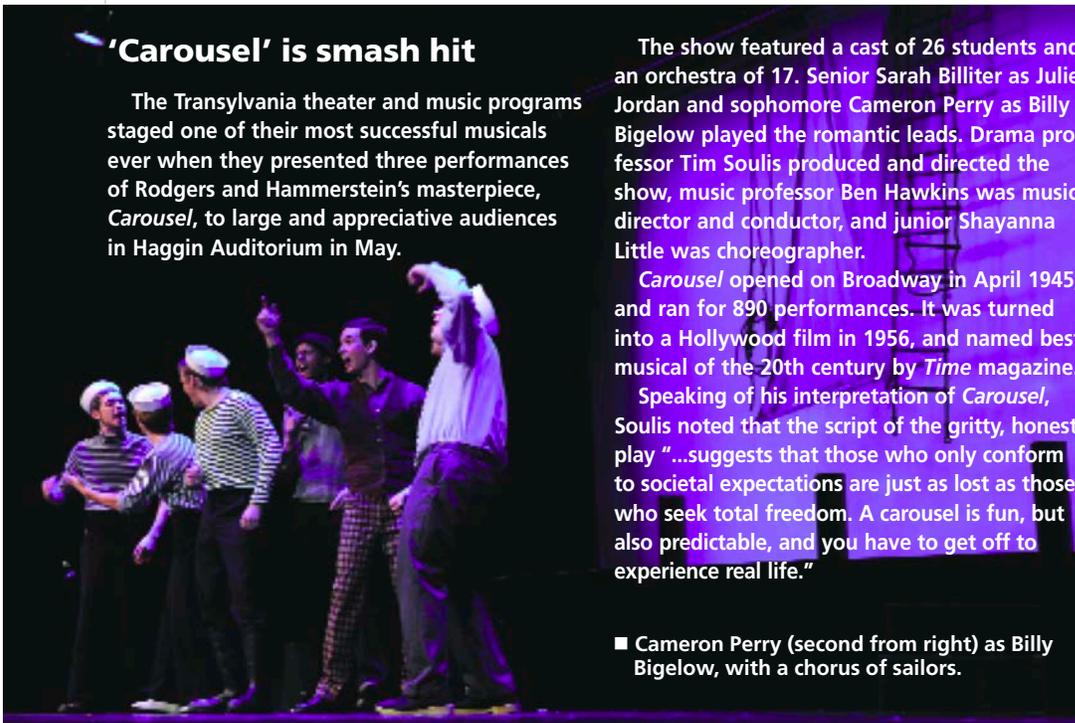
The Transylvania theater and music programs staged one of their most successful musicals ever when they presented three performances of Rodgers and Hammerstein's masterpiece, *Carousel*, to large and appreciative audiences in Haggin Auditorium in May.

The show featured a cast of 26 students and an orchestra of 17. Senior Sarah Billiter as Julie Jordan and sophomore Cameron Perry as Billy Bigelow played the romantic leads. Drama professor Tim Soulis produced and directed the show, music professor Ben Hawkins was music director and conductor, and junior Shayanna Little was choreographer.

Carousel opened on Broadway in April 1945, and ran for 890 performances. It was turned into a Hollywood film in 1956, and named best musical of the 20th century by *Time* magazine.

Speaking of his interpretation of *Carousel*, Soulis noted that the script of the gritty, honest play "...suggests that those who only conform to societal expectations are just as lost as those who seek total freedom. A carousel is fun, but also predictable, and you have to get off to experience real life."

■ Cameron Perry (second from right) as Billy Bigelow, with a chorus of sailors.



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'Blood Diamonds' author visits campus

Greg Campbell, author of *Blood Diamonds: Tracing the Deadly Path of the World's Most Precious Stones*, spoke on campus in March as part of Fair Trade Week.

Campbell's book, which was adapted into an Oscar award-winning film starring Leonardo DiCaprio in 2006, exposed the "conflict diamond" trade in Sierra Leone, where throughout the 1990s, diamonds were mined in war zones, smuggled out of the country, and sold to legitimate companies, financing civil war and international terrorist groups.

Although accounting for only three or four percent of all diamonds sold, conflict diamonds, Campbell said, caused an estimated three million deaths and displaced another six million people living in Sierra Leone, Angola, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Senior Carolyn Barnes, a member of the anthropology

club and Fair Trade Week organizer, said she knew the notoriety of the blockbuster film would attract a large crowd to Campbell's lecture, but that he was asked to speak because his messages tied in well with the goal of the event, which is to educate the campus about what fair trade means and how we can use our consumer power to make socially conscientious decisions.

"His first-hand account of how the diamond trade perpetuates violence illustrates how important it is to be a conscious consumer," she said. "In the global economy, it is difficult to identify where our goods come from and how they are processed before they end up on the shelves of our local stores. Greg Campbell brought us a first-hand account of how the diamond mining and trading in Sierra Leone affected real individuals and fueled a bloody civil war."

Campbell has won numerous awards from journalism organizations, including the Society of Professional Journalists and the Inland Press Associations. He has appeared as a guest on *Hardball* with Chris Matthews, Fox News' *Crier Report*, and C-SPAN's *Booknotes*, and has been a regular guest on National Public Radio. He is the founding editor and part owner of *Fort Collins Weekly* in Colorado.



■ Greg Campbell signs a copy of his book for senior Hope Kodman after his presentation in the William T. Young Campus Center. Campbell's visit was arranged by Vince Bingham, coordinator of multicultural activities.

Miller receives national ODK award

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) recognized James E. Miller, professor of mathematics and computer science, as its outstanding 2008 faculty adviser at its recent national meeting in Atlanta. Miller was presented the Robert W. Bishop Faculty Adviser Award for outstanding service to the local Circle and to the Society. ODK, The National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in 1914 to recognize exceptional leadership among college students, faculty, and administration members.



Shaw awarded Goldwater Scholarship

Junior biology major Katharin L. Shaw was awarded a \$7,500 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for 2008-09 from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. The application process was extensive, including an essay describing Shaw's future research area, three letters of recommendation, a demonstration of research already accomplished, and high school and college transcripts. She was one of 321 Goldwater Scholars selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of college and universities nationwide. Goldwater Scholars have impressive academic qualifications that have garnered the attention of prestigious post-graduate fellowship programs.



Murad awarded internship at Yale

First-year student Prya Murad has been accepted for a summer internship in bioethics at Yale University. She'll attend lectures and conduct research with other top students from around the world, while also conducting independent research to be presented at a conference at the end of the summer.



Bingham recognized as Special Achiever of the Year

Vince Bingham, coordinator of multicultural affairs, was awarded the Special Achiever of the Year award by the YMCA of Central Kentucky Black Achievers Program at its 23rd annual banquet. Black Achievers, which began in 1985, works with local businesses and the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Transylvania to bring students from nine counties together with adult mentors.



Johnson receives national scholarship

Sophomore Janelle Johnson received a National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship to study in Jordan for winter term 2009. She will participate in the School for International Training's Modernization and Social Change program in Amman, taking courses in Arabic, history, politics, religion, and anthropology. Central to her experience will be an independent study project focused on the effects of Iraqi refugees on Jordanian society and politics.

LONG-TIME PROFESSORS RETIRE

Richard Thompson served Transylvania as teacher and dean of students

Richard Thompson retired in May after a 31-year Transylvania career that blended teaching, service, and administration. It's a challenging path for a professor to take, but looking back, he says he wouldn't change a thing.

When Thompson was hired to teach sociology at Transylvania in 1977, his warm personality and his subject matter drew students to him.

"I was a sort of informal counselor," he said. "Students gravitated to me to talk about all sorts of things. When you teach deviant behavior, students think they can tell you anything, and they do."

It was a natural fit for Thompson to serve as interim dean of students in 1983. He was already working on the issue of student retention at Transy, and was instrumental in the adoption of the University 1111 program, an academic skills course designed to extend the orientation process for first-year students. At the end of that year, he returned to the classroom, but in 1987, he answered a call from President Charles L. Shearer that brought him back to the dean's office where he served for 10 years before once again returning to teaching.

"I had been talking about stepping down from that position when a sociology faculty member retired, so the planets lined up just right and I chose to go back to teaching," Thompson said. That was 11 years ago.

His experience working as a member of the faculty and the administration gave Thompson a rare perspective.

"There were drawbacks academically because I was in and out of the classroom, which interrupted my research," he said, "but I really wouldn't change anything because I've learned so much, I've gotten to



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do so many things."

Working in administration, for instance, brought Thompson a new understanding of every aspect of the University and the people who keep it running.

"I have a much greater appreciation for every person on this campus than I think I would have if I'd been faculty only," he said.

Thompson was also an advocate for students, and as dean, earned a reputation for his caring nature and positive outlook.

"Richard always handled whatever came his way in a professional way, and he maintained his sense of humor," Shearer said. These qualities directly benefited the students with whom he worked. Interestingly, Thompson served as dean when his daughter, Shera Thompson Smith '96, and future son-in-law Robert Wayne Smith '92, were Transy students.

"When I was a first-year student, he was a great help to me as I struggled with homesick-

ness" said Laura Weathersby '96. "He listened and offered advice. I appreciated his kindness."

Whether serving as a member of the faculty or the administration, Thompson's availability to his students and dedication to the University were his hallmarks.

"His students knew that he was truly committed to their learning," Shearer said. "In his office or walking across Haupt Plaza, Richard was so approachable and his students never hesitated to talk with him because they knew that he was sincerely interested in their welfare."

This caring attitude was part of what enabled Thompson to navigate his way from dean's office to classroom and back without losing touch with his goals as an educator.

"He is the epitome of what getting a liberal arts degree is all about," said Candy Thiele Smith '83. "He always had time to listen, probe for more details,

and encourage me as I was defining who I was and wanted to be."

Thompson's skills as a professor were not diminished by the time he spent away from the classroom. In fact, he said that in many ways, he was still teaching sociology when he was dean.

"I never gave up teaching," he said. "It was in a different form."

And because of his experience as dean, his classroom material became more applicable and interesting.

"I could talk about things that were highly relevant to the students," he said, "because I knew what went on in students' lives."

Thompson was selected as Faculty Member of the Year by Phi Kappa Tau fraternity twice and was recognized with the Monroe Moosnick Memorial Award for Service in 1997. Transylvania alumni are also recognizing his service with the endowment of an annual award to be given in his name to a student who displays outstanding leadership.

As for his plans after Transy, Thompson said he will teach part-time at the University of Kentucky and will volunteer at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, where he's served on the institutional research board for the past five years.

He and his wife, Donna, are also planning a trip to China as a joint celebration of his retirement and their 40th wedding anniversary.

When asked about the changes he's seen during his 31 years at Transylvania, Thompson said it's the things that have stayed the same that stand out.

"We've always had smart students who like to talk about their areas of interest," he said. "For the most part, I just see lots of nice people, which has been the case all along."

—LORI-LYN HURLEY

James E. Miller launched Transylvania's computer science program

James E. Miller retired from the Transylvania faculty following the 2007-08 academic year after a remarkable 42-year tenure as a mathematics and computer science professor. His accomplishments as a teacher, adviser, and leader in his profession are numerous, including teaching awards, prominent roles in the University's self-study projects, and outreach programs to encourage high school students to become involved in science.

A highlight of his Transy career was his pioneering role in launching the University's computer science program, an initiative he developed and championed for over four decades.

When he joined the faculty in 1966, Miller had the rare opportunity to introduce an emerging field of study to the curriculum. Computer science was just coming into its own as a discipline, and few colleges were offering instruction in the subject. Miller taught the first computer science course ever offered by the University, Introduction to Digital Computers, during his first year. He wrote a grant to the National Science Foundation (NSF) that resulted in funding for the University's first comput-

er in 1969, the same year a computer science major was added to the curriculum.

Today, thanks largely to Miller's foresight, persistence, and talents in applied math and computer science, the subject is a full-fledged major with many successful graduates. In 1978, the NSF recognized Transylvania as an exemplary institution in academic computing.

Miller takes pride in the many computer science graduates the program has produced, and the career network they represent.

"I've always felt that when we put someone out as a computer science major, they should have something waiting for them," he said. "We got started early in computer science, and our successful alumni have helped us to place later graduates."

Miller got Transy students involved in computer competitions, and also reached out to high school students beginning in 1980 through summer academic, science, computer, and technology camps held on the Transy campus.

Miller, who holds a Ph.D. in applied mathematics from the University of Kentucky, was recognized for his teaching abilities

when he received a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching and was named Faculty Member of the Year by Phi Kappa Tau fraternity twice. He was also a former chair of the Division of Mathematics and Natural Science.

Colleagues and former students praised his dedication to teaching and advising.

"Jim's legacy is in the gifts of learning he gave to so many students, gifts that created the opportunities for them that come from a good education," said mathematics professor David Shannon. "When we're recruiting students for our prestigious scholarships, we always tell them we're looking for people who will make a difference. Jim is an excellent example of what it means to make a difference."

Harriet Pery Jones '74, a retired math teacher living in Russell, Ky., was especially appreciative of Miller's staying in touch with her during her career.

"When I was assigned advanced placement calculus to teach after being out of college for 10 years, I called Dr. Miller, then drove back to Lexington for a quick refresher course," she said. "That's just the kind of person he is, always willing to help."

Michael Finley '90, owner of Qualia Labs in Alpharetta, Ga., credits Miller with playing a key role in launching his career.

"Dr. Miller gave me a recommendation to work at IBM, and that led to my first job," he said. "I remember his continuous urge to always better yourself. It was never about how important he was, it was always about what we could do, what we could take out of his classroom to that first job."

■ **James E. Miller, left, talks with Ballard Cassady '74 at an alumni-sponsored reception and dinner held in his honor in April at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.**

Outside the classroom, in addition to the summer camps he created, Miller directed self-study initiatives in 1982 and 1992 that led to Transylvania's reaffirmation of accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He chaired the assessment section of the 2002 self-study. In addition, he served SACS on 20 visiting teams for self-study accreditation at other colleges. Beginning in 1983, Miller became faculty adviser to Transy's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honorary.

As he looks back over the more than four decades of his role in the still-evolving phenomenon of computer science, Miller sees an ever-expanding role for computers, which have been called the most versatile machine ever created.

"We're using only about five percent of the capabilities of the computer now," Miller said. "It's hard to imagine how many more ways it can be used. When I started in the computer field, it was always about how we can make the machine itself bigger and faster. Now that the hardware is pretty much as fast as we need, it's all about software that will make it easier for everyone to use."

