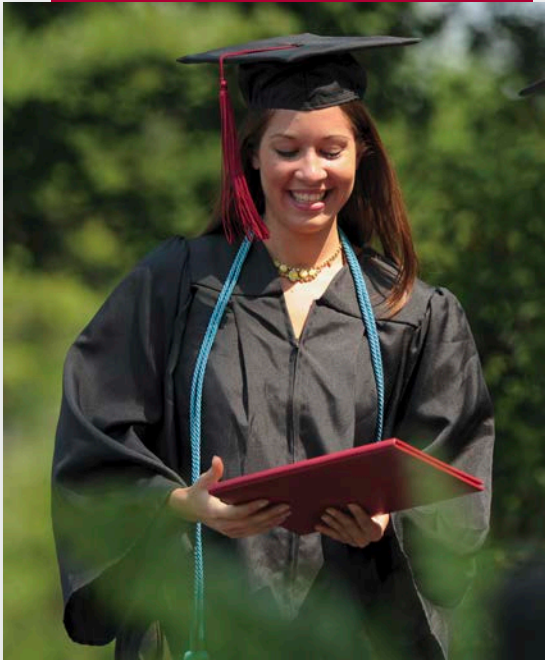


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Graduate Samantha Moore, a sociology major from Cadiz, Ky., leaves the stage with her diploma as the class of 2010 takes part in commencement on May 29. Retiring president Charles L. Shearer and Lexington physician Andrew M. Moore II '71 received honorary degrees at the ceremony. See story on page 16.  
*Photo by Joseph Rey Au*

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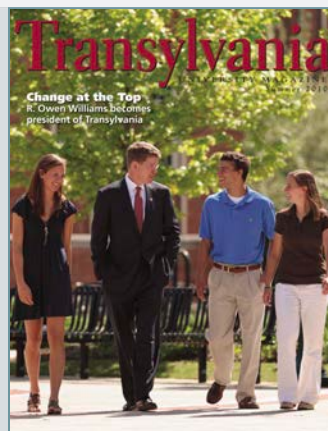
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### On the cover

Incoming President R. Owen Williams is pictured in Haupt Plaza during a campus visit in April with, from left, junior Holly Milburn, sophomore Lee Richardson, and senior Whitney Mitchell.

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## Longtime professor extolls Shearer's presidential qualities at retirement lunch



**Political science professor Don Dugi,** (above, right) who has witnessed the entire 27-year tenure of retiring President Charles L. Shearer, paid tribute to his colleague and friend at a May 27 retirement luncheon by referring to Transylvania's longest-serving president as "a man of complete integrity" with an extraordinary commitment to the university.

"You never have any doubts about Charles acting in good faith," said Dugi, who joined the Transylvania faculty in 1975. "He has always done his best for Transylvania—and he has done so out of commitment to the college rather than for personal accolades or self-aggrandizement."

After having served Transylvania as vice president for finance beginning in 1979, Shearer became president in 1983 and will retire from the presidency on July 31. Throughout his tenure, he was known for paying strict attention to detail and for shepherding the university's resources into today's

endowment of more than \$100 million.

"Charles came to this college during one of its economic depressions," Dugi said. "While that experience may not have been as dramatic as living through the Great Depression, I am sure that it shaped his approach to fiscal management. Clearly, President Shearer has been a very careful steward of the college during his tenure."

Shearer's active involvement in the university's affairs could pay dividends in many areas, as Dugi pointed out in a story involving a needy, and worthy, student.

"Many years ago, one of our students

was in danger of leaving the college because of financial hardship, and additional financial assistance was not being worked out," Dugi recalled. "I went to Charles and told him that this student is someone we want to keep, that he would not only be a credit during his time at the college but would be a great representative of the college as an alumnus. Charles took care of it."

In an overall sense, Dugi said that Shearer's untiring dedication for 31 years in the university's administration has advanced the college in every area.

"For both faculty and students, life at this college is incredibly better after his presi-

dency than at any time in the long history of Transylvania," he said. "The faculty is better for the things he has done, perhaps particularly the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching and the various programs for faculty enhancement. There is no doubt that we are all better off for Charles Shearer having been at Transylvania."

During the luncheon it was announced that 88 staff members had made a gift of \$3,951 toward the Charles L. and Susan P. Shearer Scholarship, a prestigious program named after the Shearers to honor their remarkable legacy at Transylvania.



**President Shearer and his wife, Susan, are joined by their three sons and families at a retirement luncheon in Shearer's honor. To Susan's immediate left are Todd, his wife, Chelsey, and their children, Anne and Will. Scott is in the middle, back. Mark is with his wife, Kristi, and their children, Taylor and Mason. (Not pictured: Scott's wife, Sarah)**

## Bruce Scholarship honors late physician

The late **William Gregory Bruce '60** credited Transylvania with preparing him for medical school and giving him the opportunity to achieve his life's ambition of becoming a physician.

"Greg said over the years that if he had not attended Transylvania, he doubted he would have been able to get into medical school," said his widow, Ann Bruce. "He particularly credited (former chemistry professor) Monroe Moosnick with taking him under his wing and motivating him to do well."

Ann decided to memorialize her late husband's feelings for

his alma mater by establishing the William Gregory Bruce, M.D., Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarships will be awarded to Transylvania students with financial need who are preparing for a career in medicine or dentistry.

Preference will be given to students from Kentucky, which honors the legacy of Greg Bruce's father, John Gregory Bruce '21. Raised in Straight Creek, Bell County, Ky., the elder Bruce had a distinguished career in law, culminating in his appointment by President Harry S. Truman to the U.S. Tax



1960 Crimmon

Court in 1952.

Greg Bruce earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland and was a

flight surgeon in the U.S. Navy from 1967-70. He was a professor of cancer surgery at UM and attending surgical oncologist at the Baltimore Cancer Research Center before establishing a private practice in Panama City, Fla., where he lived most of his life. Ann, a registered nurse, supported the practice as office manager.

Most of the Bruces' patients

were paying customers, but some were not, based on Greg's humanitarian outlook.

"Greg felt that regardless of whether you were the wealthiest person in the world or the poorest, if you're sick, you're sick," Ann said. "He wanted everyone to have access to what would make them feel better physically, and if he could offer that as a surgeon, he always tried to."

For information on how to support the William Gregory Bruce, M.D., Scholarship, contact the development office at (800) 487-2679 or (859) 281-3692.

## Art professor retires to focus on his own art

**Dan Selter entertained the audience at his retirement luncheon with a rendition of "Hail, Transylvania!" on the ukulele and reflections on his years teaching.**

was really a fortuitous situation."

He fulfilled his goal of dabbling in other disciplines while he was at Transy, teaching courses jointly with other professors. Two that stuck out were a class on the art and culture of Southeast Asia and a class on Native American Indian art, both with then-anthropology and sociology professor Cara Richards. Down the road he was able to take a trip to China with art history professor Wei Lin, and his Native American research involved taking road trips to the southwestern United States and Alaska to visit reservations.

"It's certainly expanded my world," he said. "I ended up teaching courses in things I never dreamed I'd be involved in. A life in academia is a life of continuous learning, and Transylvania has afforded those opportunities. At a larger institution, I think it would have been harder to do those things. Here it's encouraged, and that's been very exciting."

He has also had a chance to do a lot of ceramics work on the side while teaching. He gained a reputation as a kind of humorist with his art, which was often lighthearted and fun. He was featured in several regional exhibits, and he cracked the national scene in 2000 when he was in a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Everson Museum in Syracuse, N.Y.

"I'm very proud of that one," he said. "That show toured very selectively with a jury of ceramic all-stars."

He received local publicity for an installment he created in 1992 at the Lexington Family Care Center, a home for underprivileged, pre-school-age children and their mothers. He got a grant from the city and from the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council to construct a 20-by-12-ft. mural of giant children's books carved out of Styrofoam. The staff at the care center chose around 15 books they use with the children, and he designed the mural to incorporate those titles.

"I'm very proud of those, largely because I found in that situation a kind of art that was very purposeful," he said. "It wasn't something that was for a gallery, it wasn't something to decorate, it wasn't for sale—it enhanced the environment for these kids at the center, and it was a learning tool. They

used it to teach those kids."

He also created figurines depicting a few faculty members when they retired. It started with former dean Jack Bryden. Selter created a Jack-in-the-box using Bryden's likeness. Most recently he did one for former history professor Joe Binford, who was an avid runner and taught Latin American history. He crafted Binford as a Vishnu wearing a track suit, holding in his many arms a sombrero and an academic hat, sitting on top of Old Morrison. One he did for Dave Haller, a former drama professor, ended up housing Haller's ashes after he died.



Joseph Rey Au

**Dan Selter retired in May after 35 years at Transylvania as an art professor.**

Selter, a master ceramist, is known as an amicable professor who expected a lot out of his students but didn't have to run a tight ship to get it.

"The phrase that comes up a lot is 'laid back,'" Selter, who won a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997, said, laughing. "I, frankly, relied a lot on the idea that at the college level, and in teaching art, it is better to try and find something that will motivate the students from within, rather than some sort of drillmaster approach that causes them to follow the steps. I think it's more successful that they get turned on to something and get involved and get excited by it."

Holli Schulz, a senior from New Salisbury, Ind., was excited enough that she went from thinking about getting a minor in art to majoring in it after taking Selter's class for the first time.

"He persuaded me to (major in art) more than anything," she said. "I loved his classes, and I liked talking to him. He's going to be missed."

Selter, who is originally from Louisville, enrolled at the University of Louisville for his undergraduate degree but was drafted and spent three years in the U.S. Army before he could take his first class. He finally graduated and went on to Syracuse University, where he earned his M.F.A. in ceramics. From there he began looking for a teaching position to support his art.

"When I graduated, I had had my fill of art schools—everything was all about art for the entire time I was in school," he said. "So I was looking for a smaller school, and I wanted to be part of a community of people with a variety of interests. I didn't know anything about Transylvania at the time. It certainly ended up filling the bill in terms of being a place where my colleagues were in several other fields. It



**Dan Selter, 13 Bad Luck Gnomes, 2007 ceramic and mixed media installation**

Part of the reason Selter decided to retire at 63 is that he wants to be able to continue focusing on his art while his body allows him to.

"I want to be able to engage in art-making while I still have energy and health," he said. "I got into art and ended up teaching because I wanted to make a living. I ended up loving teaching, but it was a decision. So I'd like to become involved in that a little more full time."

## Faculty receive awards, promotions, tenure

Three Transylvania professors were recognized with Bingham Awards for Excellence in Teaching, and more were given promotions and tenure.

Exercise science professor **Kirk Abraham**, biology professor **Belinda Sly**, and writing, rhetoric, and communication professor **Scott Whiddon** received the awards, which come with annual salary supplements for five years. A committee of outside educators selects Bingham Award winners based on classroom visits, essays submitted by candidates, and student evaluations.



**Whiddon** came to Transylvania in 2006 after earning his Ph.D. from Louisiana

State University. He said his goal in teaching students to write is to emphasize the process of writing instead of the final result.

"Writing is a way not only to help see the product of your thinking, but it's also a process of your thinking; it's a way of sorting out problems and challenges and structures and figuring out how to respond to them," Whiddon said. "If you can get students to stop thinking about the end product and start to think about the stages along the way, then they begin to see themselves as writers."



**Sly**, who was also granted tenure and promoted to assistant professor, has been at Transy since 2004. She came to Lexington after getting her Ph.D. in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology from Indiana University. She described her teaching style as more relaxed with an emphasis on student involvement in lectures. She strives to promote the liber-

al arts education by practically applying what the students are learning.

"I like to create a relaxed environment that hopefully makes students feel comfortable to speak up, but also keeps them engaged," she said. "Some level of applying concepts to current events is really important and helps them learn the material better. They're not surprised at all if I say, 'Let's talk about bioethics for a bit.' They know that's something that we do here."



**Abraham**, who was also granted tenure and promoted to assistant professor, joined the Transylvania faculty in 2004 and holds a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Missouri. He employs a hands-on method of teaching that is designed to keep the students involved. He said he's learned today's students expect more interaction with their professors to stay engaged.