As for his own future, Miller is looking forward to having more time to do things with his wife, Betty, and also explore other opportunities. He'll continue his volunteer activities with Habitat for Humanity and Central Baptist Hospital, and is considering book projects.

"I don't have a prescription for my life after Transy, but I do have many things to choose from," Miller said. "There are lots of different paths I can take. I need to take that other step and see what is over the hill. There might be something great over there."

—WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Winter term 2008 saw the creation of a new type of course at Transylvania. Art professor Kurt Gohde and English professor Kremena Todorova taught Community Engagement Through the Arts, a class designed to engage Transy students with the neighborhood to the north of campus through sustained interaction.

"We wanted to get away from the service-oriented model where you work in the classroom, then go out and do some service, then get back to the classroom," Todorova said. "We met consistently off campus."

In fact, class was held on Wednesday nights at Al's Bar on the corner of Limestone and Sixth Street.

"The idea was to do something where the issues and concerns of the neighborhood that the students were going to address would be defined specifically by the community members rather than by us," said Gohde.

To this end, Todorova and

Gohde arranged for visitors to join the group, including a police captain, media representatives, and leaders of grassroots organizations. "Each week, the students met three or four people who were invested in the community and who had established themselves as understanding the issues of the neighborhood," Gohde said.

It was an idea that turned out to be popular not only with the students, but also with the visitors who continued to attend class meetings week after week out of their own interest.

"We had as many as seven or eight visitors who just spent time with us and listened," Todorova said. "That modeled for our students another way to be engaged—the fact that you don't have to be enrolled in a class to go to that class—that there's some value in being involved in that work and doing what we're doing."

The class recorded oral history interviews with people who live and work in the neighborhood

and wrote reflections based on the popular *This I Believe* National Public Radio essay series. As a way to give back to the community, the essays produced in the class were published in a booklet that was given to the people about whom the essays were written.

"That was another way that all of us connected one-on-one with people in the community," Todorova said.

"We're working on ways to sustain our connections to the neighborhood between classes," Gohde said. "The important thing we want to do is to make the class not just accountable to the curricular structure here but also to the people we engage with."

With that in mind, Gohde and Todorova are developing an evaluation form to distribute to the people with whom the class interacted, and hope to use that feedback to shape the course, which they plan to teach again, involving students from a variety of majors.

Alltech lectures focus on biofuels, nutrition

Biofuels and nutrition were the subjects of two presentations in Haggin Auditorium in February and March that were part of the Alltech Lecture Series at Transylvania University.

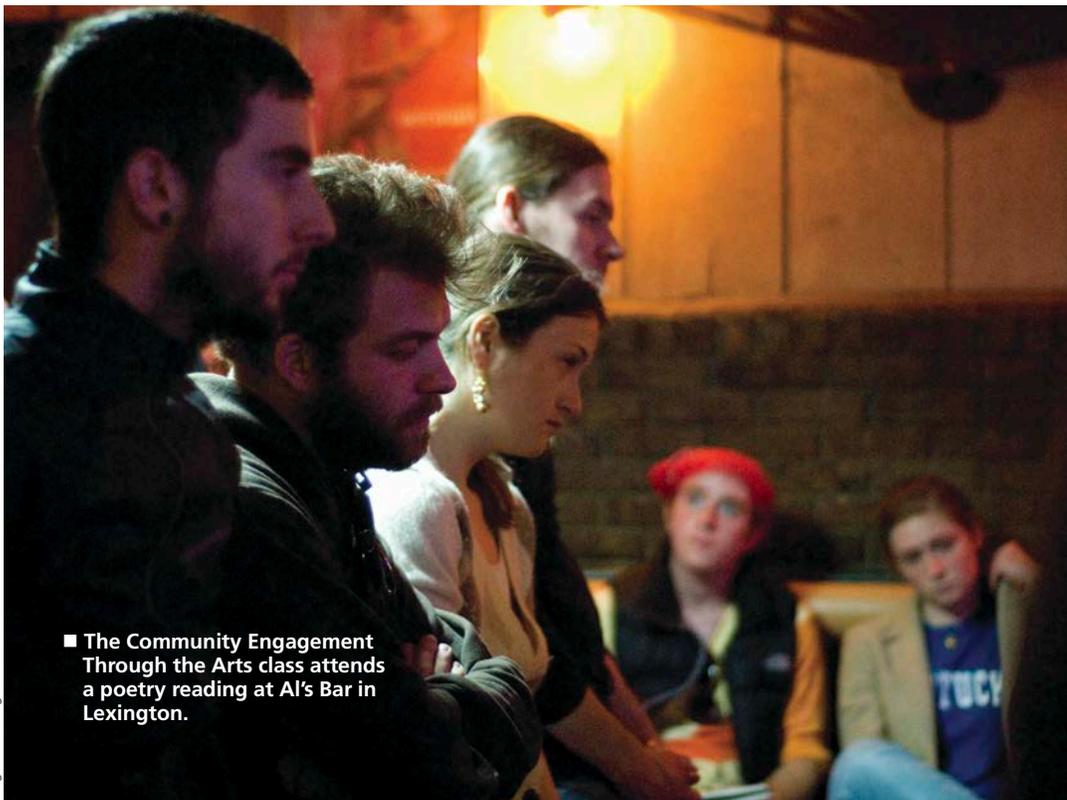
Czarena Crofcheck, associate professor of biosystems and agricultural engineering at the University of Kentucky, gave a lecture titled "Green Viability: Is the Use of Biofuels Sustainable in Kentucky?" She discussed what effect the diversion of crops to biofuel production is having on food prices.

Three Transylvania faculty members—economics professor Alan Bartley, chemistry professor Eva Csuha, and biology professor James Wagner—joined her for a follow-up discussion and an audience question-and-answer session.

Frank Edens, professor of poultry science at North Carolina State University, gave a lecture titled "Sustainability of Human Health: How Will Management of the Food Chain and Nutrition Influence Human Health?" He discussed the problems consumers face in evaluating food that comes from a global marketplace, as opposed to local sources of the past.

Edens was joined by two Transy faculty members—Kathleen Jagger, professor of biology and associate dean of the college, and Sharon Brown, physical education and exercise science professor—and University of Kentucky professor emeritus James Drummond (oral pathology) for a further discussion of nutritional habits of children, other cultures, and additional topics.

The lectures were sponsored by Alltech, a global animal health bioscience and animal feed company headquartered in Nicholasville, Ky.



■ The Community Engagement Through the Arts class attends a poetry reading at Al's Bar in Lexington.

Angela Baldrige '04

Transylvania chapter of Delta Delta Delta honors 100th anniversary with study abroad scholarship

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Beta Zeta chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority on Transylvania's campus. To commemorate the occasion, the chapter established an endowed study abroad scholarship, in addition to making contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

A centennial celebration for members of the campus community and Beta Zeta alumnae was held the weekend of April 12 and included a meet and greet at Jazzman's Café, campus tours, a day at Keeneland, and a gala at Spindletop Hall featuring a silent auction. At the gala, junior Jill Jones presented a St. Jude representative with a \$20,000 check for the research hospital.

Originally, Delta Delta Delta planned to raise \$40,000 to be split between St. Jude and the scholarship. When junior Molly Burchett, chair of the centennial

committee, learned that in order to start a scholarship endowment the sorority would have to raise \$33,400 instead of \$20,000, she accepted the challenge.

It was Burchett who came up with the idea of the scholarship, and she sees it as her chapter's legacy to Transylvania.

"I had a wonderful experience studying abroad, and I wanted to make the opportunity more available to other students," she said. "The creation of this scholarship is a way for Tri Deltas to give back to the Transylvania community."

All Transy students will be eligible to apply for the scholarship, which will be granted based on merit, as determined by a committee comprised of faculty, staff, and the current year's Delta Delta Delta president.

The scholarship fund will pro-



■ In attendance at the Delta Delta Delta Centennial Gala April 12 at Spindletop Hall are, from left, senior Jessica Rickard, Sara Palmer '06, and junior Jill Jones.

vide one student a minimum of \$1,000 toward any study abroad program and will be offered every year beginning in the summer of 2008.

To raise funds, centennial committee members waged a letter writing campaign to all students who have studied abroad asking for contributions to the scholarship, and issued a challenge to pledge classes.

Other fund-raising activities included the annual Water Wars event, a Krispie Kreme donut sale, two Midnight Munchie events, and the sale of Greek Life T-shirts.

The original goal of \$40,000 has been met, but fund-raising for the scholarship is on-going. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Molly Burchett at mrburchett09@transy.edu, Mark Blankenship '81, director of development, at mblankenship@transy.edu, or Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Board members elected

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

Mindy G. Barfield '85 is a partner in the Lexington law firm Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. Her law degree is from the University of Kentucky, and she earned a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

Aristides S. Candris '73 is CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company, one of the world's leading nuclear engineering and services companies. He holds master's and Ph.D. degrees in nuclear science and engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University.

William C. Oehmig '71 is a partner in The Sterling Group, a Houston private equity investment firm. He earned the MBA degree from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

Claria Horn Shadwick '91 is an attorney and member of the Lexington law firm Frost Brown Todd LLC. A former member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors, she earned her law degree from Vanderbilt University and is a former assistant U.S. attorney.

Frances F. Taylor '75 is executive director of the Keeneland Foundation, Inc., in Lexington. She is a former member of the Transylvania Board of Visitors.

Chanticleer will perform in November



The Grammy Award-winning male chorus Chanticleer will perform a concert in Haggin Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, as part of the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series.

Now in its 30th season, Chanticleer has won an international reputation for its vivid interpretations of vocal literature, including Renaissance, classical, jazz, gospel, sacred chant, Christmas, and ven-

turesome new music. Featuring 12 voices ranging from countertenor to bass, the group has been called "the world's reigning male chorus" by the *New Yorker* magazine.

Chanticleer's *Colors of Love* recording won the Grammy in 2000 for best small ensemble performance, and its recording of Sir John Tavener's *Lamentations and Praises* won two Grammy awards in 2002, for best classical small ensemble performance and best classical contemporary composition.

Recent performance venues for Chanticleer include the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a tour of major European cities, including Paris, Vienna, Luxembourg, Prague, and Budapest.

Dorothy J. Smith '42 established the concert series in 2007 in appreciation for the opportunities Transylvania gave her as a student of music and English. The series is named for her and her late husband, a 1940 Transy graduate.

SENIOR CLASS PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIP TO INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

The class of 2008 has raised more than \$20,000 toward its \$25,000 goal to support the Senior Challenge scholarship fund. More than 64 percent of class members have participated in the program, which was established by members of the class of 1990 at their graduation as an expression of gratitude for their Transylvania education. The scholarship is awarded to an incoming student with financial need and high potential and is renewable for four years.

"Senior Challenge gives us the chance to make a significant impact on someone's life," said senior Mary Awoniyi, committee co-chair. "Transy has done so much for us, the least we can do is help provide that opportunity to someone else who might otherwise not be able to come here."

The Senior Challenge committee chose Amber Barth of Fort Thomas, Ky., as the 2008 scholarship recipient. She plans to pursue a pre-pharmacy curriculum, play soccer, and volunteer in the community.

"Amber really impressed us," said Awoniyi. "We're confident

she will make many positive contributions to the campus community."

Senior Chris Fotopulos received the Senior Challenge scholarship when he entered Transylvania in 2004. Looking back, he said the scholarship was the deciding factor in his

choosing Transy over a large, public college.

"Being at a smaller institution has allowed me many opportunities," he said. "I never thought I would be able to do some of the amazing things that I've experienced throughout college. The fact that the senior class takes the initiative to provide the scholarship shows the caliber of students at Transy."

Fotopulos, an exercise science major, completed an internship at a physical therapy clinic during May term 2008 and is teaching in Busan, South Korea, through Footprints Recruiting, the world's largest provider of English as a second language teachers. He also studied in Australia during his junior year.

"A lot of my friends from other schools don't understand the importance of a liberal arts education, but I've already begun to see the type of person it has molded me into, and for that I am thankful," he said. "I hope to be able to help other incoming students down the road who deserve to come to Transy."

"Senior Challenge gives us the chance to make a significant impact on someone's life."



■ 2008 Senior Challenge recipient Amber Barth

Transy students opting for study abroad

Transylvania is ranked 14th in the nation among B.A. granting institutions in the number of students studying abroad, according to the most recent report from The Institute for International Education.

These IIE rankings, which reflect study abroad during the 2005-06 academic year, show that the number of U.S. students receiving academic credit for study abroad is on the increase.

Nationwide, one percent of all college students study abroad. Among students attending liberal arts colleges, that number is 10-11 percent. During the 2007-08 academic year, 69 percent of Transylvania's graduating class traveled abroad for study.

Transy students are also choosing more diverse study abroad destinations than ever before. This year, in addition to the more commonly chosen countries, Transy students opted for terms in Japan, Morocco, Dominican Republic, New Zealand, and Madagascar. May term travel courses included trips to Belize, China, Iceland, and Peru.

China scholar and journalist will deliver Kenan lecture

Orville Schell, director of Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations and a distinguished China scholar and journalist, will deliver the Kenan lecture on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium.

Schell's address is titled "The U.S. and China: The Most Important Bilateral Relationship in the World." The following day, Schell will meet with students, faculty, and staff to discuss the topic "The U.S. and China's Most Daunting Challenge: Climate Change."

Schell is the author of 14 books, with 10 being on China. His undergraduate degree in Far Eastern history is from Harvard University, and he did graduate work in Chinese history at the University of California-Berkeley. He worked for the Ford Foundation in Indonesia, and covered the war in Indochina as a journalist for such magazines as *The Atlantic Monthly* and *The New Republic*.

Schell has also been a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Review of Books*, *Time*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Yorker*, and *Harper's Magazine*. Prior to his 2007 appointment with Asia Society, he was dean of the graduate school of journalism at the UC-Berkeley. Among his many honors is the Harvard/Stanford Shorenstein Award for Asian Journalism.

Asia Society, based in New York with offices in nine additional U.S. and foreign cities, is the leading global organization working to strengthen relationships and promote understanding among the people, leaders, and institutions of Asia and the United States.

Transylvania community rallies in support of immigrant student

Living in fear and uncertainty is nothing new for Transylvania junior Lino Nakwa. Since age 12, when he and his brother were kidnapped by rebels in his native Sudan, Nakwa has been fighting for his very existence.