"I try to put myself back in the students' shoes, which is getting harder to do all the time as I'm getting older, and help them walk through the stages of learning the material," he said. "They tend to expect a lot of feedback, and that's something I've learned to give more of as the years go by."

### Promotions

**Gregg Bocketti** was granted tenure and promoted to assistant professor of history. He came to Transy in 2004 and received his Ph.D. in history from Tulane University.

**Melissa Fortner '96** was granted tenure and promoted to assistant professor of psychology. She joined the faculty in 2004 and holds a Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Pennsylvania State University.

**Mark Jackson** was granted tenure and promoted to assistant professor of psychology. He has been at Transy since 2003 and received a Ph.D. in experimental social psychology from the University of Kentucky.

**Eva Csuhai** was promoted to full professor of chemistry. She began teaching at Transy in 1998 and earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Texas A&M University.

**Kurt Gohe** was promoted to full professor of art. He came to Transylvania in 1998 and received his M.F.A. in sculpture from Syracuse University.

**Barbara LoMonaco** was promoted to full professor of anthropology. She began teaching at Transy in 1996 and holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Southern Methodist University.



Joseph Rey Au

### Alltech Lecture

**Kyle Newman**, director of *Venture Laboratories*, speaks on "Feeding the Equine Athlete for Success" on March 24 in the Alltech Lecture Series at Transylvania University.

## Senior class raises \$22,000 for incoming student's scholarship

The class of 2010 raised over \$22,000 in gifts and pledges for the Senior Challenge Scholarship fund, a new program record, with 66 percent of the class participating.

The Senior Challenge Committee chose **Ross Hall** of Nelson County High School in Bardstown, Ky., as the 2010 recipient of the Senior Challenge Scholarship. Hall was a four-year academic team member at NCHS and was the social studies champion at the Governor's Cup his junior year. He was also secretary of the Technology Student Association and involved in the technology leadership program. He was a member of Young Leaders and volunteered in a math tutoring program called Lunch Crunch.

Hall plans to study history at Transy, and he invoked two of his favorite historical figures when thanking the senior class during the senior banquet May 25.

"It fascinates me to think of Alexander the Great or Napoleon and how they affected the planet. They were single individuals with strong wills, changing the course of human history," he said. "These men were great, but they didn't start out great. Both found somewhere where they could get a start. Alexander's greatness began with his teacher and mentor, Aristotle. I'm no Alexander the Great, but I believe that my education here at Transy will allow me to become great, even if I'm not some conquering hero."

The Senior Challenge was established by the class of 1990 as an expression of gratitude for their Transylvania education and an alternative to traditional class gifts. The scholarship is awarded to an incoming student with financial need and high potential, and it is renewable for four years.



Ross Hall

## Smith Concert Series to feature harmonious sounds of Anonymous 4

Transylvania's Haggin Auditorium will welcome **Anonymous 4** onto its stage Friday, October 8, as the latest attraction in the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Concert Series.

The women's group, featuring Ruth Cunningham, Marsha Genensky, Susan Hellauer, and Jacqueline Horner-Kwiatek, uses its vocal styling along with poetry and narrative to design its shows. The group draws on a medieval influence but branches into contemporary styles in their music.

The women joined together in 1986 after Rose attended a medieval workshop at a monastery. She decided to try the style with a group of all-female voices, and the group she put together sounded so wonderful that they put together a program for the public. They continued to draw upon music from the Middle Ages but eventually began to explore Renaissance, contemporary, folk, and gospel



music.

## Transy puts its energy into conservation

Transylvania has hired **Angela Dossett** to coordinate sustainability efforts that will, in the long run, save the university millions of dollars in energy costs while reducing its carbon footprint.

The sustainability coordinator position was created in January through a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. When Dossett subsequently arrived on campus, she was impressed with the work that was already being done at Transy to promote conservation.

"There were faculty who were really involved, students and staff who were engaged," she said. "The community garden, the rain garden, the Thomson Energy Star residence hall—these are things that had already started to work their way into campus culture. The biggest need was organization and planning."

Dossett is developing a sustainability master plan for the campus that will combine several of the efforts already taking place and add new ones that will take the push in a focused direction.

"We're reworking a sustainability committee to lead the effort; it's going to be 15-20 core people with some subcommittees to advise," she said. "We're also going to have a series of campus-wide forums that will be open to students, faculty, and staff, so as we develop this plan, we're getting feedback."

Transylvania conducted an energy benchmark study that evaluated energy usage and efficiency in seven of the buildings on campus. The report found that by improving just those buildings to perform in the 50th percentile of the Energy Star level, the college could save as much as \$642,000 per year on energy bills. An improvement to the Energy Star level on the entire campus could save up to \$1.2 million annually.



**Angela Dossett**

Transy has hired a company to evaluate all of the buildings and give an estimate that would tell what energy conservation measures could be put in place, how much it would cost, how much the school would save, and how long it would take to pay off the improvements.

But many of the savings can come from the campus community itself.

"Residence halls have lots of things that are plugged in that go all the time," Dossett said. "TVs, computers, radios, gaming systems, all of those things use a lot of energy, and most of them suck energy even when they're not in use. Those are easy and painless things that we can do to save some money."

Dossett debuted a Transy Unplugged week in April that encouraged students to take measures toward conserving energy, and that program will be revived in the fall with new features, including each of the residence halls receiving energy report cards.

"Any time you ask for behavior change, it's difficult," she said. "And any time you develop a big plan that is going to affect operations of an institution, that's going to be difficult. But there's a lot of momentum in the direction of going green that precedes me, and it makes it easier for me to jump on that momentum and go with it and direct it in a more focused way."

To contact Dossett, call (859) 233-8278, or e-mail her at [adossett@transy.edu](mailto:adossett@transy.edu).

## Transylvania will become tobacco-free August 1

President Charles L. Shearer has announced that beginning August 1, Transylvania will be a tobacco-free campus.

The new policy will prohibit the use of all types of tobacco, both smoking and smokeless, in all buildings, parking lots, and campus-owned grounds, with the one exception being a designated smoking area in the southeast corner of the residential side of campus next to Clay Hall and the International House. Tobacco use is also prohibited in personal vehicles parked on campus.

The idea was first proposed in 2009, and the university put together the Tobacco-Free Workplace Advisory Committee, which was a panel consisting of five staff members, two faculty members, and two students. Two of the eight members were smokers. The committee did a campus-wide survey, set up a Facebook discussion page, held two forums asking the community for its input, and drafted some options for what action to take. Those proposals went to Shearer and the Board of Trustees, and they adopted the plan of going tobacco free and offering a smoking area.

"This has been something that the wellness committee has wanted to see for a while," Ashley Hinton-Moncer, director of fitness and wellness and chair of the Tobacco-Free Workplace Advisory Committee, said. "We work with our students and employees to help them stop smoking, but it's hard to stop when they can smoke all day long. Even if they don't stop smoking, less cigarette smoke can have a lot of significant health gains."

Transylvania's current tobacco policy bans smoking in all buildings and within 20 feet from entrances and walkways.



Kurt Gohde/Kremena Todorova

## Community engagements course works to stitch together Transylvania and its neighbors

In each of its three years, the Community Engagement Through the Arts program, taught by art professor Kurt Gohde and English professor Kremena Todorova, has grown. After this year's class, it is even closer to the goal of bringing the Transylvania community and the North Limestone community together.

This year's community engagement course used quilting as a means to get students involved in the neighborhood, which borders campus. Students from Transy and the University of Kentucky worked on the quilts, and the Quilt Guild of Kentucky put the finishing touches on them. The class held quilting bees in a North Limestone home, Third Street Stuff,

Transylvania, and Kids Café. The idea was to use the quilts as slip covers for items at a local secondhand furniture store and hold an exhibition, but plans changed.

Angela Baldrige '04, director of AmeriCorps of Kentucky, had just finished a Build-A-Bed project that made beds for 500 Kentucky kids who don't have beds. The class donated the 50 quilts from the exhibition and the quilting bees to that project.

"We realized we could have more use for the quilts after we took them out of the store," Todorova said. "It worked out great, not just for the neighborhood, which was the purpose for the class, but for the Build-A-Bed project."

Gohde started the community

***The Community Engagements Through the Arts class meets to work on quilts that were used for AmeriCorps' Build-A-Bed project.***

engagement program three years ago as a way to use art to connect Transylvania with the surrounding community. Each year, more and more community members have attended the classes, which Gohde encourages.

"The class is based on the idea that art can be used to create a dialogue about things that need to be discussed but maybe are uncomfortable to discuss in other ways," Gohde said. "The idea is to go into the community, go to neighborhood association meetings, talk to people, and figure out how they define their primary concerns. We collaborate with as many groups and individuals as we can in the community to address those concerns."

## Princeton professor to present fall Kenan lecture

**Princeton University philosophy professor Kwame Anthony Appiah** will deliver the fall Kenan lecture on October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Haggin Auditorium.

Appiah's presentation is titled "Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers." His book by the same title won the 2007 Arthur Ross Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

Cosmopolitanism is the name given to Appiah's new system of ethics, which examines competing philosophical claims of various civilizations on the one hand, and groundless moral relativism on the other. He then arrives at an ethics that celebrates our common humanity while offering practical ways of managing our differences.

Appiah was born in London but was raised in Ghana by his African father and English mother. He

earned B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from Clare College, Cambridge University, and has taught at Yale University, Cornell University, Duke University, and Harvard University.

Appiah joined the Princeton faculty in 2002, where he has appointments as Laurence S. Rockefeller University Professor of Philosophy and in the University Center for Human Values. He is also associated with the Center for African American Studies, programs in African studies and translation studies, and the departments of comparative literature and politics.

Funded by a grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, the lecture is free and open to the public.



## The *Rambler* improves stature in student journalism

There's a new look to Transylvania's student newspaper these days, thanks to the addition of a dedicated part-time adviser, new and larger quarters for the Student Publications Office, significantly more student participation, and an emphasis on high standards of journalism.

The *Rambler* has established itself as a credible and consistent source of news and opinion by following a regular publication schedule—most Thursdays during the academic year—and offering its readers well-written articles on the important campus events and issues, along with engaging feature stories, entertaining columns, and expanded photo coverage.

Senior editor-in-chief Grace Chambers said the staff has focused on improving virtually every aspect of the *Rambler*, including its standing on campus.

"My goal was to instill a sense of professionalism across the board, in content, layout and design, photography, and in the way we interact with news sources," she said. "We have a presence on campus now, where we were nearly invisible before. People expect that we should, and will be, there to cover important events."

Judges at the 2010 annual conference of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association (KIPA) recognized the paper's improvement as they handed out 12 first-place awards to *Rambler* staffers in all areas of newspaper production—writing, photography, design, and copy editing.

KIPA members chose Transy to co-host this year's conference with the University of Kentucky, another indication of the *Rambler's* increased stature in scholastic journalism. The conference was held on Transy's campus in February and attended by approximately 130 students and advisers from 13 Kentucky colleges and universities.

"Transylvania can be very proud of the way the conference was organized and run," said Bob Adams, director of student publications at Western Kentucky University and a veteran of many KIPA meetings. "Everything went smoothly. The friendliness and helpfulness of the hosts always helps to set the tone for a good conference, and Transy excelled at that."

Terri McLean, who has more than 20 years of journalism experience at daily and weekly newspapers, joined the Transy staff in 2008 as student media adviser. Her work has had a marked effect on the proficiency and enthusiasm of the *Rambler* staff, stimulating them to work hard at mastering the concepts of good journalism and putting out a newspaper the campus community can be proud of.



**Terri McLean, left, student media adviser, helped senior Grace Chambers, editor-in-chief, and her staff improve the *Rambler* during the 2009-10 academic year.**

"What I feel best about is the heightened perception of the *Rambler* now," McLean said. "Each term we gain more respect, more credibility, more professionalism. As a result, the interest from students in wanting to be on the staff has grown. We had about 35 students on staff this year, and I expect to have that many this coming year."

Campus life editor Erica Mundell, a junior, was named editor-in-chief for 2010-11. She feels the *Rambler* has done a much better job of covering a diversity of topics in recent issues.

"I think the content has improved dra-

matically, and that we're bringing not only what the students want to read, but what they need to know as well," she said.

A sampling of important stories the *Rambler* has covered over the past two years includes articles on the impact of the economy on Transy's financial situation, selection of a new university president, and the effect on Transy students of a new state law prohibiting texting while driving. Editorials were written on Student Government Association proposals on student curfews, diversity on campus, and library security. Lighter topics featured twins at Transy, a photo montage of spring break scenes, and the arrival of intercollegiate Quidditch (from the Harry Potter novels) on the campus.

"I think our school newspaper has gotten much better over the past couple of years," said senior Liz Todd. "The *Rambler* does a great job of highlighting the talents of Transylvania students, including artists, athletes, and world travelers."

Sophomore Justin Penticuff is a regular reader of the *Rambler* and likes the diversity of opinions it offers.

"It provides a student voice on campus," he said. "That's one thing that drives me to read it, to see how my opinion matches up with something in the *Rambler*. One of the features I look forward to most is Kris Olson's column (a witty, humorous look at varied subjects)."

Now that the journalism bar has been raised, Mundell looks forward to the opportunities she will have next year as editor-in-chief to make the *Rambler* even better.

"The production process we have now works really well, but I think we can improve our communication between writers and editors, and between editors and the senior staff," she said. "Even though I know I'll have some big shoes to fill, I'm really looking forward to the challenges."

### Correction

An article on page 3 of the spring issue of *Transylvania* magazine about a new book co-edited by philosophy professor Peter Fosl stated the book's title as *Philosophy: The Classical Readings*. The correct title is *Philosophy: The Classic Read-*

## Board of Trustees members elected

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

**Erwin Roberts '94** is an attorney with Frost Brown Todd LLC in Louisville and a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He was previously in state government as secretary of the Personnel Cabinet, deputy secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, and executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. He was also assistant U.S.

attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. He earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Kentucky.

**Christopher H. Young** is general manager at Overbrook Farm, a thoroughbred horse farm in Lexington. He was previously with Sawyer Media Systems. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and biomedical engineering from Duke University. He serves on the boards of the Markey Cancer Center Foundation and the Gluck Equine Research Foundation.

## A World Lost chosen for First Engagements

Wendell Berry's novel *A World Lost* has been chosen for this year's First Engagements: A Community Book Project at Transylvania.

First Engagements is a program for first-year students to get an introduction to the high standards of a liberal education at Transylvania through small-group discussion and analysis of a text. Many upper-class students, faculty, and staff read the books as well and join the discussions that take place during the first week of classes.

*A World Lost* takes place in the fictional town of Port William, Ky., and tells the story of Andrew Catlett, a well-known womanizer who was murdered over an argument. His nephew,

Andy, tells the story as he tries to understand the full truth about his uncle's murder. Along the way he learns about grief, love, and family as he goes through life in the backwoods of Kentucky.

Berry is a T.S. Eliot Award-winning writer, and his novel received positive reviews from publications including *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*.

Alumni, parents, and friends are also encouraged to read the book and watch Transy's Facebook page for discussion.

Wendell Berry



## TBA's debut CD features variety of musical styles

Musical styles ranging from doo-wop to spiritual are found among the seven songs that make up the debut recording by TBA (Transylvania Boys A Cappella), the popular male singing group that expanded its performance schedule and repertoire during the 2009-10 school year.

All of the music is American, with the exception of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," composed in 1939 by a South African songwriter. "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Fly Away" are the spirituals, "Wade in the Water" is a traditional African-American song with spiritual overtones, "Loves Me Like a Rock" is a folk/rock number, "Who Put the Bomp?" is a doo-wop selection, and "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" is a modern rhythm and blues composition.

The arrangements are by senior Kris Olson, who sings bass and is the group's music director, except for "Amazing Grace," arranged by senior second tenor Josh Motley and Dayton Harris '09, a former TBA member.

The EP (Extended Play) was recorded in March in Transy's Fine Arts Technology Lab, with music professor Tim Polashek serving as chief recording engineer, and senior Daniel Porter and juniors Amanda Foley and Kasey Price as assistant engineers.

Junior Alex Keys, who sings baritone, was assistant business

director for TBA this past year and played a leading role in the logistics of the EP.

"I felt like a mother, seeing something go completely through production, doing all the paperwork, listening to the sample discs with everyone," Keys said. "We're all proud and extraordinarily pleased with the EP."

Founded in 2006, TBA has gone from performing as a side-light to being featured entertainers, culminating in a May term show this year in the campus center gymnasium that drew a full house. The group is scheduled to perform this fall at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington from September 25-October 10.

Keys, who will take over as business director next year, believes the group can continue to improve and expand its appeal.

"It was very exhilarating for us to put on our May term show," he said. "We were overwhelmed by the crowd. We're becoming more recognized every year. I want to make the right connections for TBA at Transy and in Lexington so the organization will continue to grow and find new opportunities."

For information on ordering the EP, contact Keys at [atkeys11@transy.edu](mailto:atkeys11@transy.edu).

## Earlham joins HCAC

Earlham College will join the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference beginning with the 2010-11 academic year. Located in Richmond, Ind., the college was a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference for the past 20 years.

Founded in 1847, Earlham is an independent, coeducational, residential liberal arts college with an enrollment of approximately 1,200. The Quakers compete in 16 varsity sports for men and women.

The addition of Earlham brings HCAC membership to 10 colleges and universities, with six located in Indiana, three in Ohio, and Transylvania in Kentucky.

**Trey Kramer and Brittany Henderlight were named male and female Pioneer Athletes of the Year.**

## Student-athletes receive honors

Basketball star Brittany Henderlight and soccer standout Trey Kramer, both products of Woodford County High School in Versailles, Ky., were named female and male Pioneer Athletes of the Year during the annual awards ceremony in May. Academic and leadership awards were also presented.



Henderlight became the first female non-scholarship player to score more than 1,000 points (1,075) for her Transy career. She helped the Pioneers to a pair of NCAA Division III Championship appearances and was a first-team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference selection for three straight years after winning Freshman of the Year honors.

Kramer keyed the Transy

defense from his goalkeeper's position, helping the Pioneers qualify for NCAA Division III Championship play during three of his four seasons, including an Elite Eight appearance in the 2009 season. As a senior, he was an All-HCAC first-team pick and a National Soccer Coaches Association All-Region third-team selection.

Liz Todd, a four-year member of the field hockey team, received the George H. Stopp Award for the Transylvania student-athlete with the highest grade point average. A Dean's List student, she graduated summa cum laude.

Matthew Martin, a four-year member of the men's golf team, won the Senior Leadership Award, presented by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. He was an All-HCAC golfer who competed in the NCAA Division III Championship each of his four seasons.

*First-year infielder Megan Mitchell was Freshman and Player of the Year in the HCAC.*



## Softball wins HCAC, plays in NCAA tourney

Regular season and tournament championships in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and a trip to the NCAA Division III national tournament were the trophies of an outstanding season by the softball team, which ended the year with a 35-11 overall record and a sparkling 14-2 mark in the HCAC.

After getting off to a slow start with a 3-4 early record, Transy caught fire with an eight-game winning streak, including a 5-0 mark in the Spring Rebel Games in Kissimmee, Fla., over spring break. The Pioneers were 4-2 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Lead-off Classic in Panama City Beach, Fla., where they won the bronze bracket with a 13-5 win over Lynchburg College in the finals.

In conference play, the Pioneers ran their record to 6-0 before their first loss, then won eight league games in a row. As regular season champs, Transy hosted the HCAC tournament, where they were 3-0, including a 6-2 win over Manchester College in the title game.

In NCAA tourney play, Transy defeated

No. 17 Washington University in St. Louis 4-2 in the opener, then lost to host No. 13 DePauw University 8-6 in eight innings and 4-0 to Trine University to end the season.

First-year infielder Megan Mitchell swept the top individual player honors in the HCAC when she was named Player and Freshman of the Year. She led Transy in six offensive categories, including batting average (.492), runs scored (49), home runs (17), runs-batted-in (60), total bases (129), and slugging percentage (.977). She was named to the Louisville Slugger-National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America third team.

Mitchell was joined on the All-HCAC first team by junior pitcher Kendra DeArk, junior second baseman Alicia Winans, and sophomore outfielder Emily McCarty. DeArk won a school-record 21 games with an earned run average of 1.53. Winans batted .343 and drove in 19 runs, while McCarty had 24 RBI and was second on the team in runs scored with 48.

Head coach Michelle Manning was named HCAC Coach of the Year for the second straight year. She has a Transy career record of 103-54 after four seasons, including a 61-21 mark over the past two years.

## Men's golf wins HCAC, finishes 19th in NCAA

The men's golf team won the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament and competed in the NCAA Division III Championship, each for the fourth straight year, and finished the season ranked No. 19 in the Golf World/Nike Division III coaches poll.

The Pioneers swept the top four spots in medalist play in the HCAC tournament, played at the Kettering Golf Club in Defiance, Ohio. Transy cruised to the title with a 38-stroke margin over runner-up Franklin College.

First-year player Hunter Frazier led the way for Transy with a 9-over-par total of 295 for the four rounds. That was five shots ahead of two teammates, senior Matthew Martin and sophomore Justin Tereshko. They were followed by first-year player Stephen Montgomery at 304 and sophomore Deuce Wall at 327.

In the NCAA tournament, Frazier again paced the Pioneers

with a 6-over-par total of 293 for four rounds, good for 10th place in individual competition. Transy's team score was 1224, which put them in 19th place, 47 shots back of first-place Methodist University. The tournament was played on the Hershey Links in Hershey, Pa.

Highlights of fall and spring regular season play included a first-place finish at the Centre College Invitational and second-place finishes in invitationals at Ohio Wesleyan College, Franklin College, Centre, Wittenberg College, and Defiance College.

Frazier was named 2010 Player and Freshman of the Year in the HCAC. He was joined on the All-HCAC first team by teammates Martin, Montgomery, and Tereshko.

The Golf Coaches Association of America named Frazier to the NCAA Division III Ping All-America second team, Martin and Tereshko to the All-Great Lakes Region team, and head coach Brian Lane '90 as regional Coach of the Year. Lane was also honored as HCAC Coach of the Year.

## Baseball finishes 24-16

The baseball team had a successful season as the Pioneers finished with a 24-16 overall record and a 12-10 mark in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference that left them one place shy of qualifying for the conference tournament.

The Pioneers traveled to Winter Haven, Fla., over spring break for the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational and crafted a 5-1 record, including a final game 5-0 win over 20th-ranked SUNY Cortland.

In HCAC play, Transy entered the final week with a shot at the fourth and last spot in the conference tournament but dropped a doubleheader on the road to Manchester College to fall just short.

Junior outfielder Thomas Tolliver and senior pitcher Corey Colyer were named to the All-HCAC first team. Tolliver led the team in runs scored with 38 and ended his career as Transy's all-time batting average leader at .424. Colyer set a Transy career record with 22 wins (6-4 this season).

Transy is led by head coach Chris Campbell '00, who has guided the Pioneers to 20-win seasons in all four of his years at the helm.

## Underhill is new field hockey coach

Tiffany Underhill, previously assistant coach at Washington and Lee University, has been named head field hockey coach. She replaces Susannah Kilbourne, who resigned after three seasons.

Underhill was selected following a nationwide search, according to athletics director Jack Ebel '77.

A 2006 graduate of Keene State College, Underhill played all four years and was a first-team all-conference performer. Two of her teams qualified for NCAA Division III tournament play.

She was an assistant coach and physical education teacher at Washington and Lee University for three years, and she has extensive experience working regional field hockey camps in the Northeast and Virginia.

## Women's basketball are co-champs in HCAC

The women's basketball team won 11 of its final 12 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference games to claim a share of the regular-season conference title with Franklin College before losing to Hanover College in the HCAC tournament to end an outstanding season.