Even now, five years after legally immigrating to the United States, he finds himself waging yet another such battle—to avoid being sent back to the war-torn African nation where he could be killed simply for being a Christian.

Facing deportation over what became a controversial decision by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services, Nakwa recently found that the Transylvania community was more than willing to step forward with a groundswell of support that has caused officials to reopen his case.

This latest struggle began in February when Nakwa received a letter from immigration services turning down his request for a green card, the first step toward his longtime dream to become a U.S. citizen. The reason, the letter stated, was because Nakwa had attended a military-style training camp for the group that kidnapped him—a group now considered a terrorist organization. Despite acknowledging that Nakwa was “forced to attend” the camp, immigration officials denied his request with no chance for appeal.

“It's frustrating to think that someone could be thinking that I'm related to this terrorist group,” said Nakwa, whose father was reportedly killed by the same organization.

Those at Transylvania who know Nakwa were also frustrated, but even more perplexed that the quiet, unassuming man, now 29, could be considered a threat to American security.

“Lino is somebody you just automatically trust; you can feel his authenticity sort of exuding from every pore in his body,”

said philosophy professor Jack Furlong, who taught Nakwa in an introductory philosophy course.

Furlong said Nakwa was a bit reluctant to take a course in philosophy, a subject he knew little about. But it wasn't long before he excelled.

“What made him so good in philosophy was that a lot of these moral questions that we work through, and metaphysical questions, he had already thought about pretty hard—forced to think about, very likely, because of his circumstances,” Furlong said.

Furlong is just one of many at Transylvania—administrators, faculty, and students alike—who've been won over by Nakwa, first by his positive nature and then by his plight. Nakwa is a member of the Student Government Association, and works at two campus jobs to support his education.

“All three arms of the University started holding hands,” Furlong said. “The administration immediately took it (Nakwa's cause) up, and the students did, and the faculty did. And not quite independently, either. Everybody started to e-mail everybody else about it.”

Getting the word out was just the beginning of the grassroots effort to encourage immigration officials to reopen Nakwa's case. Many people, including President Charles L. Shearer, participated in a letter-writing campaign that resulted in more than 200 letters on Nakwa's behalf.

“Lino's story is compelling, his resilience as a survivor is deeply touching, and his belief against all odds that there can be a better future brings hope that the American Dream is still possible,” Shearer wrote.

A number of people also participated in a telephone campaign to Kentucky's congressional delegation to solicit support for Nakwa. Among them was Prya Murad, a first-year student



who came to America from Pakistan at age two. She was struck by the broader implications of Nakwa's story.

“It's really appalling that we have to ask for human rights in a nation that parades the fact internationally that they have these amazing human rights,” said Murad, who took Introduction to Philosophy with Nakwa but never knew he was a refugee. “It's one of those things that puts it in such perspective where we really stand as a nation and as a global community, that things like this are happening in Lexington, Ky.”

First-year student Justin Morell likewise took Nakwa's situation to heart and was instrumental in getting others involved.

“When I heard that he was being deported, I was shocked, and when I heard the reason why, I was furious,” Morell said. “Everyone I talked to expressed disgust that someone who had been through so much in his lifetime, and had still been able to accomplish what Lino has, is in danger of being sent to his home country, a sure death sentence.”

All the efforts from the Transylvania “family” have had a major impact, Nakwa said. Indeed, it was not long after the telephone campaign that he was told his case had been reopened for review. (A decision date was undetermined at *Transylvania*



■ Lino Nakwa, shown above with senior Neil Barry, left, spoke at a phonathon rally in Haupt Plaza held to support his efforts to stay in the United States.

magazine press time.)

“The fact that they are going to review it makes me feel hopeful and positive,” said Nakwa.

The support shown to him since receiving that letter in February is sometimes difficult to comprehend, Nakwa said, but never unappreciated.

“Wherever I've been, I'm blessed to meet good people that are caring and willing to support me. That's one of the things that keeps me positive about my life,” he said.

He is also thankful that he chose to enroll at Transylvania, where in addition to receiving so much support, he's made lifetime friendships.

“At times, with what's going on in my case, I keep wondering what if I'd gone to another school. Where would I be right now?” he said.

—TERRI MCLEAN

CLINTONS VISIT TRANSY FOR GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY

Transylvania received national media attention May 19 when the College Democrats hosted a Get Out the Vote Rally featuring New York Senator and candidate for the Democratic Party presidential nomination Hillary Clinton, along with former President Bill Clinton and other party officials. An estimated 1,600 students, faculty, staff, and local residents attended the event in the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, which was held the evening before the Kentucky primary election.

President Charles L. Shearer and College Democrats president Tyler Murphy '10 welcomed the crowd, and TBA, the men's a capella group, sang the national anthem before Fayette County Property Valuation

Administrator Renee True, former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins, and Kentucky's Clinton campaign chairman Jerry Lundergan spoke on the senator's behalf.

"I am thrilled to be at this great University—the oldest University west of the Alleghenies," Hillary Clinton told the enthusiastic crowd. "I want to thank you for your gracious hospitality...and I want to especially thank your president of 25 years, Charlie Shearer, and the entire faculty, staff, and student body."

She also thanked Jennifer Moore '95, chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party.

■ **Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton spoke at a Get Out the Vote rally in the Beck Center in May.**



Joseph Rey Au

Campus diners choose the Balanced Way

Transylvania students, faculty, and staff can choose a new, healthy approach to eating with the Balanced Way program, which was introduced at the dining hall in March. Sodexho, the campus food service provider, currently offers the program at six colleges throughout the U.S., and plans to expand it to more than 800 schools. Transylvania was chosen as a test site.

"The Balanced Way plate consists of 50 percent vegetables and fruits, 25 percent whole grains and fiber-rich carbohydrates, and 25 percent protein," said Brooks Rinehart, dining services general manager. "These proportions are based on current nutritional science. It's designed to satisfy your appetite, keep you feeling full longer, boost metabolism, and help control weight."

Offered for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Balanced Way consists of 600 calories, so diners can easily monitor their calorie intake over the course of the day. Nutritional information for each dish also is posted.

Tastings of Balanced Way menu items with comment cards began in January and resulted in eliminating some recipes and changing others, but most were very popular, according to Rinehart. Selections include lightened-up traditional favorites and comfort

food as well as international and vegetarian dishes, healthy pizza, lighter condiments and whole grain breads on the deli and grill lines, and even low-fat desserts.

"There's nothing dull about this food," said Rinehart. "Our most popular Balanced Way plate is baked chicken, rice, and steamed mixed vegetables. The favorite desserts are mocha brownies, honey oatmeal cookies, and chocolate chip meringues that have practically no fat."

Lee Nutini, a junior from Cookeville, Tenn., who served as the Student Government Association's food service liaison for 2007-08, likes the Balanced Way items because he can season them according to his personal taste. He also enjoys the expanded food selection.

"This essentially doubled our choices, and greater variety is always a plus for students," he said. "It's also helping us be truly health-minded. Knowing that a Balanced Way lunch is 600 calories, I can plan my day so that if I work out at the Beck Center and need more calories, I might eat more at breakfast or get an extra piece of something at dinner."

Rinehart estimates that 20 percent of students were choosing all or part of the Balanced Way menu by the end of May term, and he expects participation to increase to 50 percent during fall term. At that time, Sodexho will launch an educational campaign to market the program, including a visit from a dietitian who will make presentations to student groups about the science of healthy eating. Additionally, the new 1780 Café, scheduled to open in Thomson Residence Hall, will offer healthier options.

"It's about learning how to eat, not how to diet," said Rinehart.

'Mountains Beyond Mountains' selected for First Engagements

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder's book *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* has been selected as the text for the coming academic year's First Engagements: A Community Book Project at Transylvania University.

The program is for all first-year students and takes place during the first week of classes in September. It's designed to give new students an engaging introduction to the high standards of liberal education at Transylvania through small-group discussion and analysis of a common text. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* is a non-fiction

narrative based on the exploits of Paul Farmer, a medical doctor and Harvard University professor, whose life calling is to diagnose and cure infectious diseases while bringing the tools of modern medicine to impoverished nations and people. Kidder takes readers on a journey from the halls of Harvard Medical School to the slums of Peru, a plateau in Haiti, and the prisons of Moscow as he chronicles Farmer's idealistic quest to change the world.

Kidder also authored the bestsellers *The Soul of a New Machine*, *House, Among Schoolchildren*, and *Home Town*.

Baseball makes NCAA championship, sets wins record

The baseball team enjoyed a second straight record-breaking season as the Pioneers recorded their most total wins on their way to winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament and playing in the NCAA Division III national championship, both for the first time in school history.

Under the guidance of head coach Chris Campbell '00, Transy won 31 games while losing 14. The Pioneers' 15-7 HCAC record landed them in fourth place in the regular season race, but Transy went 3-1 to win the conference tournament and take the HCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA championship. The Pioneers rallied to defeat Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 16-10 in the final game, when the NCAA invitation was up for grabs.

Rose-Hulman hosted the NCAA Midwest regional tournament, where Transy lost first to Heidelberg University 10-3, then lost to the College of Wooster 6-3 to bow out of the double-

■ **Sophomore infielder Adam Clark led the Pioneers with a .412 batting average.**

elimination event.

Transy kicked the season off with an eight-game winning streak and stood at 10-1 before beginning HCAC play. Included in those games was a 4-1 mark during the Russ Matt Invitational, played in Orlando during the Pioneers' spring break trip.

Transy landed three players on the All-HCAC first team, led by senior outfielder Mitch Kuczek, who made the team for the fourth year in a row. He hit .379 and finished his Transy career as the school's all-time leader in games played, hits, RBI, runs, and stolen bases.

Joining Kuczek on the first team was senior outfielder Tim Bauman, who hit a career high .384 and set an HCAC record with his .543 on-base percentage. Like Bauman, sophomore infielder Adam Clark made the all-conference team for the first time after leading Transy with a .421 batting average and setting an HCAC record with 38 hits.

Sophomore first baseman Ben Young was twice an HCAC Player of the Week, while Kuczek, sophomore pitcher Corey Colyer

(5-1), and junior pitcher Adam Wilkins (7-4) were each honored once. Senior Ben Luking had the best record on the mound with an 8-2 mark and finished his career as Transy's all-time leading pitcher.

Women's basketball grabs third in HCAC

A season of great promise for the women's basketball team wound up being a good year that could easily have been much better, due primarily to an unusually high rash of season-ending injuries and lack of a large contingent of experienced seniors. Still, the Pioneers enjoyed a winning year at 15-12 overall, including a 10-6 record in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, good for third place and a spot in the conference tournament.

Transy struggled for much of the season, just breaking even in the HCAC at 5-5 and having an overall record of 9-10 by early February, before a late-season win streak turned things around. The Pioneers won five straight conference games to qualify for the tournament, where they defeated Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the first round before falling to Manchester College in the semifinals.

All five players lost to injuries, including four from a highly touted first-year class, had been counted on by head coach Greg Todd to provide quality playing time.

"As young as we were overall, we knew we were going to depend on many of the first-year players," Todd said. "If you had told me at the beginning of the season we would lose five of our key players to injury and still be 10-6 in our conference and 15-12 overall, I would have thought it impossible. But by the end the season we were playing very well. Everybody was pulling together."



■ **Sophomore guard Brittany Henderlight led the team in made three-pointers with 30.**

Sophomore guard Brittany Henderlight and junior guard Kelsey McCarty were named to the All-HCAC first team. Henderlight was the second leading scorer at 12.6 points a game and led the team in made three-pointers with 30.

McCarty averaged 10.7 points a game for the year, but it was her late-season heroics that helped spark the Pioneers' winning drive to the finish line. Inserted into the starting lineup, she won HCAC Player of the Month honors for February when she averaged 25.3 points and 7.9 rebounds a contest over seven games, while shooting 62.5 percent from the three-point arc. She set a Beck Center (men or women) scoring record when she poured in 38 points in an 83-63 win over Franklin College on February 6.

First-year center Sara Sexton finished as Transy's leading scorer with 12.9 points a contest, and also pulled down five rebounds a game.



Men's basketball ties for second in HCAC

The men's basketball team tied for second in regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play with a 10-6 record, then lost in the semifinals of the conference tournament to end with a 16-11 overall mark.

Head coach Brian Lane '90 pointed to a lack of experience

as the factor holding the Pioneers back from making a good season an outstanding one. Guard Stephen Gabbard played well, finishing second on the team in made three-point goals with 46, but he was the lone senior on a team with three sophomores among the top four scorers.

"A lot of games where we had the opportunity to make it go one way or the other, we had key turnovers, a sign of inexperience," Lane said. "Still, we were picked to finish third in the conference and beat that prediction, and we never lost more than two in a row, even during the final weeks of tough conference play."

Transy stood at 6-2 midway through the HCAC schedule, but went 4-4 after that, including road loses at eventual regular-season champion Defiance College and at Franklin College, who tied the Pioneers for second place.

The challenging non-conference schedule included four teams that had played in the NCAA Division III national championship the previous season. "This part of the schedule was a little more than we could handle this year, but playing teams of that caliber is great preparation for future NCAA tournament competition," Lane said.

Junior forward Joey Verax and sophomore guard Tim Tierney were named to the All-HCAC first team. Verax led the Pioneers in scoring and rebounding with 11.5 points and 6.4 rebounds a game. Tierney was Transy's third leading scorer at 10.5 points a game and led the team in assists with 3.6 per contest.

Sophomore guard Matthew Parton, the second leading scorer with 10.6, was among the nation's leaders in three-point field goals, making 73 of 160 for 45.6 percent. Junior guard Aaron Cash was fourth leading scorer at 9.4 a game.

Men's golf reaches national standing

After a second straight Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title and strong showing in the NCAA Division III championship, the men's golf team has won a spot among the nation's elite programs.

The Pioneers successfully defended their HCAC crown when their team score of 1216 easily outdistanced Franklin College (1277) and Anderson University (1283). Transy was led by the medalist play of junior Bradley Sutherland, whose 290 total was 10 shots better than runner-up Tyler Daniels of Anderson.

All five Transy golfers finished in the top eight, earning each a spot on the All-HCAC team. Besides Sutherland, senior Corey Maggard (308), sophomore Matthew Martin (312), senior Greg Turcotte (315), and senior Alex Rehtin (317) earned the honor.

Transy's success prompted HCAC coaches to vote Sutherland Golfer of the Year and head coach Brian Lane Coach of the Year. Lane received the honor for the second year in a row.