The Pioneers wound up with a 13-3 league record and 19-7 overall mark. After beginning HCAC play with a 2-2 record, Transy caught fire, losing only to Franklin on the road in the rest of conference play. The Pioneers lost 87-64 in the conference semifinals to Hanover, a team they had defeated twice in the regular season.

"We felt good that we were playing our best basketball at the end of the season," said

head coach Greg Todd, who also pointed to a key injury near the end that helped account for Transy's early exit in the HCAC tournament.

Senior guard Brittany Henderlight broke a finger on her shooting hand in practice a day after the Pioneers' 106-71 win over the College of Mount St. Joseph.

"After that game, we were really on a high, and then we lost our most valuable player," Todd said. "As a senior and a great leader, she was the heart and soul of our team this year."

In spite of missing the last three games of the season, Henderlight wound up as Transy's third leading scorer with a 12.7 average, leading 3-point shooter with 34 made goals,

and the 13th all-time leading scorer with 1,075 career points. She was one of three Pioneers named to the All-HCAC first team, her third straight year to win that honor.

Also making the All-HCAC first team were junior guard Olivia Akridge and junior forward Holly Milburn. Akridge was the team's second leading scorer at 14.1 points a game and the leader in assists with 95. Milburn led the team in scoring with a 15.1 average and rebounding with 6.4 a contest.

Todd, completing his fourth year at the Transy helm, was named by his peers in the HCAC as conference Coach of the Year for the second season in a row.



Junior guard Olivia Akridge was an All-HCAC selection.

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## Men's basketball defeats reigning NCAA Division III champions

A win over the nation's top-ranked team was a highlight for the men's basketball team, which tied for fourth place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference while fashioning a 14-12 overall record.

Transylvania took on No. 1 and two-time defending NCAA Division III national champion Washington University in St. Louis in the first round of the College of Wooster Invitational in late December. Paced by the game-high 25 points of senior guard Tim Tierney, the Pioneers led by as many as 17 in the second half before settling for a 73-69 win.

Other notable victories included a 75-69 overtime road win over traditional power Maryville College and a 76-72 win over HCAC rival Anderson University at Anderson when

the Ravens were ranked No. 13.

"The toughest games on our schedule were the games where we played the best," said head coach Brian Lane '90. "But because of the overall difficulty of our non-conference schedule, we never really understood how good we could be. Six of those teams wound up in the NCAA tournament, and Wooster and Carthage University made the Sweet 16."

Transy finished with a 10-6 record in the HCAC, good for a tie for fourth place. In the first round of the conference tournament, the Pioneers lost to Manchester College 64-57 to end the season.

Tierney was named to the All-HCAC first team for the second straight year after leading Transy in scoring with a 13.2 average and assists with 85. A four-year

starter, he completed his career with 1,083 points, good for 35th on the school's all-time list.

The other top player was first-year guard Barrett Meyer, the second leading scorer with an 11.5 average. He set school and HCAC single-game records when he poured in 11 three-

point baskets in 12 attempts against the College of Mount St. Joseph in a 92-63 Pioneer win. His 33 points against the Lions was a single-game high for a Transy player last year. Meyer's overall play earned him the HCAC's Freshman of the Year award.



Senior guard Tim Tierney was an All-HCAC player

## Carrithers gets Transy's 1st track and field title

Sophomore javelin thrower Aaron Carrithers captured Transylvania's first individual title in track and field since the university added the sport to its varsity lineup prior to the 2009 season.

Carrithers' throw of 54.61 meters took first place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship. For the women, a fourth-place showing in the 400 meters by first-year runner Ria Keegan (1-minute, 2.92 seconds) was a highlight. Both the men's and women's teams placed ninth in the HCAC team competition.

The Pioneers are led by head coach Jason Moncer.

## Women's tennis plays in first NCAA tourney

After winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament title last fall, the women's tennis team headed to Atlanta in May for their first appearance in the NCAA Division III Championship.

Waiting for the Pioneers at the host Emory University courts was Vassar College, ranked No. 22 in the country. Transy wasn't able to win a singles or doubles match, losing 5-0 to the Brewers and ending their combined fall/spring seasons with a 14-7 overall record.

The Pioneers are led by head coach Chuck Brown.

## Swimming, diving dominate in four meets

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams each won four meets against the same four schools during the regular season, then turned in 13th- and 8th-place finishes, respectively, in the year-ending Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships.

The Pioneers, led by head coach George Villarreal, defeated Union College, Franklin College, Lindsey Wilson College, and Salem University. The women also finished first in the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Invitational, topping the host school and Butler Universi-

ty. The women's regular season record was 5-5, while the men were 4-7.

In the four-day BMCC, held at the Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center in Charlotte, N.C., first-year swimmer Amanda Skinner led the women's team with an 11th-place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke. The men were paced by first-year swimmer Michael Kendall with a 15th-place showing in the 200-meter backstroke.

## Men's tennis wins 8th straight HCAC title

Transylvania won its eighth consecutive Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's tennis tournament championship and made its fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Division III Championships while compiling a 12-6 overall record, including a 7-0 regular season mark in the HCAC.

In the HCAC tournament, played at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis, Transy defeated Manchester College and Franklin College to make

the finals, where the Pioneers dispatched Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 5-2. That marked the 64th straight HCAC win for Transy in a streak that dates back to the 2002 season.

The Pioneers headed for host Washington and Lee University to take on Wilkes University, champions of the Freedom Conference, in NCAA Division III action. Transy won two of three doubles matches to open play, then lost four singles matches in a 5-2 loss that ended the season.

Sophomore Will Palmer won his second straight HCAC Player of the Year award as he compiled a 17-7 record playing at No. 1 in singles and doubles. His HCAC mark was 13-1, including 5-0 in the conference tourney.

Pioneers who joined Palmer on the All-HCAC first team were seniors Kyle Clayton, Lee Gammon, and Dalton Main, and sophomore Joseph Glass.

Head coach Chuck Brown was honored by his peers with his eighth straight HCAC Coach of the Year award. His all-time Transy record is 116-32, including a 58-4 conference mark.



# CHANGE at the TOP

## R. Owen Williams brings expertise and enthusiasm to his role as president of Transylvania

BY WILLIAM A. BOWDEN

Photos by Joseph Rey Au

When he set out 10 years ago to reshape his career from that of a successful Wall Street investment banker to the role of a college professor or administrator, R. Owen Williams was searching for something that would allow him to make full use of his life experiences.

After leaving the financial world in 1999 and spending the next decade engaged in scholarly work at several prestigious institutions, during which time he completed his Ph.D. in history at Yale University, Williams, 58, found what he was looking for in the presidency of Transylvania University.

As he takes over the top administrative position on August 1 from Charles L. Shearer, who is retiring July 31 after a historic 27-year tenure in office, Williams can hardly restrain his enthusiasm about the chance to shape the next chapter in the story of Kentucky's oldest college as Transylvania's 25th president.

"What was driving me in my transition from the world of business to academics were two life goals, which were to do a Ph.D. and get involved in college administration," Williams said. "When Transylvania came along, I realized it was a fabulous opportunity. I've thought so much about all the aspirations I have for the university. It's exciting in the extreme."

William T. Young Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, directed the national search that brings Williams to Transylvania. He feels the university is getting someone who is an excellent fit.

"With his successful career on Wall Street and his decision to change direction and enter the academic world, Owen Williams has unique strengths to lead Transylvania to the next level," Young said. "His educational background, his managerial experience, and his ability to relate to people of different backgrounds will serve Transylvania well. I am especially encouraged by his excitement and enthusiasm."

### **A world traveler**

Williams arrived at the decision to change his career focus after a 24-year sojourn in the business world with four companies that took him to assignments from New York City to Tokyo. He arrives in Lexington and at Transylvania following a 10-year period of academic preparation, along with some soul-searching, that confirmed an interest in scholarship and higher education that he identified as early as his undergraduate days in the 1970s.

After taking an A.B. degree in philosophy from Dartmouth College in 1974, Williams studied at Cambridge University in England, earning an M.A. in intellectual history in 1976 and setting his sights initially on an academic career.

"When I left Cambridge, I promised myself I would go back to school someday and do a Ph.D.," he said. "I wasn't sure I was prepared at that point in my life to take on a career in academic pursuits. I had friends from college who said, 'Come on down to Wall Street and check it out.' So I went, very much on a lark. I never expected that for myself at all."

Even without a business or economics degree, or apprenticeships or internships at investment banks that most Wall Street beginners have on their résumés, Williams soon found himself hired by Salomon Brothers and enrolled in the investment firm's first training class for new employees.

"I was in a group of 30 people, and I was the only one without a business or law degree," Williams recalled. "They all had the typical background for a career in business—I didn't."

After completing his training, he was assigned to an office in Los Angeles, followed by San Francisco and Tokyo. It was the beginning of more than two decades in the high-powered world of investment banking that eventually took



**B. J. Gooch, Transylvania Special Collections librarian, shows Owen Williams one of the rare books in the university's holdings.**

him to Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns, and finally First Union Capital Markets in Charlotte, N.C., where in 1999 he left the business world behind.

Williams had done well in his financial career. During his 13 years with Salomon Brothers, he became director and global product manager for the firm's government bond department, and was vice president, Salomon Brothers Asia. He co-managed the world's largest primary government bond dealership.

He was an executive director at Goldman Sachs, developing the company's real estate business in non-Japan Asia, and a senior managing director at Bear Stearns. At his last stop, First Union, he was managing director and head of fixed income, increasing revenues in that segment by 10-fold to over \$100 million.

### **Heading back to campus**

As the new century began, Williams plunged back into the academic world by pursuing a Ph.D. in American history at Yale and winning a series of fellowships along the way at Yale Law School, Harvard University Law School, and New York University School of Law. He was awarded the Ph.D. in 2009, and took an M.S.L. in law from Yale in 2007 when he felt he needed more background in legal matters to support his historical research. He taught a number of history courses at Yale while working on his doctorate.

There are intriguing coincidences between Williams' scholarly interests and the history of Transylvania. His dissertation, "Unequal Justice Under Law: The Supreme Court and the First Civil Rights Movement, 1857-1883," has as its two primary protagonists U.S. Supreme Court Justices Samuel Miller and John Marshall Harlan, both alumni of Transylvania. Miller studied medicine at Transy, while Harlan graduated from the

alumnus of Transy and completed his degree at Yale.

"Samuel Miller is one of the most important jurists in 19th-century American history, and John Marshall Harlan is my hero and the central figure in my dissertation," Williams said. "So I felt as if there were a spiritual connection between me and Transylvania even before coming here."

During the application process for the Transy position, Williams studied the history of the university and has become very impressed with the role the school has played in the history of higher education in America. He read *Transylvania: Tutor to the West* by history professor emeritus John D. Wright Jr., the definitive story of the university.

"I love history, and this is an institution steeped in history," he said. "I think a big part of what makes Transylvania special is that it's an American institution going back to the very beginning of our country."

### **The Transy spirit**

As he arrives at Transylvania, Williams plans to focus initially on admissions and fund-raising while spending time listening and learning about the university before deciding on other initiatives.

"I think it's going to take three-to-six months just listening to people who know Transylvania well and can help me understand the spirit of this place," he said. "I need to come to a firm understanding of what Transylvania has to offer students and what sets this institution apart from all others. That's my first order of business. Then it will be my job to turn around and play back to the Transylvania community what I think they've told me, and hopefully set a new vision for the institution.

"People have asked me, 'What do you

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law school.

Also, Williams held the Cassius Marcellus Clay Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale just prior to accepting the Transylvania presidency. Clay, the famed emancipationist and minister to Russia in President Lincoln's administration, is an

want to change about Transylvania?" I don't want to change anything about the university. I think Transylvania's great. What I want to do is ameliorate what is already here, enhance it, augment it, build it."

In admissions, Williams would like to

increase the number of out-of-state students. He would also like to build the applicant pool, thereby driving down the number of acceptances as a percentage of the pool and enhancing the quality of the student body.

Williams' financial acumen will serve Transylvania well when it comes to identifying new sources of funds for the scholarships and many other academic initiatives, student life programs, and capital projects that the university continues to develop.

In fact, in addition to his primary business career, Williams comes to Transylvania with an impressive résumé of volunteer work for non-profit organizations that has included extensive fund-raising as well as the creation of strategic plans to alter and improve those organizations' focus.

For example, as president of the Wilton (Conn.) Historical Society, he wrote an extensive long-range strategic plan that overhauled the entire structure and purpose of the organization. The plan shifted the focus from managing 22 historic buildings to an expanded historical educational agenda aimed at everyone from school children to seniors.

In financial campaigns for Dartmouth, St. John's College at Cambridge, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Wilton Historical Society, Williams has been responsible for raising millions of dollars to support their programs.

"I have always derived great fulfillment from the time I have devoted to fund-raising for non-profit groups," he said. "I like fund-raising, and not everybody does. In this day and age, if you actually enjoy it, I think you have a certain responsibility to do it."

Williams will bring to his new position many contacts within the financial world from his time spent on Wall Street, and he looks forward to taking the Transylvania message to new destinations.

"I have the enviable opportunity of becoming a champion for Transylvania, being able to travel around the region and the country, making it more clear to new audiences just how wonderful this university is," he said.

### **Transylvania's strengths**

As he becomes more and more comfortable in the president's role, Williams hopes to use all the skills he has acquired thus far in the areas of financial management, marketing, fund-raising, academics, communication, and teaching to move Transylvania forward.

One of the strengths of the university he

plans to build on is its essential character as a small, compact campus in the midst of a city of 270,000 with all its urban advantages.

"The size of Transylvania's campus is confined by the fact that it's in the middle of a city, yet the campus is very green and beautiful," Williams said. "It isn't like Hunter College in the vastness of New York City on the one hand, or small colleges in very rural locations on the other hand. This is a very special location. There aren't many colleges that have the best of both worlds."

Williams also sees Transylvania's relatively small campus and enrollment as advantages in creating a sense of community and closeness among students, faculty, and staff.

"I had a board member tell me that the defining element of the Transy experience is the sense of belonging," he said. "And I think that sense of belonging is an outgrowth, in many respects, of the closeness of the community. Transy is a small school, but I think that's very much in keeping with the essence of a liberal arts education."

On a personal level, Williams, who was born in Baltimore and lived in Texas, New Mexico, and California growing up, is already feeling a sense of belonging to the Transylvania community and looks forward to becoming a citizen of Kentucky. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Tucker, 19, and a daughter, Penelope, 15.

"Everyone has been so friendly and warm toward us," he said. "People have been very welcoming in a way that was a big part of our decision to come to Transy. I hope we'll be accepted as Kentuckians in reasonably short order."

Williams believes Transylvania's potential to grow and improve over the coming years is great.

"Of the institutions that are this size, I think Transylvania could be one of the best in the country," he said. "Why not? There's not much in our way. For the past several decades, Transylvania has been flying high. If anything, I hope it can expand its wings even farther." ■



*A reception was held at Graham Cottage to welcome Owen Williams to Transylvania. Above, Williams talks with William T. Young Jr., left, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and vice-chairman James G. Kenan III. Below, Williams shakes hands with first-year student Andrew Goff.*



# A historic commencement

On the eve of his retirement, President Charles L. Shearer confers degrees on the 240 members of the class of 2010, gives commencement address

Transylvania awarded bachelor of arts degrees to 240 seniors on May 29 in the final commencement ceremony for President Charles L. Shearer, who will retire from the presidency at the end of July after a 27-year tenure in the office.

A crowd of friends and family, faculty and trustees looked on from Old Morrison lawn as Shearer conferred the diplomas. In delivering the commencement address, he related his feelings at leaving office with his devotion to Transy students throughout his tenure.

“What has given me the greatest joy over the years has simply been knowing students,” Shearer said. “Because I am departing from the presidency, I feel as though I am part of the class of 2010 and that we are graduating together.”

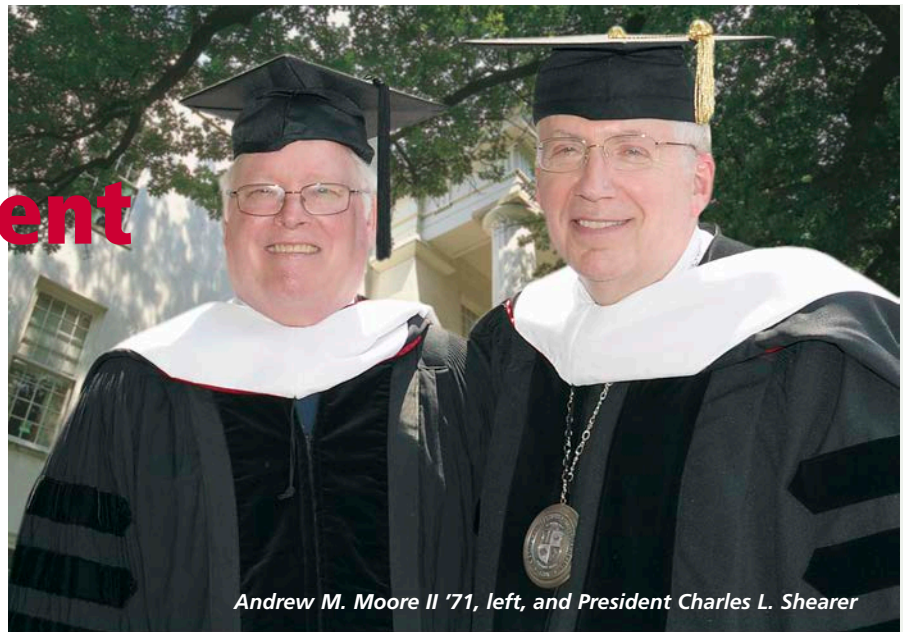
Shearer came to Transylvania in 1979 as vice president for finance and was appointed president in 1983. His 27 years of service is the longest tenure of any president in the history of Kentucky’s oldest college, founded in 1780.

“Reflecting on the last 27 years as president, I can look back with the knowledge that I have given it my all,” Shearer said. “I will always cherish the relationships I have had with my colleagues on the faculty and staff, and I love this institution.”

Graduating senior and student speaker Tyler Murphy, a political science major from Flatwoods, Ky., urged his classmates to strive to solve the world’s problems.

“The education we have acquired over these past four years has empowered us to make a difference in this world,” Murphy said. “We do not fully understand the world’s problems, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t seek to solve them. That is our mission. This is our moment.”

Also during the ceremony, retiring art professor Dan S. Selter was awarded faculty emeritus status, and Shearer was awarded president emeritus status. ■



Andrew M. Moore II '71, left, and President Charles L. Shearer

## TWO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

**Andrew M. Moore II '71** received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of his distinguished career as a physician specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery, and for being a founding member and president of Surgery on Sunday, an acclaimed program offering free medical services to the working poor. He is associated with Plastic Surgeons of Lexington, chief of staff at the Lexington Health South Surgery Center, and affiliated with Saint Joseph Hospital, Saint Joseph East Hospital, and Central Baptist Hospital.

Moore organized the volunteer services of more than 300 medical professionals and support personnel to provide free outpatient services ranging from general operations to reconstructive surgeries and dental work. The income-eligible patients are without health insurance and unable to qualify for federal or state assistance.

The Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross named Moore its 2009 Fayette County Hero of the Year for his work with Surgery on Sunday. The national news organization CNN selected him as a 2010 CNN Hero and a nominee for the 2010 CNN Hero of the Year.

Moore earned his medical degree from the University of Kentucky and completed his internship and residency in general surgery at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in North Carolina. He was a resident in plastic surgery at Vanderbilt University.

**Charles L. Shearer** received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of the extraordinary contributions he made to Transylvania during his 27-year presidential tenure.

Shearer took office in 1983, when Transylvania had an enrollment of 650, a minimal endowment, and an aging physical plant. During his tenure, the university enjoyed record enrollments, reaching an all-time high of 1,156 in 2008. The endowment now stands at well over \$100 million, and the campus has been transformed by major capital projects totaling more than \$50 million.

The expansion and rebuilding of the campus has been unprecedented. New construction has included a classroom building, a library, a theater, three residence halls, a student center, a bookstore/café, an athletics center, two athletics fields, and a practice field. Renovation projects have created a library and an art building, are modernizing the science laboratories, and brought air conditioning to three older residence halls.

Faculty and student academic quality were enhanced during Shearer’s tenure through the Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching and an expansion of the number of students receiving the prestigious William T. Young Scholarship from 10 to 25.

A native of Louisville, Shearer earned a B.S. in accounting and an M.A. in diplomacy and international commerce from the University of Kentucky. He earned an M.A. and Ph.D., both in economics, from Michigan State University.



Graduate Elijah Truman, a history major from Lexington, is joined by family and friends, from left, his mother, Cheryl Truman '79; Delcie Truman, his grandmother; Conley Wilkerson '51; and Nash Cox.

## Where will they go from here?

Princeton University, Johns Hopkins University, Wake Forest University, and the University of Chicago are among the prestigious schools associated with the graduate plans of members of the class of 2010.



**CANDACE JOHNSON**, a business administration major (marketing emphasis) and English minor from Symsonia, Ky., was accepted to the Wake Forest University School of Law. She chose the school over offers from the University of Georgia, University of North Carolina, University of Kentucky, Emory University, and Vanderbilt University.

Johnson is planning to use a law degree to pursue in-house business law.

“Eventually I would like to work as an in-house lawyer with a corporation—combine my business experience with a law degree,” she said. “I think if I’m an in-house lawyer with my company that I’m representing, my work will be a lot more enjoyable and meaningful than if I had some random client come in and pay me.”

She said working in marketing while at Transy heightened her appreciation for business. She did an internship at Smith Management Group, where she helped the consulting firm redesign its marketing materials, website, and cut sheets.

“All of the things that I wanted to do—interact with people and be creative and do it in a way that is analytical—I’ve gotten to do all of that through marketing,” she said.



**JANELLE JOHNSON** completed a self-designed international affairs major and was accepted to the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Studies. The Louisville native will enter the master’s degree program with a focus on international policy.

Her Transy experience was highlighted by a semester studying abroad in Amman, Jordan. There she attended classes in subjects ranging from Jordanian economics to foreign policy to social welfare policy. She was able to travel and see the Great Pyramids, visit the Arab League, and go to Luxor, Egypt, to see the Valley of the Kings. She even learned how to make papyrus paper.

Her goal is to work in foreign relations, such as for the United States Department of State, and she found she has a keen interest specifically in the Middle East.

“I had a host family for about five days when we stayed in the northern part of the country, which is more rural and pretty poor compared to the middle class family I was staying with in the city,” she said. “Just talking to my host mom about the everyday life there and her hopes and aspirations for herself and her children, it’s one of those moments that make you appreciate being human.”



**CHRIS MONSANTO**, a computer science major (minors in mathematics and music) from Frankfort, Ky., will begin the Ph.D. program in computer science at Princeton University this fall. He chose Princeton over other acceptances at Yale University and Brown University.

At the suggestion of one of his Transylvania professors, he completed two summers of undergraduate research, both times

with funding from the National Science Foundation. He first went to Auburn University to investigate power consumption issues, then went to DePauw University to work on functional language programs.

“I used my work at DePauw as the basis for a paper I presented at the International Symposium on Implementation and Application of Functional Languages, held in New Jersey, where I was the only undergraduate in attendance,” Monsanto said.

One of his goals is to develop programming languages that will close what he sees as a “disconnect” between the way people think and how a computer thinks.

“I think everyone should have the ability to program a computer to customize what they’re working with, to make sure they’re as productive as they can be,” he said. “I want to make it fundamentally easier to program computers. I’m very excited about the research I’ll be getting into at Princeton.”



**ASHLEY RAMCHANDANI** will be attending the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Studies, where she will study public policy.

The self-designed criminal behavior major from Louisville hopes to one day work for a non-profit or a government organization in victims’ advocacy or other social issues.