With the HCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament in hand, the Pioneers headed to the Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, Ga., for the national event, hoping to improve on last year's 12th place finish. Transy got as high as seventh on the leaderboard at one point, then finished in 11th place among the nation's top 35 teams.

Sutherland again led the way for Transy with a score of 300, good for 15th in individual competition. His teammates included Maggard (311), Martin (312), Rehtin (315), and Turcotte (321). Sutherland's play earned him a second straight spot on the Ping All-American second team, voted on by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

New events during the regular season also reflected Transy's climb to national status. The Pioneers were invited to two prestigious tournaments reserved for teams who played in the NCAA championship the prior year.

Transy finished seventh in the Gordin Classic, played on the same Chateau Elan Resort course used for the 2008 NCAA tourney. The field consisted of the top 12 teams from the 2007 NCAA event. The Pioneers were 13th out of 26 in the Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational, again competing against the top NCAA teams from a year ago.

Men's swim team fifth, women sixth in Bluegrass meet

The men's swimming and diving team finished fifth and the women's team was sixth out of 14 schools competing in the season-ending Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships, held in Charlotte, N.C., and hosted by Wingate University. The Pioneers were guided by head swimming coach George Villarreal and diving coach Billy Bradford.

BMC Championship highlights for the Pioneers included first place finishes in men's and women's three-meter diving by seniors Richmond Bramblet and Lissa Lykins. Junior Ben Mullen took second place in the men's 200-yard butterfly, while both the men's and women's teams had five top-seven finishes in relay events. Bramblet, Lykins, and Mullen were named to the All-BMC team, along with teammates Betsy Kanis and Justin Morrell.

The women's team had three dual-meet victories during the regular season, defeating Union College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Butler University, while the men's team defeated Union for its lone victory.



■ Sophomore guard Matthew Parton was among the nation's leaders in three-point field goal accuracy at 45.6 percent.

Men's tennis wins HCAC, plays in NCAA tourney

For the sixth year in a row, the men's tennis team completed another perfect season in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, winning both the regular season title and the conference tournament. And for the second straight year, the Pioneers made an appearance in the NCAA Division III championship.

Transy put together an 8-0 regular season record in the HCAC, then added three more victories in the conference tournament to extend its amazing league win streak to 43 matches. The last time an HCAC opponent defeated the Pioneers was a 4-3 decision by Anderson University on April 13, 2002.

Transy did not drop a single individual match in rolling to the conference tournament title, ousting Bluffton University in the first round, Hanover College in the semifinals, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the finals, each by 5-0 scores.

The Pioneers took on Ohio Northern University in the NCAA's first round, played at Kenyon College, and lost to the Polar Bears 5-1. That gave Transy a 16-6 overall record for the season.

Transy swept individual honors in the HCAC, beginning with Player of the Year Parker Gregory, who won the honor for the second year in a row. First-year teammate Collin St. Clair was named Freshman of the Year. Joining Gregory and St. Clair on the All-HCAC team were sophomores Kyle Clayton and Lee Gammon.

Head coach Chuck Brown was named the conference's Coach of the Year for the sixth straight time. Brown has now fashioned an 87-24 record over seven seasons heading the Pioneers.

Softball has strong season ending

The softball team finished the season on an up-tick, winning five of its last eight Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference



■ Junior shortstop Jessica Broadhead led Transy with a .456 batting average.

games, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Pioneers from missing the HCAC tournament for the first time since Transylvania joined the conference in 2002. Under head coach Michelle Manning, Transy completed the year with a 17-19 overall record and a 7-9 mark in the HCAC, good for sixth place. The top four teams qualify for the conference tourney.

Transy got off on the right foot with a 3-1 record in the season-opening Centre Invitational, winning twice against the host school while also defeating Oberlin College and losing to DePauw University. The

Pioneers had a 5-5 record during the Rebel Games, a week of softball during a spring trip to Kissimmee, Fla.

Junior shortstop Jessica Broadhead and first-year outfielder/pitcher Kendra DeArk were named to the All-HCAC first team. Broadhead, earning the league honor for the third straight year, led Transy with a .456 batting average, 29 runs, and 23 RBI. DeArk posted a 6-5 record as a pitcher and averaged .333 as a slugging outfielder, with 26 runs and 17 RBI.



Student-athletes honored for skill, academics, leadership, inspiration

Golfer Rhea Badgett, two-sport star Liz Meredith, and soccer player Matt Vogel were named co-female and male Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual awards ceremony in May. Academic, leadership, and inspiration awards were also given.

Badgett, a senior from Madisonville, was a four-time All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference first team member, finishing

■ 2008 award winners, from left, Rhea Badgett, Matt Vogel, and Liz Meredith. Not pictured, Brent Roach, Ben Luking.

second in the league tournament as a first-year player. Meredith, a senior from Johnson City, Tenn., was a starting outfielder on the softball team and a team captain for the swimming and diving squad. Vogel, a senior from Lexington, was an HCAC Player of the Year and also won All-Region and All-American honors.

Meredith also won the Senior Leadership Award, presented by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for leadership on and off the playing field.

Baseball pitcher Brent Roach, a senior from Georgetown, Ky., won the George H. Stopp Award as the student-athlete with the highest grade point average over a four-year career.

Cancer survivor Ben Luking, a senior from Louisville, received the Pioneer Inspiration Award. He ended his career as the winningest pitcher in the history of the Transy baseball program.

COME TOGETHER

Alumni return to Transylvania to celebrate friendships and family

More than 630 alumni and guests enjoyed a full schedule of Alumni Weekend 2008 events April 25-27, ranging from a day at Keeneland Race Course to class reunion dinners that provided the perfect setting to catch up with all the news concerning classmates and families.

The alumni celebration luncheon, held in the William T. Young Campus Center, is always a highlight of the weekend, and this year there was a surprise in store for two members of the audience in particular. William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, made an unannounced appearance to bestow the Transylvania Medal on Transylvania First Lady Susan P. Shearer and President Charles L. Shearer, each of whom has given the University 25 years of exemplary service. (*See adjacent story.*)

In lieu of the traditional luncheon speaker, this year's event was also given over to a celebration of the careers of two long-time professors who retired at the end of the school year in May. Mathematics and computer science professor James E. Miller (42 years of service) and sociology professor and former dean of students J. Richard Thompson (31 years) were lauded for their outstanding service to the University and its students. (*See retirement stories on pages four and five.*)

At the end of the luncheon, the Alumni Association elected Wanda Poynter Cole '67 president of the Alumni Executive Board and Clay Stinnett '95 president-elect. ■



■ Seniors Elizabeth Combs, Miss Transylvania, and Richmond Bramblet, Mr. Pioneer, enjoy a dance at the T-Day Coronation Ball.

MORRISON MEDALLION

Presented to alums for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs



MARY LOU DIETRICH HARMON '56

Mary Lou Dietrich Harmon has served her alma mater as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and Transylvania Women's Club, and as co-chair of her 50th reunion. As an expression of gratitude for her Transylvania education, she established, along with her husband, Al, an academic endowment fund in peace studies in honor of history professor emeritus John D. Wright Jr. and the late philosophy professor emeritus Benjamin F. Lewis '43. She is a former high school teacher and employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

IRVIN E. LUNGER AWARD

Presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania



SAMUEL G. BARNES

Samuel G. Barnes joined Transylvania's Board of Trustees in 1995 and has given of his time and expertise as a member of the board's Student Life Committee and Finance Committee. He was a generous supporter of the 225th Anniversary Campaign, the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, and the Charles L. Shearer Art Building. He has helped to secure support for the Schell Student Loan Fund from Fifth Third Bank, Central Kentucky, where he serves as president and CEO.

TRANSYLVANIA MEDAL

Presented to non-alums who, through friendship and outstanding service, have promoted Transylvania



SUSAN P. SHEARER AND CHARLES L. SHEARER

Susan P. Shearer has served Transylvania as first lady for 25 years and has been a constant advocate for the best qualities of the University in all her endeavors. As the parent of three Transylvania graduates, she has been an effective supporter of the admissions program. Her support of student art activities was recognized with the naming of the Susan P. Shearer Student Gallery in the Charles L. Shearer Art Building. She has played an essential role in hosting trustees and special guests at numerous official functions.

Charles L. Shearer celebrated his 25th anniversary as president of Transylvania this July, the longest such tenure in the history of the college. During this time, he has played a key role in helping to increase enrollment from 650 to 1,150, grow the endowment from \$33 million to \$140 million, enhance faculty and student academic quality, and oversee the completion of more new buildings and renovation projects than any prior president.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Presented to an alum for extraordinary involvement in the life of the University



BRIAN CLARK WOOD '94

Brian Clark Wood joined Transylvania's Board of Trustees in 2005 following three years of service on the Board of Visitors. He chaired the 10th reunion of his class and served on the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center alumni committee from 1999-2005. He has provided generous support for the Transylvania Annual Fund, Thomson Residence Hall, Charles L. Shearer Art Building, Beck Center, and Cowgill Center for Business, Economics, and Education. He is president and CEO of BC Wood Properties, which comprises retail and commercial property in Kentucky and Tennessee.



SIX INDUCTED INTO PIONEER HALL OF FAME

From left, Dustin Elizabeth Meek '88, Jeff Blandon '88, Jill Brooks Pellerin '75, Whitney O'Bannon Hankins '74, Jerome Clark "Jerry" Jenkins '62, and Evans Day "Jack" Tracy '56.

Six alumni were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend 2008. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes and coaches who are alumni of the University and others who have made outstanding contributions to the field of athletics, thereby bringing honor to themselves and to Transylvania.

Jeff Blandon '88 is the third all-time leading scorer for men's basketball with 1,906 points. A two-time Most Valuable Player for Transy, he set a single season scoring record with 797 points and was named Pioneer Athlete of the Year following his junior year. He was also a two-time NAIA All-District selection and was named to several All-American teams after his senior season. After completing graduate work in sports management at the University of Kentucky, he moved to Australia, where he was involved in professional basketball as a player and owner/director of the Hunter Pirates in the national basketball league.

Whitney O'Bannon Hankins '74 was a member of the first women's basketball team at Transylvania in the modern era, the 1970-71 squad that posted a 9-1 record, including wins over the "B" teams of the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, and the University of Louisville. She also played field hockey

and tennis, including two seasons on the men's team. Her career in education has included a position as athletics director and coach at St. Francis High School in Louisville, and she currently coaches a Special Olympics girls' basketball team. She was the director of the Kentucky state high school field hockey tournament for five years.

Jerome Clark "Jerry" Jenkins '62 played baseball for four years at Transylvania and was catcher on the 1962 team that finished 14-1 and won the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. He also played basketball for two seasons. His long career as teacher, coach, and administrator in the Harrison County (Ky.) public schools included a stint as coach of the Harrison County High School boys basketball team that advanced to the quarterfinals of the Sweet Sixteen state tournament in 1967. He was named Coach of the Year in the Mid-State Conference that year. He was also a high school and college basketball official for 18 years, and was inducted into the 10th Region Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

Dustin Elizabeth Meek '88 played tennis for four years at Transy, winning her position in both singles and doubles from 1984-88 at the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference and the NAIA District 32 tournament. She was also a key

player all four years at the NAIA tournament. She compiled a career singles record of 90-18 playing from positions 5-1, and a 60-22 mark in doubles playing positions 3-1. She was named Pioneer Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Jill Brooks Pellerin '75 lettered in field hockey and cheerleading for four years at Transy, and played three seasons of basketball and two in tennis. Since graduating, she has participated in more than 200 triathlons, including completing four Ironman triathlons, and has run in more than 500 races. As an equestrian, she was Coastal Reserve Champion for Georgia and South Carolina in show jumping in 1991 and two-winner in dressage in 1999. She recently won the master's group in the Emory University Aquathon, a swim/run competition, and in 2007 hiked 1,100 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Evans Day "Jack" Tracy '56 was a basketball standout at Transy as one of the first players to receive a scholarship and a member of the first team to win a tournament. A forward/center, he started every game and lettered all four years from 1952-56. While in the U.S. Army, he played on teams at Fort Carson and Fort Myers. Soon after graduating from Transy, he was appointed assistant football and basketball coach at Frankfort (Ky.) High School, where he also taught. ■



A Record-setting Class

259 graduating seniors make up the largest class in Transylvania history

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN



■ Above, from left, commencement speaker John Churchill, secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; President Charles L. Shearer; and William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Left, Lucie Hartmann, a political science and psychology double major from Asheville, N.C., gave the student address.

For more commencement pictures, see back cover. Photos by Joseph Rey Au

A sun-drenched crowd of family and friends, faculty and trustees looked on from Old Morrison lawn on the morning of May 24 as President Charles L. Shearer conferred bachelor of arts degrees on 259 seniors, the largest graduating class in the 228-year history of Transylvania.

Commencement speaker John Churchill, secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, told the graduating seniors about the role their education in the liberal arts and sciences plays in benefitting both the individual and society as a whole.

“Engagement with the liberal arts and sciences fosters our abilities to use knowledge to make important decisions well,” Churchill said. “It also gives us responsibilities to make the world a better place.”

As secretary, Churchill is the chief executive officer and head of the national office of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest academic honorary society. He received his undergraduate education and induction into Phi Beta Kappa at Rhodes College, studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes

Scholar, and earned the Ph.D. from Yale University.

Graduating senior Lucie Hartmann, a political science and psychology double major from Asheville, N.C., used the whimsical poetic style of a Dr. Seuss tale to compare the education she and her classmates had received from Transylvania to the delightful variety of a buffet meal.

“Remember your appetite and your hunger for more/As well as your willingness to try new things and explore,” she said. “But the experience of tasting, even the bitter/Is one that has made us all the more fitter. We will make a difference, of this I am sure/For our courage and conviction will always endure.”

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, recognized Shearer as he neared completion in July of his 25th year as president of Transylvania, the longest such tenure in the history of the University.

Also during the ceremony, retiring professors James E. Miller, mathematics and computer science, and J. Richard

2008 Graduates head t

Harvard University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the Fulbright Scholar Program are among the prestigious organizations associated with the graduate education plans of members of the class of 2008.

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SARAH HARCOURT, an elementary education and religion major from La Grange, Ky., was accepted to Harvard University graduate programs in both education and theology.

The summer after her junior year, Harcourt completed a two-month internship with the Harvard Pluralism Project and conducted research for World Religions, a resource for academicians and others interested in religious diversity. This experience ignited her interest in studying at Harvard on the graduate level.

She applied to the graduate school of education for a master’s degree in special studies, and to the divinity school for a masters of theological studies. She was accepted into both, and although she thought about seeking a dual degree, she decided to enter the divinity school.

Harcourt plans to teach elementary school. “I’m going to be studying what teachers should be doing with religion in the classroom as a category of cultural relevance in students’ lives,” she said. “I want a chance to go out there and do that. That’s a part of me and what I should be doing.”

After gaining classroom experience, Harcourt would like to pursue a Ph.D. in education with the goal of becoming a college professor. “That’s where I could go to make a difference,” she said.

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Interesting and prestigious destinations



AUSTIN PRICE completed a double major in French and anthropology, along with a minor in business administration, and will enter the master's degree program in the Graduate School for Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

Price, from Marietta, Ohio, will focus on international development at Pittsburgh, with a minor in human security and a regional concentration in Francophone Africa. He's spending this summer completing an internship through the Sister Cities Commission, working at a non-governmental agency in France dealing with immigrant issues.

His long-range goal is to work in international development in one of the sub-Saharan African nations, an interest that was sparked by working with Congolese refugees in Lexington through the Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

"I look on international development as a means of achieving a global stewardship," Price said. "Through my French studies, I've acquired a special interest in Francophone populations in Africa. The good thing about my degree from Pittsburgh is that it will allow me to work for NGOs, for the government, or in private consulting."



MALLORY POWELL, a Spanish and international affairs major from Lawrenceburg,

Ky., was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to study in Vietnam for the 2008/09 academic year. Powell is one of 10 English teaching assistants selected for the inaugural Fulbright program in Vietnam.

She will be in Vietnam for 11 months, where she'll teach English to college students and students in a teacher training program, and study Vietnamese.

Powell's interest in Vietnam was sparked in a class taught by political science professor Jeff Freyman, and study abroad experiences helped her gain the confidence to apply for the Fulbright.

"My two trips abroad were integral in inspiring me to travel more," she said. "I went to Spain for May term my first year and for a term last year. That empowered me to take a step to go even farther away."

A volunteer with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Powell's plans for the future include working with immigrants or refugees, focusing on the human side of international affairs, rather than the political.



LAUREN STROHMEIER, a political science major and history minor from Owenton, Ky., will pursue a master's degree in global politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science beginning this fall.

When she came to Transylvania, her thoughts centered on domestic political concerns, but a study abroad experience with the Hansard Scholars Program in London and her Transy classes changed her perspective.

"I interned with a member of the British Parliament and really enjoyed it," Strohmeier said. "That experience, and several of my classes with (political science professor) Dr. Freyman, changed my focus to international politics and issues."

Strohmeier is looking forward to her Lon-

don School of Economics experience as a way of narrowing her interests to a specific career goal.

"There's a whole big spectrum of things I'm interested in right now, including economic issues in third-world countries and the strategizing and marketing of political candidates," she said. "I also feel very compassionate about world poverty and what the rest of the world can do to help people in difficult situations."



CHRIS MOONEY, a mathematics major from Lexington, was accepted into the Ph.D. program in mathematics at the University of Iowa as a Presidential Graduate Fellow.

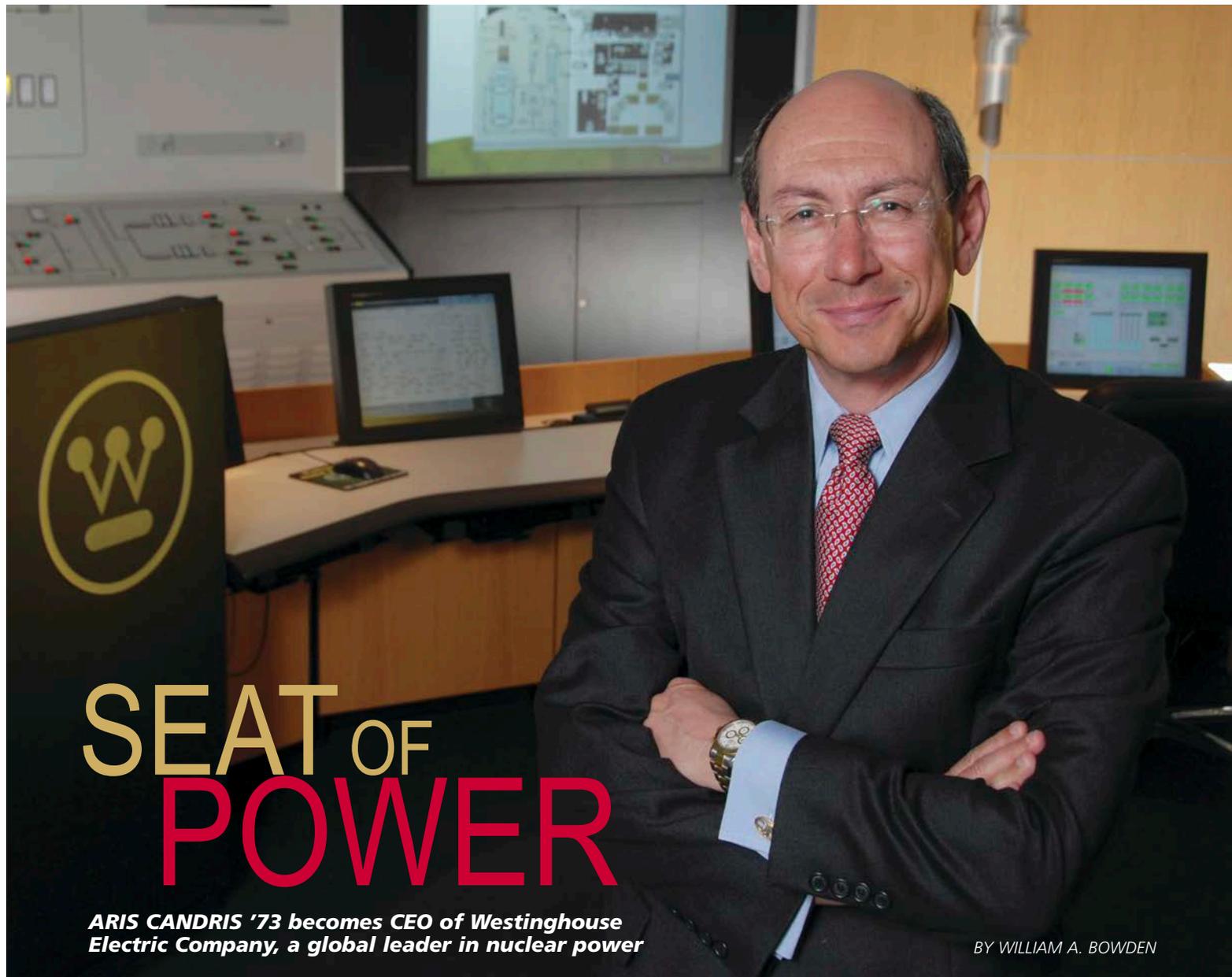
The University of Iowa was the winner of the 2008 American Mathematical Society Award for an Exemplary Program or Achievement, and the Presidential Graduate Fellowship brings 30 of the most promising doctoral students to the university each year.

As a first-year student, Mooney planned to major in sociology and mathematics.

"My father was a professor of sociology, so my plan was to do demography work or quantitative sociology," he said, "but I added a physics minor, and then history, so I ended up with three minors and a major in math."

The summer after his sophomore year, Mooney conducted research at Williams College and realized that research was the work he wanted to pursue. After his junior year, he completed research in algebra at Central Michigan University. "I got to be in the same room as some of the greats. It was very rewarding," he said.

With a focus in algebra and group theory, Mooney plans to become a college professor.



SEAT OF POWER

ARIS CANDRIS '73 becomes CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company, a global leader in nuclear power

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Aris Candris '73 wasn't expecting to spend his first night in America camped out on a couch at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, but a missed connection for his flight from Athens, Greece, to Lexington necessitated the unplanned layover.

Fortunately for Candris, his great American adventure went straight uphill from there.

Candris, the first, and until recently the only, member of his immediate family to leave his native Greece to attend college in the United States, became CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company on July 1. A nuclear scientist and engineer by education and training, he was named to the top management role after a succession of increasingly responsible positions over his 33-year career at the Pittsburgh-based Westinghouse, one of the world's leading nuclear electric power companies.

Candris's remarkable story is a textbook example of the versatility of a liberal arts education as a foundation for graduate studies and a career in almost any field, and the possibilities attainable for those who come to America willing to work hard and take advantage of opportunities.

Candris left Greece to come to Transylvania during a time of political and social upheaval in his native country. A military junta had taken over the government through a coup d'état in 1967, and some who opposed military rule and its suspension of individual freedoms were either exiled by the junta or self-exiled. One such person was Candris's uncle, who wound up as a visiting professor at the University of Kentucky. That provided Candris with his link to Transylvania.

"I knew I wanted to go to a small school, and my uncle told me about Tran-

sylvania," Candris said. "Transy gave me a good scholarship. I arrived on campus in the fall of 1970 straight off the proverbial boat, only this time it was an airplane."

Transy's new L.A. Brown Science Center opened that same fall, a fortuitous event for Candris, who was interested in the sciences from day one. His original idea of concentrating on theoretical nuclear physics changed somewhat during his Transy years, to a career goal focused more on the applications of science.

"One of my classes visited Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, which was my first exposure to the more practical side of nuclear physics," Candris recalled. "Later, I went to a conference in Dayton attended by recruiters from graduate schools in nuclear engineering. That opened my eyes further to options besides research and teaching."

Taking heavy loads most terms, Candris

completed his B.A. degree in three years, with three majors—physics, mathematics, and pre-engineering. Mathematics and computer science professor James E. Miller and Princeton-educated physics professor John Roeder were among his favorite teachers.

Candris was especially gratified at the level of personal attention he received as a Transy student.

“I expected some of that, but the closeness of the environment at Transylvania and the interest professors showed in students was a pleasant surprise,” he said. “Had I gone to a European university, I would not have experienced that.”

When it came time to apply for graduate school, Candris found his Transylvania degree to be an excellent credential. He applied to Purdue University, The Ohio State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Carnegie-Mellon University, and was accepted with scholarship offers from all of them.

“I was choosing between MIT and Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh, and Westinghouse, the pioneer in nuclear power, was headquartered in Pittsburgh,” Candris said. He chose Carnegie-Mellon, and Pittsburgh has been his home ever since, with the exception of three years spent with Westinghouse’s facilities in Jacksonville, Fla.

Candris found that his Transylvania education prepared him well to tackle the rigors of nuclear science and engineering studies at one of the nation’s leading universities for science.

“I had to compete with students with big-name school backgrounds, but I had a fairly easy time of it,” he says. “The ones who came from pure engineering backgrounds had a tough time with advanced reactor theory in nuclear physics, but that was a piece of cake for me with what I had gotten from my Transy courses with Dr. Roeder, whose degree was in theoretical nuclear physics.”

Candris joined Westinghouse as a senior engineer in the former advanced reactor division in 1975, before he had completed work on his Ph.D. in nuclear science and engineering at Carnegie-Mellon. That same year, Westinghouse sold off its traditional appliance manufacturing business as it focused more and more on nuclear power technologies and services. The company, founded in

1886, would go through many other business twists and turns before arriving at its current status as a purely nuclear electric power company.

There were also many increasingly responsible positions in Candris’s future at Westinghouse over the next three decades as he advanced up the engineering and management ladders of the company. His most recent position before ascending to CEO was senior vice president of nuclear services.

“I first moved up the technology side of the house, then took over the services technology side,” Candris said. “I’ve often joked that, with the exception of materials, there’s not a function within the nuclear side of Westinghouse that I have not run at some point.”

Candris takes over the reins of Westinghouse at an opportune time in the global nuclear power industry in general, and for Westinghouse in particular. The company signed contracts in 2002 and 2006 with South Korea worth in excess of \$650 million to support construction of six nuclear power plants, and a multi-billion dollar contract with China in 2007 to provide four plants. Each plant is a roughly \$3 billion overall investment by the utility, Candris said.

In the United States, 104 reactors currently supply about 20 percent of the nation’s electricity needs. By comparison, France produces more than 80 percent of its electricity through nuclear power, Sweden 50 percent, and the European Union 30 percent.

“We are in the middle of a renaissance for nuclear plants,” Candris said. “As the holders of the technology that is favored globally for new power plants, Westinghouse is in the catbird’s seat. We have been growing a lot in recent years, and we expect that to continue.”

Westinghouse will move into a new 845,000-square-foot headquarters and design-and-engineering complex in 2009. The company hired more than 1,300 engineers during the most recent fiscal year, a task made difficult because of a shortage of engineers in the U.S.

“Very few of our new engineers are coming from other countries because of the problem of getting visas,” Candris said. “Part of my interest in staying in close touch with Transylvania and Carnegie-Mellon is to encourage more investment in technical and engineering curriculum.”

Any discussion of nuclear power plants

inevitably brings to mind the subject of safety, something Candris is keenly aware of as a scientist and active member of his profession. He recently became a board member of the Nuclear Energy Institute, which has as one of its main purposes the education of the general public about nuclear power.

“Those of us who work in the field have a healthy respect for radiation and the potential dangers associated with nuclear material,” Candris said. “But we also know the enormous benefits, not only in terms of electrical power generation with no greenhouse gas emissions from nuclear plants, but also the many medical applications such as diagnostic x-rays, for example.”

The industry has not done a good job of telling its story, Candris feels, which includes new technology that makes modern plants safer than ever.

“We have been timid as an industry to go on the offensive from a public relations standpoint and explain to people what is going on,” he said. “Not a single person was harmed from radiation at the 1979 Three-Mile Island accident, but the impression was of a mass hysteria. In 1986, no one got the message out that the accident at Chernobyl was unique to that particular type of reactor, which is illegal as a design in the Western world.”

Nuclear scientist and engineer, and CEO of a global nuclear power company, may not be the first job titles that come to mind for a graduate of a small liberal arts college, but they serve as testament to how a multi-faceted liberal education can prepare a person for almost any undertaking.

That’s been true for Candris as well as his wife, Laura A. (Sutton) Candris ’75, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and senior counsel with the Pittsburgh law firm Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP.

“Both Laura and I have a very soft spot for Transylvania,” said Candris, who was elected to the Transylvania Board of Trustees in May. “I honestly think that a combination of the attention that I got there, along with the environment that Transy provided, were significant contributors to how I turned out.”