“Ideally I would like to work for an institution doing research and advocacy work for people who are wrongfully convicted or families that find themselves continually involved with the system,” she said. “I think a lot of my interest comes from believing in justice being served and individuals getting proper opportunities to be everything they want to be, free from social problems such as lack of education, health care, that sort of thing.”

Ramchandani did internships with the Kentucky chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and volunteered at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Health Department

and the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, but her favorite learning experience was an internship with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

“I really enjoyed my time there,” she said. “I interned there in my first year and learned about the determinants of criminal behavior and social behavior in general.”

This summer Ramchandani is working for the Freedom School in Louisville teaching literacy to inner-city youth.



**JOSH SCHWARTZ**, who completed a double major in biology and chemistry and a minor in philosophy, will begin the Ph.D. program in biological chemistry and molecular biology at Johns Hopkins University this fall.

The native of Florence, Ky., is primarily interested in neuroscience and hopes someday to be a professor at a research university.

He found that coming to Transy gave him the advantages of a small liberal arts college and the chance to do research at large universities over the summers. He was at the University of Cincinnati, Brown University, and Stanford University during his Transy summers.

“Another great advantage I gained from going to Transy instead of a larger school was the faculty interaction,” he said. “Having faculty know you and spend time with you has been great. They wrote recommendation letters for me that were very personable.”

At Johns Hopkins, Schwartz is looking forward to learning more about the brain and mental processes at the biochemistry level.

“I want to understand synaptic plasticity,” he said. “Our brain is plastic and able to change in response to environmental stimuli. I want to study learning and memory on the molecular level. That’s just fascinating to me.” ■ Photos by Joseph Rey Au



# Alumni Weekend 2010

## Honoring Shearers was a big part of Alumni Weekend 2010

More than 650 alumni and visitors attended events at the 2010 Alumni Weekend April 9-11. In addition to the fun and memories, they were able to honor President Charles L. Shearer for his 27 years of service to Transylvania, and his wife, Susan, for her role as first lady and ambassador for the university.

The weekend kicked off with the annual gathering at Keeneland Race Course on Friday and culminated with a chapel service Sunday morning in Old Morrison Chapel. Many of the alumni socialized with current and former faculty and staff members during an alumni celebration luncheon Saturday in the William T. Young Campus Center.

Michael Nichols '68, who is currently teaching at Transylvania as a visiting professor of psychology, gave the keynote address and used the opportunity to talk about his time at the university, what it was like to return after 40 years, and about the legacy that the Shearers will leave with the institution.

"In 2008 a dream came true for me—I was asked to teach at Transylvania as a visiting professor," Nichols said. "I moved into Hazelrigg Hall in 1964; it was a boys' dorm then. In 2008 I moved back into Hazelrigg Hall, which had been converted into faculty offices. It was remarkably the same 44 years later. It was like coming home."

Nichols shared memories about some of his favorite professors from his time as a student, which made for some funny stories.

"I remember being the anesthesiologist for a pancreatotomy on a rat in our wonderful Dr. (Lila) Boyarsky's biology class," he recalled. "I realized that anesthesiology was not a natural talent for me because in the middle of surgery, the rat woke up, looked around, evaluated the situation, chose not to participate, and ran out the front door of the Carnegie Science Building with Dr. Boyarsky and five students in hot pursuit."

He also reflected on what those professors taught him and his classmates, as well as things he had to learn on his own.

"We worked hard, and we learned about service and leadership and empathy for others," he said. "We made a lot of mistakes, we fell in love, got our hearts broken, and we learned. We learned how to think and write and read and see things more clearly and listen more intensely. We left Transy with a very different vision of the world and ourselves. We were given a vision of an education that was a lifelong journey, not a destination."

Nichols said that much of the credit for Transy maintaining those ideals goes to President Shearer, who helped bring the school out from hard times and mold it into the university it is today. He got emotional as he began to talk about his friend.

"Thirty years ago, Transy was in a pretty shaky state. Many of us who lived around here were worried. Enrollment, finances, and morale were at a low," he said. "President Shearer brought the campus stability and hope. Its standing as an institution of higher learning has grown, and Transy is considered one of the top liberal arts programs anywhere."

Among Shearer's traits, Nichols named hard work, commitment to students, extraordinary financial and administrative expertise, and love for vision and learning. But success involves more than just those leadership abilities, he said.

"All of those qualities are necessary, but not sufficient, to do all of the amazing accomplishments over the last 30 years," he

said. "The amazing success of the Shearer era came as a result of all of those qualities, but also of his heart and his character. An institution reflects the character of its leader. Transy has experienced success in large part because people are drawn to Dr. Shearer's heart and character."

After graduating from Transy in 1968, Nichols completed his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, where he worked as director of the counseling and testing center and as associate professor of behavioral medicine at the College of Medicine. He also has served as staff psychologist at Eastern State Hospital and at the Eastern Kentucky University counseling center. A recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from Transy in 1992, he has won numerous honors and awards for excellence in teaching and other professional endeavors.

At the end of the luncheon, the Alumni Association elected Melony J. Lane '90 president of the Alumni Executive Board and Candice Caine Zaluski '71 president-elect. ■

Photos by Joseph Rey Au



**Psychology professor Michael Nichols '68 addresses the alumni celebration luncheon.**

### A time to reflect

It was Sunday morning of Alumni Weekend 2010, and Charlie Taylor '65 was in a reflective mood after attending many of the weekend's events and catching up with classmates and professors. Sitting alone in Haupt Plaza, Taylor, a Vanderbilt University senior development officer and accomplished singer-songwriter, penned these words.

### This Place Beyond the Woods

We clung to you those fast four years, until you bid us fly...  
And now it seems like yesterday, when we all said goodbye.

We promised that we'd stay in touch, but soon life intervened...  
I lost some steps along the way, I'm grey and not as fleet.

But we've returned to say hello, to gather once again...  
To laugh once more at yesterday, and revel in old friends.

We married, and the children came, the climb, careers and more...  
And we looked up to find one day, the years had fairly flown.

We'll not debate who lost or gained, fame fades away like the smoke...  
'Tis all about the days we shared, so many years ago.

So lift a glass to we who are, and those who have gone on...  
And our first meeting 'neath these trees, upon this hallowed lawn.

We love you Transylvania, you're all that's true and good...  
One day soon my ghost will walk, this place beyond the woods.



Enjoying the reception at the Marriott Griffin Gate are (left) Kathryn Mitchell Hite '85, left, and Teresa Warren Walker '85; (above) Charlie Taylor '65, left, Martha-Frances Herrin Burak '65, and Gary Burak.

## 2010 University Awards

### MORRISON MEDALLION

*Presented to alumni for outstanding service to Transylvania and its programs*



#### **Dorothy Steinbeck Smith '42**

created a perpetual gift of music to her alma mater in 2007 when she created the Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Endowed Concert Series, which includes the name of her late husband, a 1940 Transylvania graduate. The series brings world-class performers to campus for free concerts. She also created the endowed Sharon Sue Smith Memorial Scholarship, named for the Smiths' late

daughter, which awards scholarships to first-year students, with preference given to music majors or minors. She is a retired music teacher and professional singer, a former violinist with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, and a published composer and poet.

### IRVIN E. LUNGER AWARD

*Presented for unique and exceptional service to Transylvania*



**Karen K. Caldwell '77**, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, is a former member of the Alumni Executive Board and past president of the Bluegrass Area Alumni Club. A loyal donor, she has helped secure support for choir performance tours of Europe. She volunteers to write letters to prospective students and speak at the admissions office's Scholarship Day, she delivered the commencement address in 2005, and she served on

the recent presidential search committee. A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, she is a former United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and is currently U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, a lifetime appointment.

### TRANSYLVANIA MEDAL

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



**Richard J. Corman**, a member of the Transylvania Board of Trustees, serves on the Executive Committee of the board and has provided invaluable input to Transylvania since joining the board in 2007. His daughter Shawna Ashlee graduated from Transylvania in May, and his daughter April Leigh is a sophomore at Transy. He is founder and owner of R. J. Corman Railroad Group, headquartered in Nicholasville, Ky., and one of the

nation's leading railroad service providers with divisions in 20 states and Canada.

### OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

*Presented to an alumnus or alumna who graduated no more than 18 years ago, with a strong record of volunteer service and support of their alma mater*



**Jennifer A. Moore '95**, a partner in Grossman & Moore, PLLC, in Louisville, was the Kentucky Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer in 2005. After organizing the College Democrats and serving as president during her Transy years, she became the nation's youngest state party chair when she served the Kentucky Democratic Party in that role from 2007-09. She earned her juris doctor from the University of Kentucky

College of Law, which selected her for its first Young Professional Alumni Award in 2008.

## Three players, team inducted into Pioneer Hall of Fame

Three basketball players from markedly different eras and the entire 1999 women's soccer team, including their coaches, were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend 2010.

The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, and others who have made outstanding contributions to Transylvania athletics.



**Andre K. Flynn '85** was a four-year letter winner on the men's basketball team. He was the Pioneers' outstanding freshman, a team captain and most valuable player for two years, Male Athlete of the Year his junior season, and an NAIA District 32 All-American his senior year. He left Transy as the men's No. 4 all-time scorer with 1,670 points and still ranks No. 8. He is head basketball coach at Fayette County High School in Fayetteville, Ga.



**Stanley Hadley Jr. '53** was a four-year letter winner on the men's basketball team and a member of head coach C. M. Newton's first two Transy teams. In his senior year he was named Mr. Pioneer and was president of the student council. He is a former member and president of the Alumni Executive Board and the recipient of the Morrison Medallion in 2000. He is a retired family physician who lives in Lexington.



**Maria Paglialungo '71** played basketball for four years and field hockey for two years. A prolific scorer in basketball, she tossed in 48 points against Midway College, 30 against the University of Louisville, and 36 points in each of three games during her senior year when the Pioneers were 9-1. As a semi-pro softball player, she played in nine national tournaments. She lives in Lexington and is the owner of Energy Medicine, a holistic health and fitness company.

**The 1999 women's soccer team** became the first team to be inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame. The team fashioned one of the greatest seasons in Transy's 130-year sports history by winning 23 straight games and advancing to the NAIA national championship game in Miami before losing 3-0 to Westmont College. The team's 23-1 record included 16 shutouts and an aggregate score of 73-11 against all opponents. The Pioneers were led by head coach Parviz Zartoshty '85, now director of soccer, and former assistant coach Scott Scanlon.

*Below, front row, from left: Rhea Andrews Hatfield '02, Meghan Kane Trimble '01, Lyndi Campbell Lowman '02, Jacqueline E. Glass '01, Danielle Englekamp Halfhill '03; second row, Janice L. Hall '02, co-captain Sarah Focke Collins '00, Kim Lowman Sutton '01, Tracy Kammerer Wishon '01, Kristen L. Byrd '02, Jean-Anne Jensen '02, Michelle Topmiller Waymeyer '02, Leslie N. Moyers '00; back row, assistant coach Scott Scanlon, head coach Parviz Zartoshty '85, Shelby Lynn Marshall '02, Leslie Ghibaudy Stone '01, co-captain Shannon Bacher Crump '00, Sarah Kelley Hilvers '00, Amanda Pemberton Christensen '01.*





# LIFE

## in Death Valley

**Sarah Craighead '78 works to preserve and protect the nation's largest national park**

BY LORI-LYN HURLEY '92

The name Death Valley sounds forbidding, but not to Sarah Craighead '78, superintendent of Death Valley National Park. To her, the natural, cultural, and recreational aspects of the park present an exciting opportunity.

The territory under Craighead's watchful eye is vast. Death Valley, which lies in the middle of the Mojave Desert, is the largest park in the lower 48 states with 3.3 million acres. Located primarily in southern California, with a small portion extending into Nevada, the valley itself is 130 miles long and between six and 13 miles wide.

"It can take me all day to get to another

part of the park," she said. "You can stand in Death Valley and look around and see only the park; you can't see outside the boundary."

It is also the hottest and lowest place in the western hemisphere with elevations ranging from Badwater Basin at 282 feet below sea level to the Panamint Mountains at 11,000 feet above.