Candris recently lost his distinction of being the only member of his immediate family to come to the United States for higher education, and to Transy in particular. His nephew, Stamatis Kandris

Alumni

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■ Jennifer Maxwell, left, and Susan Marine shared a light moment after commencement ceremonies in 1992. The program was held in McAlister Auditorium, razed in 2000 to make way for the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. Transylvania awarded 215 bachelor's degrees that day, and the speaker was Nobel laureate William Nunn Lipscomb Jr., the Abbott and James Lawrence professor of chemistry emeritus at Harvard University.

'49 Donald W. Frantz and Zerilda Cowherd Frantz, Shelbyville, Ky., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 20.

'51 Elizabeth Elam Weissenborn, back row, third from right, Plano, Tex., is a member of a women's basketball team that played in a tournament in Hot Springs, Ark.



'61 Paul A. Lantis, Dublin, Ohio, represented Transylvania on April 26 at the presidential inauguration at the College of Wooster.



'62 Dorothy C. "Dot" Watson, second from right, and Thomas C. "Tom" Watson '61, third from right, Tullahoma, Tenn., enjoyed a one-week cruise in January with 120 Disciples from nine states,

including: from left, Martha Heard George '57, Joseph Wilcox '46, Lewis George '55, Emily Marsh Wilcox '46, Ann Lewis Smith '61, and Jo Garver Wilkinson '54, far right. The cruise was organized by the Senior Adult Ministries of Florida and was led by Sharon Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and her husband, Rick Lowery, interim dean of Lexington Theological Seminary.

'63 Lawrence C. Bobbitt, Hilton Head, S.C., is a retired hospital chaplain. His wife, Carol, teaches at the Hilton Head International Baccalaureate School.

'66 William B. Bell, Midlothian, Va., represented Transylvania on April 11 at

Alumna celebrates 100th birthday

Lida Crouch Stansbury '28 celebrated her 100th birthday on June 2, surrounded by her friends at Mt. Washington (Ky.) United Methodist Church, where she is a parishioner. Close friends Harry and Sharon Feeback put together a keepsake publication for her, filled with photos and remembrances from family, friends, and former students from her years as a high school and elementary school teacher.

Stansbury's centennial birthday came eight decades almost to the day (June 6) since she graduated from Transylvania in 1928. The passage of those 80 years has done little to dim the fond memories she has of her college days.

"Being raised on a farm (near Bloomfield, Ky.), it was a broadening experience for me to come to Transylvania and be with students from so many different parts of the country," Stansbury says. "I loved every minute of it. My mother was very progressive, and she was determined I would go to college. It wasn't something everyone did back then."

Stansbury studied French at Transy under Winona Stevens Jones, instructor in French and Spanish, and completed the education courses necessary for a teaching certificate. She taught high school for two years in Mt. Washington before getting married, then returned as an elementary school substitute teacher for 25 years before retiring. She remembers having to borrow \$1,000 to pay for her senior year at Transy, then paying it back in two years at \$100 a month from her teaching salary.

Stansbury is also among the last graduates of Hamilton College, the women's junior and preparatory college affiliated with Transylvania, where she attended her first two years before enrolling at Transy for her junior and senior years to complete her A.B. degree. Hamilton was located on North Broadway just a block from the Transy campus in a rambling antebellum building that was razed in 1963. Transylvania's *Crimson* yearbook included a section on Hamilton College during the 24 years (1903-27) that the two institutions were closely associated.



■ **Lida Stansbury, pictured in the 1926 *Crimson* yearbook, graduated from Hamilton College (shown above), a women's junior college affiliated with Transylvania, before completing her degree at Transy in 1928.**



■ **Lida Stansbury '28 is joined at her 100th birthday party by Joshua McDaniel '07 and Lindsay "Chip" Wigginton '70.**

It was mainly during her two years at Hamilton College—the equivalent of her first year and sophomore year at Transy—that Stansbury experienced the restrictions on, and scrutiny of, female college students at a level that today's women would find unimaginable, not to mention intolerable. It was all part of the finishing school aspect of Hamilton that attracted young women from Kentucky and many other states, including Indiana and Illinois.

For instance, there were nightly curfews and a lights-out rule in the dormitory, and first-year students were not allowed to walk downtown for shopping, a movie, or even church without an upper-class chaperone. The students were inspected by house mothers for appearance before being allowed to venture out into Lexington.

"They were very particular about our being proper young ladies, and especially our dress, since we were representing Hamilton College," Stansbury remembers. "Nobody's slip was allowed to show."

The students took their meals in Hamilton's dining hall, where Stansbury worked one year as a waiter to pay for her board and room. "We had tables of eight, and the plates were served in the kitchen. They would put all these plates on a big tray and I would carry it out to the dining hall. Everybody kept their fingers crossed that I would make it."

When asked her feelings about turning 100, Stansbury, who now lives at Wesley Manor Retirement Community in Louisville, said, "Well, you just wonder how you've gotten there. I've always been very particular about yearly physical examinations."

Though she and her late husband did not have children of their own, Stansbury feels blessed to have the relationships she enjoys now with her former students. "I did not have any biological children, but I have a lot of children," she says with a smile, "and they give me a lot of pleasure."

Many thanks to Joshua McDaniel '07, who attends Stansbury's church and called to let Transylvania magazine know of her upcoming birthday. Also to Lindsay "Chip" Wigginton '70, who helped arrange an interview with Stansbury.

the presidential inauguration at the University of Richmond.

Jessie Lackey Fennell, Lexington, represented Transylvania on April 25 at the presidential inauguration at Eastern Kentucky University.

'67 **Georgia Green Stamper**, Lexington, has published a collection of her essays and public radio commentaries titled *You Can Go Anywhere From the Crossroads of the World*. It's available from the publisher, Wind Publications, at Amazon.com, and in the

Transylvania bookstore. For more information about her book, visit her Web site at www.georgiagreenstamper.com. Georgia is a contributing commentator on University of Kentucky public radio station WUKY and writes a newspaper column. In

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS were presented during Alumni Week-end 2008 to four alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.



Robert P. Dillard '63 was recognized for his devotion to improving the health of children and teaching other doctors to do the same. Currently a professor of pediatrics at the University of Louisville, he is a former faculty member at the University of Kentucky, where he earned his medical degree in 1967. He has held teaching and/or staff positions at the University of South Florida College of Medicine and East Carolina University School of Medicine, and at Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart and the Nemours Children's Clinic, both in Pensacola, Fla.



William C. Hobgood '58 was honored for his extensive career in the ministry. He is presently pastor of Bethany Beach (Delaware) Christian Church and has served for 25 years as a pastor and 17 years as a regional minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was elected in 2003 to a two-year term as general minister and president of the Christian Church. He earned a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary, a master's equivalency at George Washington University, and a doctor of ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary. His books include *The Once and Future Pastor* and *Welcoming Resistance*.



Lee H. Rose '58 was recognized for his long and successful career in coaching, teaching, and administration. He was head coach at Transylvania for eight seasons, taking the Pioneers to the NCAA tournament five times, before taking the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Purdue University to the Final Four, winning a national Coach of the Year honor in the process. His NBA career found him with the San Antonio Spurs, New Jersey Nets, Milwaukee Bucks, and Charlotte Hornets before his current role as assistant coach for the Charlotte Bobcats. His extensive international coaching experience includes coaching the United States team at the 1985 World University Games in Japan.



Carla Roberts Whaley '83 was honored for her successful career as a sales and marketing executive in the area of healthcare financing. As vice president of sales for Humana-Kentucky, she has helped position Humana as the largest commercial market shareholder in the state while achieving President's Club status in 15 of her 17 years with the company. She has held market and corporate-level positions in sales force automation, sales/agent compensation, client reporting, advisory councils, and associate training. She spearheaded development and company-wide deployment of Humana's first customized Customer Relationship Management program in 2003.

September, she will lead off the 2008-09 Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning lecture series "New Books by Great Writers."

'68 Elizabeth Hagerty Dyckes, Sarasota, Fla., and her husband are enjoying retirement in Florida's Gulf coast. They plan

to cruise the Inland Waterway of Alaska this summer on a small ship and tour Denali National Park.

Kay Judice Thompson, Miami, Tex., has retired from teaching. She and her husband run a cattle ranch, and they enjoy having their grandchildren visit.

'71 James W. Hicks, Edgewood, Ky., a retired science teacher after 32 years service, is serving as a biology teacher with Kentucky Virtual High School and a consultant for Blended Learning with the Kentucky Department of Education.

'74 Elizabeth Bishop Speed purchased a new home in Lincolnton, N.C., and is in the process of renovating it. She is in her 22nd year with Faison Association in Charlotte.

'77 Jill Harris, Lexington, retired from Fayette County Public Schools after 28 years of teaching primary school and serving as a reading specialist and professional staff assistant. She now serves as a reading intervention teacher with Fayette County Schools on a part-time basis and continues to be involved in church and community activities.

Linda Wise McNay and her family live in Atlanta. She is director of museum advancement at the High Museum of Art and national president of Art Museum Development Professionals.

'78 Dana H. Havron, Huntsville, Ala., has been promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He currently serves as an intelligence officer performing scientific and technical intelligence with the Office of Naval Intelligence. Over the past year and a half, he has supported Navy operations and exercises off the coast of Lebanon, in Germany, and Italy. Dana continues his civilian career with The Boeing Company as an engineer on the Ground Midcourse Defense contract.

'79 Nancy L. Alif, Las Vegas, a practicing attorney since 1983 and a partner in the firm of Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, has filed to run for the Nevada Supreme Court.

'81 Vinson W. Miller, Hampton, Va., graduated from the joint Navy-VA Clinical Pastoral Education residency program at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in October. In November, he reported as command chaplain at Naval Hospital Lemoore in California. He is now in his 15th year of service as a Navy chaplain.

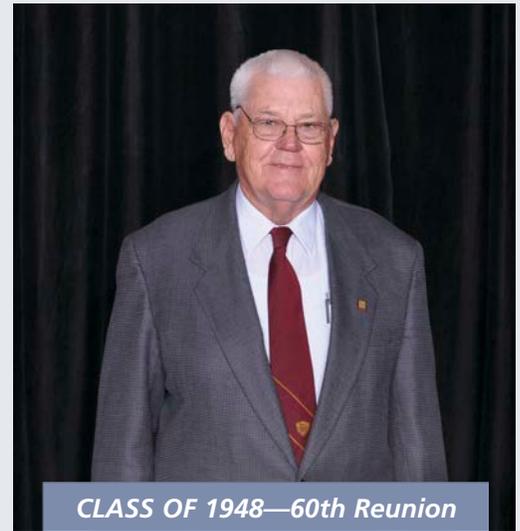
Gwen P. Sloas, Dayton, Ohio, met her new son, Jason Mark Sloas, born in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China, on January 4, 2005. She took Paula, 16, and Tim, 12, to China with her to welcome their new brother.

'82 F. Daniel Mongiardo, Hazard, Ky., was awarded the 2008 East Kentucky Leadership Award for a Public Individual by the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation.



CLASS OF 1943—65th Reunion

Elizabeth Drymon Dickey, Richard Bradley.



CLASS OF 1948—60th Reunion

Garey White

Alumni Weekend 2008 Reunion Classes



CLASS OF 1958

50th Reunion/Newest Robert Barr Society Members

Front row, from left: Ken Evans, Mary Bethel Payne Robinette, Ada June Coyle Thompson, Jo Ann Pearce Nisbet, Pat Hinkle Sisson, Betty Scrivner Lollis, Ann Spradling Hake; second row (seated): Mary Locknane Phelps, Dale Rogers Herrick, Suzy Bell Gartin, Barbara Reliford Faulconer, Faye Thompson Smith, Jane Horton Huff Wilhoit, Vera McManaman Rowell; third row: Barbara Stivers Tackett, Joyce Lowry Witt, Bobbye Gayle Bryant Amato, Jane Davis Lollis, Virginia Adams Langsdale, Jane Dodds Killman, Nancy Jones Ball, Monnie

Gortney Talley, Janice Jackson Boyd, Joann Lancaster Hanna, Delma Sue Brinegar Combs, Joyce Adams Piercefield, Sarah Toncray Wyatt, Sally Smith Pace, Virgelia Cleveland Meek, Joyce Netherton Albertsen, Gayle Ropke Greer, Wilda Vaught McKenzie; fourth row: Chris Hobgood, Russ McClure, Mark Johnson, Scott Hackney, Ed Ackall, Ed Thompson, Mel Boyd, Wade Wampler, Gayle Rees, Danny Clark, Howard Pope, William (Smitty) Lucas, Norman Hagley, Lee Rose, Jim Amato.



CLASS OF 1963—45th Reunion

Front row, from left: Jim Horine, Bob Watts, Jean Morse Wallace, Bobbi Cox Simpson, Elaine Cremer Tiller, Suzanne Bence Mayes; second row: Monte McIntosh, Pam McCord Watts, Sharron Williams

Smith, Jo Ann Livesay McIntosh. Chuck Barrett; back row: Les Voyles, John Toncray, Ed Allen, Jack Lucas.



CLASS OF 1968—40th Reunion

Front row, from left: Bob Buck, Jan Schoonmaker, Norma Lewis Yost, Mary Lee Slaughter Gillis, Marjorie Peace Lenn, Libby Johnson Abele, Anne Stephens Baldwin, Janine Denton Auslander; second row: Jim Parker, Sara Beldon Rogers, Pam Shepherd Waldron, Jane

Hoge McFadden, Charelle Higgins Wheeler, Sylvia Richards Keller, Ann Boyd Brandow, Barbara Daniel Ellis; back row: Tom Shevlin, Dave Ederheimer, Ron Yost, Bill Hill, Michael Reynolds, Cleve Gambill, Bob Keller, Mike Nichols, Bob Riester.



CLASS OF 1973—35th Reunion

Front row: Carolyn Hilterbran Henry, Lizi Ruch Plotnick, Susan Perry Hoffman, Nancy Finney, Sheila Hansford Elliott; second row: Steve Henry, Bill Hardy, Jackie Baker Henry, Karen Kelly McGuire, Pat

Barnes, Ellen Haggard Cunningham, Sharon Scott, Susan Snowden DuArte; back row: Aris Candris, Bill Bramblet, Marty Voiers, Mike Toncray, Lee Klotz, Jeff Gaunce.

'85 Jennifer Curry Hoertz, Louisville, is working on her master's degree in marriage and family therapy at the University of Louisville. She has three children, Hannah, 17, Drew, 15, and Ben, 13.

'87 Nancy Adams Clark, Brighton, Wisc., represented Transylvania on April 18 at the presidential inauguration at Albion College.

'92 Emily Burks Dennis, Frankfort, Ky., was appointed general counsel by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

Stephen E. Stauffer, Lexington, has been elected president-elect of Southeastern Association of Housing Officers, a regional association for professionals working in the field of college residence life and housing. He will serve a three-year term as president beginning in February 2009. Steve continues to work in residence life at the University of Kentucky.

'93 R. Brandon Claycomb, Fond du Lac, Wisc., has been named dean of arts and sciences at Edgewood College in Wisconsin.

Catherine Roberts Eads is a senior supervisor and educational consultant with Usborne Books. She conducts literacy programs with families, schools, and businesses while helping other women start home-based businesses as educational consultants. Cathy and her husband, David, live in John's Creek, Ga., with their three children. Contact Cathy via her Web site at www.FindTheDuck.com.

Amy Collignon Gunn, St. Louis, an attorney with the law firm of Simon Passanante, has been named one of the *St. Louis Business Journal's* 2008 40 Under 40, honoring professionals under the age of 40 for achievements in their careers and communities. Honorees are selected by a panel of the paper's editors and former winners.

Lee Alexander King, Franklin, Tenn., is enjoying teaching preschool, and her husband, **W. Bradley King**, has been promoted to director of implementation services at Censis Technologies.

Jennifer Brown Tincher, Hoover, Ala., is marketing and events coordinator for Team Alabama with the new professional All American Football League (www.aaf.com).

'94 K. Beth Johnson lives in St. Louis with her husband, Joel Northwall, a mechanical engineer in the motor division of Emerson. Beth is an investment consultant specializing in college and university endow-

Two alumni and two professors received **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** during Alumni Weekend 2008 for their outstanding service to Transylvania.



Betty Scrivner Lollis '58 retired from Transylvania in 1998 after serving in the admissions office as coordinator of the Transylvania premier scholarships, along with additional duties, and as director of the alumni and parent programs. She is a former president of the Alumni Executive Board, and continues to serve her alma mater as a member of the Transylvania Women's Club. She was a member of the reunion committee for the 45th and 50th reunions of her class.



James E. Miller retired from Transylvania at the end of the 2008 academic year after 42 years as a computer science and mathematics professor. In addition to his teaching duties, he served as chair of the division of natural sciences and mathematics, directed two self studies for reaffirmation of accreditation, and was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. He was faculty adviser for Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary for more than two decades. He also developed many activities that furthered the goals and reputation of the college, including summer academic camps for high school students and computer competitions that later became part of the statewide Academic Sweet 16 competition.



J. Richard Thompson retired from Transylvania at the end of the 2008 academic year after 31 years as a sociology professor, including one year when he also served as interim dean of students and 10 years when he was dean of students. He served the University in a variety of other ways, including as co-designer of and mentor in the new student orientation program, chair of selection committees for the William T. Young Scholarship and the Transylvania Scholarship, administration adviser to the Student Government Association, and member of selection committees for student orientation leaders and resident advisers.



Sarah Toncray Wyatt '58 credits Transylvania faculty and staff members for instilling a love for lifelong learning that has enabled her to improve the quality of life in communities where she has lived and motivated her to support her alma mater as well. She served on the Alumni Executive Board from 1991-94 and on her class reunion committee in 2003. She has been a member and leader of the Transylvania Women's Club since 1994.

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'95 Amy T. "Kate" Buckley, Laguna Beach, Fla., has been awarded the James Hearst Poetry Prize offered by *North American Review*



for her poem *The Life Cycle of Moths*. Her first book, *A Wild Region: Poems & Paintings*, set in Kentucky, was released in April by Moon Tide Press. Her Web site is

www.katebuckley.com.

Charles D. Deep and **Kristy Sheffel Deep '99** live in Lexington with their children, Madeline and Katie. Charlie works for Boston Scientific and Kristy is an assistant professor in internal medicine at the University of Kentucky.

'97 Heather C. Watson, Nashville, ran in the Country Music half-marathon in April. In addition to the rigors of training,

OLD HOME WEEK AT THE DENTIST



Lori-Lyn Hurley

■ From left, Larry Kopczyk '80, Don Lane, Brian Vieth '98, Tim Majors '01.

Former Transylvania head men's basketball coach Don Lane may feel he's back on the court when he goes to the dentist. That's because three of his former players are in practice together at Alumni Dental Center in Lexington, where Lane is a loyal patient.

The practice was started by Larry Kopczyk '80 and now includes his son-in-law Brian Vieth '98 and Tim Majors '01. The practice is appropriately named—a significant number of Transy alums are included among the patients.

Lane, now a Transy physical education professor, coached at Transylvania for 26 seasons and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame. Kopczyk was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2007.

Heather has pledged to raise \$750 in sponsorship donations for Gilda's Club Nashville in conjunction with the race. You can track Heather's training progress by visiting www.heathersfirstmarathon.blogspot.com.

'98 **Christopher A. Carter**, Lexington, has been promoted to vice president of business banking for Chase Bank and plans to relocate to Louisville.

Taufika Islam Williams, Burlington, N.C., has been promoted to research assistant professor in the department of chemistry, North Carolina State University. Her research is in the area of epithelial ovarian cancer detection. Her husband, **Joseph B. Williams '99**, was recently selected to be chief resident at the department of psychiatry, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. They have been married for seven years.



'02 **Blair A. Myers**, Macon, Ga., a realtor and associate broker for Americom Realty Georgia, was inducted into the Lifetime Million Dollar Club by the Central Georgia Board of Realtors after three consecutive years of multi-million dollar sales production. Myers is one of only two realtors under 30 to ever receive this honor from the board. The Georgia Realtor Institute Board of Governors also recognized him for his academic achievement through the institute's educational programs for excellence in real estate sales.



'03 **Christopher H. Reitz**, Louisville, was promoted to senior financial analyst for Brown-Forman. He is responsible for managing, facilitating, and coordinating financial accounting, reporting, planning, and analytical activities, as well as working on special projects.

Sean M. Thompson, Louisville, is a life skills trainer with Christian Care Communities (Stepping Stones) in Louisville, assisting head injury survivors with medications and daily living tasks.

'04 **William J. "Billy" Redmon**, Louisville, received his master of history degree from the University of Louisville in December.

'05 **Amanda Lamping Barb**, Lexington, has been promoted to facilities operations manager at the Frito-Lay Distribution Center in Lexington. She has been with the company for five years.

Ashley N. Duncan, Louisville, was awarded a Fulbright research grant to Finland for 2008-09. Her research project is "Exploring the Finnish Model of Farm Animal Welfare."

'06 **Jessica M. Grice**, Fairfield, Ohio, has passed all four parts of the CPA exam and been certified as a CPA.

Ashley N. Salsman, Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky in May with her master of social work degree. She plans to become a licensed clinical social worker. Currently, she works at Family Counseling Service as a student therapist and with the RISE summer program as a child therapist.

'07 **Amy B. DeLong**, Pikeville, Ky., has been accepted into Montclair State University's Philosophy for Children program.

MARRIAGES

K. Beth Johnson '94 and Joel W. Northwall, November 24, 2007

Shannon Beverly Stamper '94 and John LeGrande Carroll, January 19, 2008



■ **Greta Davidson Hicks '04** and **George Edward Ryan Gilbert '04** were married December 22, 2007, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. In attendance were, front row, from left: Sarah Gregory '04, Jancy Bonewits '04, Greta, Ryan, Deborah Davidson Hicks '78; second row: Leigh Carr '87, Dave Carr '81, Holly Gilbert '09, Carl Frazier '04, Jessica Hicks '07, Sarah Anderson '02, Drew Slone '04, Amy Lee '08, Lynn Hicks Fogle '80, John Fogle '79.



CLASS OF 1978—30th Reunion

From left: Dana Havron, John VanMeter, Paula Lewis, Steve Hesler, Phillip Cook.



CLASS OF 1983—25th Reunion

Front row, from left: Michele Manning Whittington, Ann Evans Smith, Steve Spicuzza, Jennifer Owen, Peggy Mann, Valarie Honeycutt Spears, Julia Wathen Hood; second row: Alison Kopczyk Freeman, Joan Hogancamp Davis, Janie Hawes, Liz Smith, Candy Thiele

Smith, Karen Congleton Kelley, Jennifer Staton Osborne; third row: Denny Potter, John Wright, Paula Trautner McGuire, Laura Simmons Mitchell; back row: Dan Atherton, Jay Whitehead, Allen Ragle, Matt Layton.



CLASS OF 1988—20th Reunion

Front row, from left: Jill York, Lisa May-Ellis, Dustin Meek, Catherine Prather, Linda Campbell Tipton, Lori Shelburne, Leah Hawkins Steppe; second row: Steven Boyd, Jill Rice, Aileen McNally Adams, Karen Utz Allen, Pam Green, Andrea Nielsen, Sara Spragens; third

row: Jenifer Haney Payne, Margaret Duff Lindsey, Dean Adams, Paul Allen, Jerry McIlvain, Tye Reece, Tony Blanton, John-Mark Hack; back row: Rick Nunnelley, Galo Grijalva, Sean Gannon, Keven Combs, Lewis Frost, Paul Hillenmeyer, Keith Johnson.



CLASS OF 1993—15th Reunion

Front row, from left: Todd Welsh, Amber Smith Miller, Ann Baker Phillips, Kelley Garrett Burczyk; back row: Keith Stewart, Sawsan Jreisat.



CLASS OF 1998—10th Reunion

Front row, from left: Leigh Ann Blackburn Napier, Julie Underwood Jorgensen, Carol Munson Caudill, Allison Baker, Alison Moore, Melissa Keach Underwood, Emily Damron-Northcutt, Liana Critz Pippen; second row: Georganna Speer Wheatley, Leanne Smith Field, Christy Sale Durham, Melissa Barlow, Rebecca Thompson Eilers, Jen Davis Keefe, Nathan Underwood, Kirsten Winn Carr, Anna Kremer-Schmitt

Pray; third row: Catherine Nunn Edelen, Leigh Bowen Lowe, Allison Huck Howe, Jamie Durham, Andrew Walters, Alexia Schempp Couch, Theresa Zawacki Senninger, Betsy Duell, Megan Applegate Adams, Shawn Wheatley; back row: Andrei Kholodov, Anand Narayanappa, Vince Bingham, Shawn McGuffey, Rob Shrader, Shane White, Ben Senninger, Monty Absher, Brian Lowe.



CLASS OF 2003—5th Reunion

Front row, from left: Alexis Rowland Mattingly, Noelle Bailey, Suzanne Parham, Brandy Baldwin Jones, Amy Musterman, Tera Griffith Baldwin; second row: Ashley Colvin, Dani Walls Sullivan, Jessica

Upton Dodgen, Shannon Board Kisselbaugh, Jenny Fisher Clark, Alex Roig; back row: Cheryl Frith Vanderford, Brad Sullivan, Justin Story, Cam Culbertson, Deric Miller, Chris Reitz.

ALUMNI BULLETIN BOARD

Save the Date—Alumni Weekend 2009

Mark your calendars and plan to join your classmates and Transy friends in Lexington for Alumni Weekend 2009, set for April 24-26.

The following classes will celebrate reunions: Robert Barr Society (1939, 1944, 1949, 1954), 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004. If you are a member of one of these classes, please make sure the Alumni Office has your current mailing and e-mail addresses so you do not miss out on all the fun. If you'd like to help plan your class reunion, please contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Alumni on-line community update

Since its launch in September 2006, the Transy alumni on-line community has attracted over 1,850 registered users, and that number continues to grow. This is a secure, password protected site that alumni are able to access from www.transy.edu. Services include on-line alumni directory, class notes, events calendar and registration, photo albums, on-line giving, and more. Through this community, alumni can also sign up for a lifetime e-mail address. First time users will need to obtain their unique school ID number from the alumni office: (800) 487-2679, alumni@transy.edu. For more information, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at npajic@transy.edu.

Executive Board officers, members elected

In April, the Alumni Association elected Wanda Poynter Cole '67 as president and Clay Stinnett '95 as president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board. The following were elected to three-year board terms: Sally Francisco Billings '02, Bill Bodine '59, Bruce Davis '66, Barbara Oney Garvey '71, David Johnson '92, Keith Johnson '88, Gwen Williamson Mathews '88, and Rebecca Moran '05.

Get your Transy license plate and help support scholarships

Alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends living in Kentucky purchased or renewed 601 Transylvania license plates in 2007—a mere three tags shy of tying Centre College, which eked out its fifth straight win with 604 plates. Georgetown College captured third place with 554 plates. Transylvania has received \$26,090 from the license plate sales for the scholarship fund since the program began five years ago (\$10 from each plate sold).

Vehicle owners who already have a Transy tag can get the recently redesigned tag any time at the county clerk's office or in the owner's birth month when the annual registration fee normally comes due. Cost of the new license plate is \$44 the first year and \$31 in subsequent years to renew. Regular issue plates are \$21 the first year and \$21 to renew. Take photo identification, vehicle title, and proof of insurance to the county clerk's office. Vehicle owners with regular issue "Unbridled Spirit" license plates must return the old plate to the county clerk's office to obtain a new Transy plate.

For more information and for contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System Web site at www.mvl.ky.gov.

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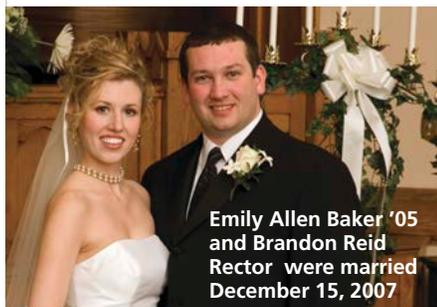
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Anadu '01 and Moryka Brown, December 1, 2007

Emma Kathleen Sowards '03 and Nathan Vinton Thacker, October 13, 2007

Julia Ann Darnell '06 and **Robert Gregory Huellemeier '05**, October 6, 2007



BIRTHS

Evelyn Freer Gee '92 and Shawn P. Gee, a son, Blake Christian Gee, August 2, 2007

Stephen E. Stauffer '92 and April Stauffer, a son, Caleb Stephen Stauffer, March 31, 2008

David Andrew Steen '92 and Christina Lynn Steen, a daughter, Emily Noel Steen, December 22, 2007

Jennifer Burkhead Baker '93 and Jason Baker, a daughter, Gwyneth Love Baker, December 3, 2007

Hanna Fister Norvell '93 and Roby Norvell, a daughter, Ellen Irene Norvell, February



10,
2008

Michelle Cook-Becker '94 and John Becker, a son, John William "Jack" Becker, March 15, 2008

Lucy Miller Gentry '94 and Shane Gentry, a daughter, Isabella Rose Gentry, July 24, 2007. (Pictured with Isabella Rose is Clarissa Short Beiting '93, a Lexington obstetrician/gynecologist who delivered the baby.)