A world of contrasts and extremes, Death Valley may sound like a lifeless landscape, but it is populated by numerous species of reptiles, birds, and mammals all living in a dramatic landscape of sand dunes, snow-capped mountains, and multi-colored rock layers.

Death Valley got its name during the height of the California gold rush when a group of pioneers became lost while trying to take a shortcut across the valley. Only one in the group died, but they all assumed the valley would become their grave.

Indeed, for five months of the year, unmerciful heat dominates Death Valley, and rain rarely gets past the mountains. The little rain that does fall, however, gives life to the wildflowers. Despite the harshness of the environment, Death Valley is home to more than 1,000 species of plants; more than 50 of these are endemics, found nowhere else in the world.

**Sarah Craighead '78, superintendent of Death Valley National Park, explains some of the park's unique natural features to a visitor.**

The lower elevations of the park are home to wildlife like road runners, ground squirrels, and coyotes, while big horn sheep and lizards can be seen in the higher elevations.

"Early spring temperatures here are perfect," Craighead said. "The park is a lively place then, with temperatures in the mid-70s and birds migrating through. We have hummingbirds that time of year."

Death Valley is usually considered a winter destination, but Craighead said the park has a surprising number of visitors in the middle of the summer, when temperatures soar to 125 degrees. "People want to experience how hot it can really be," she said.

The hottest temperature ever recorded at Death Valley was a searing 134 degrees in July 1913 at what is now Furnace Creek Ranch.

### **A passion for parks**

Craighead is passionate about the nation's park system, which protects not only wildlife, but also historical and cultural

sites.

“Our public lands are important because they’re areas where natural processes have an opportunity to continue unimpeded by humans.” Craighead said. “In our parks, wildlife has the opportunity to thrive. Our mission in the National Park Service is to preserve and protect places like Death Valley and to provide opportunities for the public to learn and enjoy so that the parks will be here for generations to come.”

Craighead’s passion is one she first discovered while a student at Transylvania. Unsure of her post-graduation plans, she began her studies as a computer science major. When she started working for the National Park Service as a summer worker at Mammoth Cave, she found her future career.

“I just fell in love with the job, the people, the place,” she said, “so I changed my major to biology because I knew that was more in line with the jobs I would be looking for after graduation.”

Her first full-time job after Transy, however, did not call for her training in biology. Instead of a natural setting, it took her to a large metropolitan area. For a year, she was a park ranger at Independence National Historic Site in Philadelphia, home of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. There she interpreted American history, sometimes in costume.

“It was totally outside my comfort area,” she said, “but that’s the beauty of a liberal arts education. I had a little bit of everything in my background, and I knew how to research and read.”

During her 30-year career with the park service, Craighead has been a park ranger at places like the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and has held management positions at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, the National Capital Regional Office in Washington, D.C., and Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia.

She served as superintendent of Saguaro National Park in Arizona, Washita Battlefield National Historical Site, and Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma prior to accepting the position of Death Valley superintendent in January 2009.

Craighead’s husband, John F. Shireman, also works for the National Park Service, by telecommuting work to the Intermountain Regional Office in Washington, D.C. He also goes to the nation’s capital one week out of the month.

“It’s nice we can live together for once,” Craighead said. “We haven’t for most of our marriage. Like many couples in the park service, we’ve always had to travel back and forth—park staffs are small, and it’s hard to find two jobs at the right level at the same place.”

Like two-thirds of Death Valley’s staff, Craighead and her husband live in park housing, within the boundaries of the park. “It’s very remote. We can’t just run out to the mall or go to the movies,” she said, “but we have an active social life. We’re always thinking up things to do.”

### **Day to day in Death Valley**

In her role at Death Valley, Craighead spends much of her day with administrative duties, but because she’s responsible for the entire park, she gets out of the office to visit the backcountry, as well.

“I get to do a little bit of everything,” she said. “My job is to ensure that park programs are running smoothly, that we’re doing things efficiently, and that the public understands what we’re doing.”

A big park in an isolated area, Death Valley has programs that cover everything from law enforcement to fire fighting to plant and animal research.

“Parks are places where people can relax and become aware of the natural world around them,” she said. “They can feel renewed, but they can also see what our planet looked like before people had an effect.”

**“We still have native plants that have never been looked at for medical uses for humans. We have plants that only live in Death Valley...”**

About 95 percent of Death Valley is designated wilderness area, and those areas are protected to an even higher standard. Many don’t even have roads, so visitors can truly see what the place was like before human intervention.

In this way, our national parks hold answers about environmental concerns and climate change. “We’re the hottest place on the continent. If it gets hotter, we’ll start to lose species,” Craighead said. “We still have native plants that, in some cases, have never been looked at for

medical uses for humans. We have plants that only live in Death Valley, and we have threatened and endangered wildlife. The devil’s hole pupfish only lives in Death Valley, and there are less than 100 of them. These plants and animals are important because they are indicators of our planet. We need to watch them to make sure that the planet is sustainable for humans to come. What goes on here helps us better understand what climate change is doing to our larger natural world.”

Because of its desert location, the park also seeks to use as much solar energy as possible.

“We’re putting in a number of photovoltaic panels on park structures and trying to create as much electricity as we can,” she said. “We have to air-condition all of the park buildings, and one of the goals our director has set is for parks to have zero carbon emissions by 2016. That’s going to be tough for us, but we’re working toward it.”

National parks have benefited from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds, and Death Valley is undertaking a number of projects that will benefit the public, the park staff, and the park itself. One example is its ongoing program to deal with abandoned mines, mining having been the primary activity in the area before the land was protected.

“Death Valley has the most open mines of any place in the park system,” Craighead said. “A lot of gold, silver, and borax mining went on here in the past, and we have in the neighborhood of 6 -10,000 mine openings in the park. We’re doing closures in the areas that pose the most risk to visitors, while being careful not to disturb the bats that sometimes make their homes in the abandoned mines.”

Funds are also being used to build additional park houses and add to the curatorial facility, and a strategic plan is being developed to determine what would best benefit park staff.

“Staff members do a great job,” she said, “but there are a lot of challenges here between the heat and the isolation, and we want to make sure we’re providing them with good developmental opportunities.”

The casual visitor isn’t going to see these changes, however, and that’s by design.

“It’s our goal to preserve the area,” Craighead said. “We do our job so that our grandchildren and their children can visit the park and see it just as it looks today.” ■

# Alumni

## NEWS & NOTES

Transylvania would like to publish your photos of alumni events and personal milestones. For consideration, please send photos to *Transylvania Magazine*, Transylvania University, 300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508-1797.

'57 **Edwin C. Linberg**, La Verne, Calif., represented Transylvania in March at the Scripps College presidential inauguration.

'68 **Robert A. Riestler**, Indianapolis, retired in June after 39 years of ministry in congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served congregations in Iowa and Tennessee, and the last 24 years were served at Allisonville Christian Church in Indianapolis. Also in June, he and his wife, **Kathy Morris Riestler '67**, celebrated 43 years of marriage.



'69 **Peter H. McDevitt**, Lake Placid, Fla., has been reappointed to a fourth consecutive four-year term to the Sebring Airport Authority in Sebring, Fla.

'71 **Andrew M. Moore II**, Lexington, was named a CNN Hero for his work with the Surgery on Sunday program in Lexington. Moore, a plastic surgeon in Lexington, was visited in February by CNN to learn more about the SOS program and his efforts to serve the underserved. He's also a nominee for the 2010 CNN Hero of the Year.

**Susan Griffin Smith**, Frankfort, Ky., has been elected to the Kentucky Retirement Systems Board of Trustees. KRS manages a \$17 billion operation for more than 300,000 participants in state and local governments. She and her husband, Tony, both returned to work full-time after getting bored in retirement.

'74 **Jeffrey R. Menkes** married Elizabeth Trueson and continues to live in Newport Beach, Calif. Jeff is vice president and co-owner of Mer-Mar, Inc., an electronics contract manufacturer that primarily assembles printed circuit boards for original equipment manufacturers.

**Andrew J. Oppel**, Alamada, Calif., completed his sixth book, titled *Data Modeling: A Beginner's Guide*, which was published by McGraw-Hill in January.

'78 **Melissa Penry Williams**, Leitchfield, Ky., has retired after 25 years at WKRN-TV, Nashville. Before her retirement, she won another regional Emmy from the

Tennessee Education Association for excellence in education reporting.

'79 **Terri Carson Park**, Lexington, managing director of investments at Wells Fargo Advisors, was ranked among *Barron's* magazine's annual Top 1,000 Financial Advisors in the February issue.

**Karla Justice Corbin**, Pikeville, Ky., represented Transylvania in February at the Pikeville College presidential inauguration.

'82 **Julian E. Tackett**, Lexington, has been named commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

'90 **Stephanie Miller Broering**, Fort Mitchell, Ky., and **Elizabeth Wilkinson Marlette '93**, Walton, Ky., are co-chairs of the 74th annual Junior Board Charity Ball for the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, which will be held in November. CHNK is a long-term treatment facility for boys with emotional, behavioral, and social issues. Classmates can contact Stephanie at



From left, Jill Brooks-Pellerin '75, Georgia Green Stamper '67, and Leigh Ann Blackburn Napier '98

## Alumnae books show great variety

The life-long adventures of a sea turtle, advice for women on how to achieve a happy marriage, and essays that draw upon the unique culture and heritage of Kentucky are the subjects of three books by Transylvania alumnae authors.

*Brighter Horizon: A Sea Turtle's Journey*, written by **Jill Brooks-Pellerin '75** and illustrated by her daughter, Lindsay, is based on a true story that begins with a turtle hatching in Florida. Born with a deformed flipper, the turtle struggles to survive; its experiences are shown in parallel to those of a small child with a handicap to overcome. Purchase the book at Amazon.com or directly by e-mailing bhorizon10@yahoo.com.

*Happy Marriage: A Christian Gal's Guide to a Happy, Life-Long Marriage*, by **Leigh Ann Blackburn Napier '98**, offers women tips in seven areas, based on scriptural references, to help them solve problems and create fulfilling marriages. It's available at leighannapier.com or by contacting Napier at (877) 212-8628 (ext. 707) or leighann@ibloom.us.

*You Can Go Anywhere: From the Crossroads of the World*, by **Georgia Green Stamper '67**, is a collection of essays and columns that bring out the humor, meaning, and poignancy of Kentucky's people and places, from colonial times to the present. The author uses social commentary, nostalgia, and satire to tell her stories. Purchase the book from Amazon.com or by contacting Stamper at author@georgiagreenstamper.com.

stephaniebroering@yahoo.com and Elizabeth at elizabethmarlette@gmail.com. For more information, their website is www.chnk.org.

**'91 Christopher W. Arnett**, Louisville, has been promoted to senior director of franchise management at Choice Hotels International. He and his partner, Josh Graf, will be relocating to the Washington, D.C., area, and he is excited about becoming active in the D.C. alumni chapter. Chris can be reached at Christopher\_arnett@choicehotels.com.

**Lisa A. Casebier**, Lexington, earned her MSN from the University of Kentucky in 2008 and is director of the neonatal intensive care unit at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

**Todd A. Moulder**, Corpus Christi, Tex., an English teacher at Baker Middle School, has been selected as 2010 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Corpus Christi Independent School District.

**'95 Michelle Gaines Bennett**, Lexington, is a pediatrician with Pediatric & Adolescent Associates.

**Joel P. Richardson**, Louisville, is a sales executive with Tafel Motors Mercedes-Benz in Louisville.

**'96 Natasa Pajic**, Lexington, was elected the CASE-KY (Council for Advancement and Support of Education-Kentucky) chair for the 2010 conference, which will take place in Louisville December 9-10.

**Carrie Reed Shufflebarger**, Union, Ky., has been named partner at the law firm Thompson Hine in Cincinnati.

**'97 Rebecca Bianchi Gulock** lives in Somerset, Ky., with her husband and two children, ages 4 and 6. She loves working part-time from home as a service coordinator for First Steps, Kentucky's early intervention program.