Katherine J. Griswold '94 and **Theodore J. Loeffelholz '94**, a daughter, Annabelle Grace Loeffelholz, December, 2007

Jennifer Caroland-Shaw '96 and Jim Shaw,

Travel to exciting destinations with fellow alumni in 2009 and 2010

The Transylvania Alumni Association, in partnership with Collette Vacations, is offering alumni and friends exciting trips for 2009 and 2010 with destinations as diverse as New Zealand, Hawaii, and South Africa. All tours include round trip air travel from Lexington and some meals. Prices listed are per person, double occupancy.

The **Exploring New Zealand (New Zealand's North and 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 \$5,549. Optional two-night Fiji post-tour extension can be added for \$349 per person (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 per person (land only—air add-ons apply). First deposit of \$100 due prior to October 19, 2008.

The **Spectacular South Africa: Culture and 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 \$4,389. Optional three-night Victoria Falls post-tour extension can be added for \$899 per person (land only—air add-ons apply). First deposit of \$250 due prior to October 13, 2008.

Other trips being planned for 2009 include Travel with Transy Choir to Venice, Slovenia, and Croatia (May), Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries (June), Travel with religion professor Paul Jones to Turkey and Greece (July), Canadian Rockies by Rail (July), Alaska Discovery Land and Cruise (August), Italian Lakes and Greek Isles (September/October), Splendors of the Nile (November), Enchanting Christmas Markets (December), California New Year's Getaway (December), and for 2010, The Panama Canal (January), Copper Canyon Adventure (February), and Springtime Tulip River Cruise (April).

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



■ A group of 15 Transylvania alumni and friends traveled to Beijing, China, in March. From left, Patrick '05 and Cassidy Orr, Serena (Britt) '04 and Cameron Culbertson '03.

a daughter, Dorothy Caroland Shaw, April 9, 2008

Amanda Carlisle Woodall '96 and Scott Woodall, a son, Franklin Henry Woodall,

June 5, 2007

Bruce A. Bishop '97 and Christy Bishop, a son, Cody Elias Bishop, December 29, 2007

Leigh Bowen Lowe '98 and **Brian C. Lowe '98**, a daughter, Ann-Alys Lowe, January 24, 2008

Margaret "Meg" Tucker Smedley '98 and **Charles K. "Chad" Smedley '98**, a daughter, Sara Margaret "Sally" Smedley, February 27, 2008

Dominique Mobley Waits '98 and Christopher T. Waits, a daughter, Mackenzie Danielle Waits, March 13, 2008

Georganna Speer Wheatley '98 and **Shawn P. Wheatley '98**, a son, Edward Walter Wheatley, October 29, 2007

Theresa Zawacki Senninger '98 and **Benjamin R. Senninger '98**, a daughter, Laurel Wint Senninger, February 6, 2008

Sherri Swift Crossett '00 and Jason Crossett, a daughter, Sofia Elizabeth Crossett, January 26, 2008

Tara Nicholas Reck '00 and Hanns-Georg Reck, twin daughters, Emma Reck and Grace Reck, March 25, 2008

Danica Bloom Colley '01 and Kevin S. Colley, twin sons, Royal Declan Colley and Davin River Colley, February 18, 2008

Lydia Wilson Kohler '01 and **Dale Michael Kohler '03**, a daughter, Audrey Katherine Kohler, February 27, 2008

Leah Hatton Ahn '02 and **Chad N. Ahn '00**, a son, Carter Neal Ahn, August 24, 2007



Faith Hawkins Crump '02 and **Travis A. Crump '00**, a daughter, Elise DeLynn Crump, December 31, 2007

Erin Monfort Hansen '02 and Dirk Hansen, a son, Braylon James Hansen, February 13, 2008

Jeffrey B. Sharp '02 and Holleigh Sharp, a daughter, Addison Kate Sharp, January 18, 2008

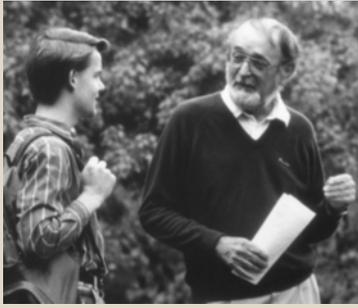
Rebecca Sanders Wallace '02 and Jim Wallace, a daughter, Alayna Marie Wallace, January 3, 2008

Kara Guiliani Cecil '03 and **Keith D. Cecil '03**, a daughter, Katelyn Audrey Cecil, January 27, 2008

Katherine Thomas "Katie" Mills '04 and **Collier T. Mills '01**, a daughter, Kaylee Grace Mills, January 29, 2008



Former drama professor David C. Haller dies



David C. “Doc” Haller, a professor of drama at Transylvania for 24 years, died April 2, 2008. He was 76.

Haller directed numerous theater productions at Transylvania. He favored a classical and traditional repertoire, which included *Antigone*, *The Crucible*, *A Doll’s House*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. He also directed musicals in Carrick Theater, including *The Fantasticks* and *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. One of his trademarks

was an insistence on quality in every aspect of Transylvania theater, including acting, directing, and the technical side of productions.

“He left a tradition of excellence in productions and courses,” said drama professor Tim Soulis.

“Dave was charming in a courtly way,” said art history professor Nancy Wolsk. “I’ll always remember his grace as he presided over theater productions—he would stand in the Carrick lobby and one by one would welcome each of us into his world.”

Haller was also a well-known actor appearing in local productions with Studio Players, Lexington Shakespeare Festival, Pioneer Playhouse in Danville, and Actors Guild of Lexington. His last role was as Lane, a manservant in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, one of his favorite plays.

Haller served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952-53, and graduated from Idaho State College. He earned a Ph.D. in theater from Tulane University. Haller stayed actively involved in the Transy theater program even after his retirement in 1994.



Former vice president and dean of the college Asa A. Humphries dies

Asa A. Humphries, former vice president and dean of the college, died March 15, 2008. He was 83.

Humphries served as dean from 1981-91 and provided strong leadership to the faculty. His wisdom was valued by all who worked with him. During his tenure, the size of the faculty increased, the academic curriculum was strengthened, and several faculty development programs were initiated.

“He was a gentle person of quiet strength who had an unwavering commitment to Transylvania,” said President Charles L. Shearer. “I valued his wisdom and counsel throughout the years that we worked together.”

Humphries served in World War II and, after completing graduate work at Princeton University, taught in the biology department at Emory University.

He arrived at Transylvania at a time of uncertainty and transition, and he helped stabilize and strengthen the academic environment. He helped develop new international study programs, guided the William T. Young Scholars program, and worked on several special projects, including playing a supporting role in the development of the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching.

Humphries served as dean of special programs from 1991-94, and in recent years, he served on Transylvania’s Board of Visitors.

“He had a good insight into the value of a liberal arts education,” said Shearer, “and a strong commitment to excellence. Transylvania is a stronger institution because of Asa Humphries.”



Only alumni survivors are listed.

Loman C. Trover ‘38, Earlington, Ky., father of **Philip C. Trover ‘73**, died March 20, 2008. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine and practiced medicine in Madisonville, Ky. A radiologist, he was the co-founder and director of Trover Clinic, the first family practice residence center in Kentucky. Transylvania awarded Trover a distinguished alumni citation in science and an honorary doctor of humane letters. He was a member of Earlington Christian Church. At Transylvania, he was a member of Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity.

Lester G. McAllister ‘41, Claremont, Calif., died January 4, 2008. He earned degrees from Lexington Theological Seminary and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. He served as director of youth work under the United Christian Missionary Society, and as professor of religion and provost at Bethany College in West Virginia. He was a founding member of Disciples of Christ Historical Society, lectured widely, and contributed articles to scholarly and popular journals. He was the author of *Journey in Faith*, a major interpretive history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). At Transy, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was business manager of the 1941 *Crimson*.

Jane Clay Bailey ‘43, Paintsville, Ky., died April 3, 2008. She was retired from teaching at Meade Memorial High School in Johnson County, Ky., and in the Paintsville Independent School District. At Transy, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

William J. Carpenter Sr. ‘44, Lexington, father of **William J. Carpenter Jr. ‘76**, died May 1, 2008. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of Louisville Dental School. He practiced dentistry for over 40 years in Lexington and served as president of the Bluegrass Dental Association. He volunteered his dental services at Shriner’s Hospital for many years and was a deacon at Central Christian Church. He later became a member of Crestwood Christian Church.

Margaret Jean McGuire Maire ‘49, Moreland Hills, Ohio, died February 17, 2008. She was a graduate of the University of Dubuque. She served as a public school music teacher, a piano instructor, college instructor, and a church choir and hand bell choir director. At Transylvania, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Former first lady Kathryn Ritchey Lunger dies

Kathryn Ritchey Lunger, the widow of former Transylvania president Irvin E. Lunger, died April 30, 2008, in Danville, Ky.

Her former husband served as president of Transylvania for 19 years, from 1958-1976 and 1981-82, the second longest such tenure in the University's history. "She and Dr. Lunger were a wonderful team," said President Charles L. Shearer. "She was always gracious, pleasant, cheerful, and good to be around."

Loved and respected by those who remember her in her role as first lady, she was known for her kindness and upbeat personality.

She was a graduate of Centre College. Active in many community organizations, she was a longtime member of Central Christian Church and the Transylvania Women's Club.



■ Kathryn and Irvin Lunger in 1965.

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Former administrator Tom Nowack dies



Tom Nowack, director of enrollment management from 1991-94 and director of institutional research and assessment from 1994-02, died March 9, 2008. He was 73.

Nowack's influence on Transylvania during his 11-year tenure was widespread and lasting. He was involved in many key areas relating to enrollment, strategic planning, academic quality, and endowment growth. He worked closely with the Board of Trustees to document and write the 1997 Long Range Strategic Plan, and played a key role in the reaffirmation of accreditation process with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools. He helped refine the student recruitment process and financial aid administration.

"He was a very gentle man with an even demeanor," said President Charles L. Shearer, "and he helped Transy in crucial ways at crucial times."

Nowack was a founding and active member of the Cathedral of Christ the King's Society of St. Vincent DePaul, and after his retirement from Transy, he devoted much of his time to community projects.

Marjorie Rankin Record '53, Louisville, died March 8, 2008. She was a retired high school teacher, having taught for 33 years at public schools and 14 years at Christian Academy of Louisville. At Transylvania, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Norman S. Parks '55, Lexington, died April 5, 2008. A former director of development and member of the Alumni Executive Board, he received a Distinguished Service Award in 2006. At Transylvania, he was social chairman of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and a member of T-Day Court for three years. He was retired from H & R Block and volunteered for organizations such as the Lexington Public Library, Saint Joseph Hospital, and Nursing Home Ombudsman

Agency of the Bluegrass.

D. Russell Summay '55, Louisville, husband of **Jane Collier Summay '55** and father of **Jeffrey S. Summay '85** and **W. Landen Summay '87**, died March 2, 2008. He was a retired doctor, and a member of Southeast Christian Church, where he was active in the missions ministry. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served during the Berlin crisis. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Lampas, and the basketball team.

John Paul Witte '56, Lexington, father of **Linda G. Witte '83** and uncle of **Richard L. Arnold '79**, died April 15, 2008. He was a retired electrician and member of Southland Christian Church. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine, USS *Cutlass*.

Joyce Thaman Collins '59, Escondido, Calif., died February 24, 2008. She was a retired junior high school history teacher and principal of Valley Schools in Van Nuys, Ca. At Transylvania, she was a member of the concert band, the Women's Athletic Association, and Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was Miss Transylvania in 1959.

George S. Tapp '59, Morehead, Ky. died April 15, 2008. He earned a master's degree in counseling from the University of Kentucky and served as professor of psychology at Morehead State University for 33 years.

Ruth Johnson Fitch '64, Gainesville, Ga., wife of **C. Bruce Fitch '62**, died April 11, 2008. She was retired from her work as an oncology certified registered nurse and operated a word processing business. She was active with the Region of Georgia Disciples Church. At Transylvania, she was a member of Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honorary.

Sara Elizabeth Headley-Novello '81, Chicago, sister of **Constance Headley Dick '81**, died May 2, 2008. She worked as a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue in Cincinnati and Chicago. At Transylvania, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Ed Houlihan, Lexington, former vice president of development at Transylvania, died April 17, 2008. He was appointed commissioner of parks, housing and urban development for Lexington Fayette Urban County Government in 1978, and was long-time president of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Active with the Sister Cities Commission, he was involved in many aspects of downtown Lexington business and life. He remained a loyal friend to Transylvania after leaving the University.

William Simpson, Lexington, died April 22, 2008. He served Transylvania for 10 years as painting foreman.

■ 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.

A close-up portrait of a young man with dark, spiky hair, wearing a white collared shirt and a dark jacket. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

***EVEN AS A RISING SENIOR,
Lee Nutini is already thinking
about the future generations
of Transylvania students.***

"I want to give back to Transy, and by working as an admissions assistant I can try to make sure the students coming in will be a good fit and enjoy their Transy experience. When I came here, I wanted to have the experience I had envisioned. Now that I've had that, and am coming to the end with my senior year, all my work is for that next generation of students coming up."

Lee is completing a double major in philosophy and Spanish and plans to attend law school. He's vice president of the Student Government Association, and volunteers at the Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning.

Lee is but one example of what your generous support of the Transylvania Annual Fund accomplishes. This versatile fund supports key initiatives such as scholarships, library books and on-line resources, and faculty salaries—in short, some of the basics of a liberal arts college.

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It was a beautiful spring morning on May 24 when 259 graduating seniors made up the largest class in Transylvania history. Below, a group of friends have their picture made in front of the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center just before the ceremony. Above, from left, are Mandy May, from Prestonsburg, Ky.; Luke Watts, Lawrenceburg, Ky., receiving his diploma from President Charles L. Shearer; Jennifer Leong, Radcliff, Ky.; and twin sisters Carla (left) and Alex Corchado, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, with Ryan Dale, Cincinnati. *Photos by Joseph Rey Au*