**Jennifer L. Price** continues to live in George-

town, Ky., with her husband and two children. She recently received tenure at Georgetown College and was promoted to associate professor of psychology. She also serves as department chair.

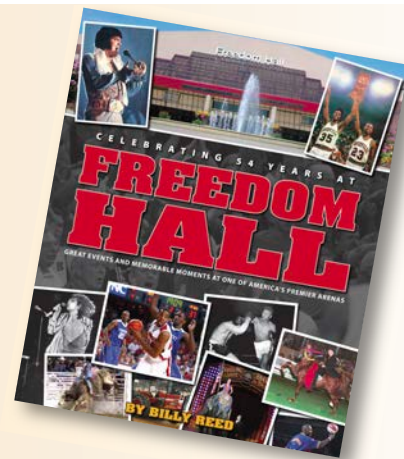
**'99 Heather R. Godsey**, Knoxville, completed her fourth year as associate director/campus minister at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She often speaks at church gatherings about young adult/college ministry and collegiate sexual ethics and has published her second book, *Oh God, Oh God, Oh God!: Young Adults Speak Out About Sexuality and Christian Spirituality*, available through Chalice Press.

**'00 Mary Ellen Meurer Ford** lives in Louisville with her husband, Kevin, and 3-year-old daughter, Sydney Ellen. In January 2009, while working for the University of Kentucky's Cancer Registry as senior regional coordinator, she passed her Registered Health Information Administrator exam. In June 2009, she became director of health information management for all Norton Healthcare facilities in Louisville.

**Farrah Pond Guerrant**, Danville, Ky., has been selected as program manager of the state's first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center.

**Jenna Shaffer Watts**, Whitesburg, Ky., has been named an assistant attorney general for the 47th district of Kentucky in Letcher County.

**'01 Capt. Sean C. McNichol**, U. S. Army, Bellingham, Mass., has been recognized by Delta Mu Delta for outstanding academic achievement while pursuing a master of information technology management from Webster University.



## Reed's book celebrates Freedom Hall

As a veteran journalist, **Billy Reed '66** has spent countless hours in Louisville's Freedom Hall for nearly five decades, covering major sports contests and other events while also attending as a spectator.

"Freedom Hall has been virtually a second home to me since 1962, when I covered my first boys' state high school basketball tournament for the old *Lexington Leader* while in my first year at Transylvania," Reed said.

So it was only natural that when the University of Louisville men's basketball team was playing its final season in the arena before moving to a new downtown facility for the 2010-11 season, Reed would author a book of pictures and text that pays homage to the building's nationally prominent history.

*Celebrating 54 Years at Freedom Hall* is a 200-page book that traces the history of the arena from its 1956 opening to this year's final hurrah for the U of L Cardinals. Though the book is heavy on basketball, it includes many other subjects, from Cassius Clay's (later Muhammad Ali) first professional boxing match to the World's Championship Horse Show, the National Tractor Pull, concerts, family entertainment, and lots more.

It was in basketball that Freedom Hall forged a national reputation as it hosted six NCAA Final Four tournaments from 1958-69. Besides U of L, the University of Kentucky Wildcats have played often in Freedom Hall, including the recent series with the Cardinals and a storied rivalry with the University of Notre Dame in earlier decades.

"Every Kentuckian has a Freedom Hall story, because virtually every Kentuckian has been there at least once," Reed said.

Published by Butler Books, the book retails for \$29.95 and is available on-line at [www.butlerbooks.com](http://www.butlerbooks.com) and [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com), and at selected bookstores (contact Carol Butler at [ckbutler@aol.com](mailto:ckbutler@aol.com) for stores).

## Five Transylvanians named to Leadership Kentucky 2010

Five of the 59 people selected for Leadership Kentucky 2010 are Transylvania graduates. The non-profit educational organization prepares participants to take active roles in the critical issues facing the commonwealth.

The Transylvanians are:

- **John-Mark Hack '88**, director of governmental affairs for Kentucky-American Water Company, Lexington
- **Suzanne Miles '92**, field representative for U.S. Representative Brett Guthrie, Owensboro, Ky.
- **Erwin Roberts '94**, counsel at Frost Brown Todd, LLC, Louisville
- **Carrie Reed Shufflebarger '96**, law partner, Thompson Hine, LLP, Union, Ky.
- **Carla Roberts Whaley '83**, key accounts director for Humana Inc.-Kentucky market, Louisville

**'03 Sara Morton Spencer**, Madisonville, Ky., marketing communications director at Trover Health System in Madisonville, has been appointed by Hopkins County Judge-Executive Donald Carroll to serve on the Hopkins County Tourism Commission Board of Directors for a three-year term.

**Bianca Spriggs-Floyd**, Lexington, has released

her first collection of poems titled *Kaffir Lily* through Wind Publications. It is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Bianca, an Affrilachian poet, is a freelance instructor of composition, literature, and creative writing; a Kentucky Humanities Council lecturer; and the creator and programmer of the Gypsy Poetry Slam featured annually at the Kentucky Women Writers Conference.

## Alumna goes to great lengths to find her purpose

**Anne Arnold-Ratcliff '03** felt unsettled about what she was doing with her life. She has a husband she loves and a great family, but for some reason she couldn't shake a feeling that she could be doing more. When she was younger, she wanted to be an actress, and even today she likes to surf the Internet for videos of Oscar and Tony acceptance speeches.

Last July she watched Tom Hanks' speech after winning the Oscar for *Forrest Gump*, which prompted her to watch the movie. In it, the lead character runs across America, and that idea inspired Arnold-Ratcliff to embark on a journey of her own, but with a twist. She would serve at a charitable organization in each of the 48 continental states.

"It was literally like an epiphany," she said. "My grandmother always used to say, 'The minute you start feeling sorry for yourself, it's your responsibility to help someone else.' I said, 'This is what I'm going to do.'"

So Arnold-Ratcliff began plans for the trip, which she is calling 48 States of Purpose. She set up a website, [www.48sop.com](http://www.48sop.com), and began blogging about her adventure. As of the end of June, she had been to 40 states, working at a feral cat rescue, a blood donation center, an organization that makes ribbons for families of homicide victims, and several others. She even volunteered in the ninth ward of New Orleans building houses for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

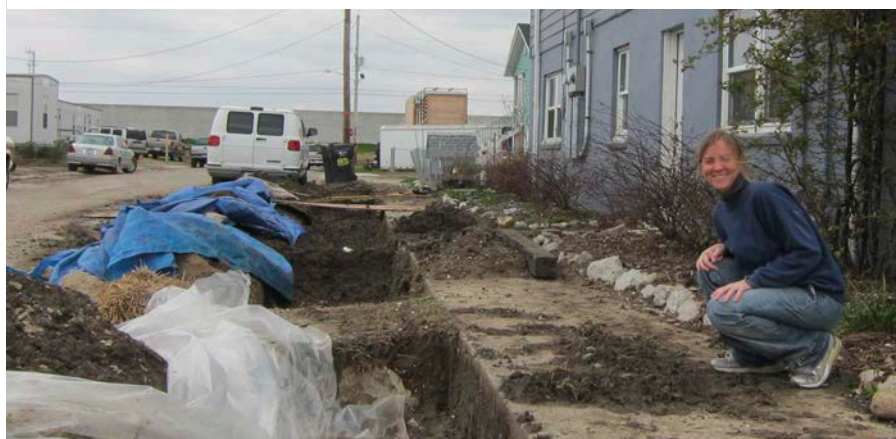
"It was amazing," she said of her New Orleans visit. "Just the subtle hope that surfaces in every single conversation you have is amazing, even when it's five years later and not much work has been done. It's incredibly hopeful and sad and breathtaking all at one time."

Through the journey, Arnold-Ratcliff is spending a lot of time learning about helping people and about herself and what she wants to do with her own life.

"I'm learning a little bit more about me every single day and the people I'm around and the way that you act and the kindness that you should show and the generosity that you should share with other people," she said. "When you are sitting next to a child who is 6 years old, and he is going through dialysis and creating masterful works of sand art, you can't help but put your worries and concerns aside and realize that the position you are in is so much better than so many people in this world that are really, really good people."

Arnold-Ratcliff will be completing her 48 States of Purpose through the rest of 2010. To read about her travels, visit her website.

**Anne Arnold-Ratcliff worked in the ninth ward in New Orleans helping rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. She is doing service work in all 48 contiguous states as a part of her 48 States of Purpose journey.**



**'09 Allison C. Downard**, Athens, Ohio, is an admissions counselor at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio.

## Marriages

**Melissa Ann Penry '78** and David Williams, April 10, 2010

**Joel Patrick Richardson '95** and Sherry O. Northington, November 28, 2009

**Rachelle Cathleen Williams '98** and Jason Dodson, May 29, 2010

**Richard Sandusky Foley '00** and Gwendolyn Dawn Osborne, December 31, 2009

**Catherine Barrington Ford '04** and Thomas Peyton Claycomb '05, October 10, 2009

**Katherine Vincent Wood '04** and William Allen Foster, October 24, 2009

**Nathaniel Edward Valentine '05** and Carrie Jane Ormsby '05, August 8, 2009

## Births

**R. Keith Frank '90** and Dana Frank, a son, Richard MacCarthy Frank, January 13, 2010



**Jennifer Scruggs Johnson '92** and Andy Johnson, a son, William Kilpatrick "Will" Johnson, February 15, 2010

**Lory Wilson Faulconer '94** and Keith Faulconer, a daughter, Lilliana Elayne Faulconer, 19 months, adopted from Russia in December 2009.

**Mary Little Buzard '94** and Chris Buzard, a daughter, Elizabeth Nancy Buzard, February 20, 2010

**Angela J. Vann '94** and Chris Madjor, a son, Luka Alejandro Vann Madjor, January 14, 2010

**Christopher L. Midkiff '95** and Amy Boyles Midkiff '96, a son, Jackson Lane Midkiff, February 9, 2010



**Duby Nagda Sharma '95** and Sumeet Sharma, a daughter, Sapna Rani Sharma, February 4, 2010

**Chrissy Boblitt Evans '97** and Brian Evans, a daughter, Claire Elyse Evans, December 7, 2009

**Jennifer Weller McAllister '97** and Ryan Steven McAllister, a son, Logan Steven McAllister, April 19, 2007, and a daughter, Audrey Joyce McAllister, March 24, 2010

## Alumnus's around-the-world journey filled with surprises

A funny thing happened to **Israel "Izzy" Holden '02** during his recent year-long, around-the-world journey of exploration and personal discovery. He found that his initial apprehensions about traveling the globe as an American were misplaced. On the contrary, he says, everywhere he went people were welcoming and very interested in his American ways.

"Friends asked me, 'Aren't you scared to go travel as an American? Nobody likes us right now,'" Holden said. "I never felt scared. The fear that some Americans may have about traveling abroad never came into my mind."

If there were one place in the world where, because of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, anti-American sentiment might be expected to confront Holden in an immediate way, it would be the Middle East, but that's precisely where he experienced some of the most welcoming feelings.

"The friendliest people I met along the way were the people of Jordan," Holden said. "I stayed at a hostel, and a woman there took me in as the son she never had. She cooked for me, and she brought in friends who would play music, and we would talk. Everywhere you went in the streets, people wanted to know where you were from, and they loved Americans. In a way, I felt like I was a diplomat for the U.S. "

Holden's world odyssey began when he resigned from his job with the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department and drove cross-country to New York City, his departure point. In October 2008, he boarded his first flight and headed for South America with "a backpack and a couple of dollars," and a traveling companion who stayed with him the first five months of the journey. He had purchased an around-the-world ticket from an airline alliance that gives you 16 flights of your choosing over a year's time, leaving and arriving back at the same city and never backtracking.

Over the next year, Holden would visit 23 countries in South America, the

South Pacific, the Far East, the Middle East, and Europe. Along the way, he counted on the hospitality of local people and the hostels for his accommodations. "I slept on people's floors and couches, and spent a lot of time in hostels. In some cases, friends from Los Angeles had put me in touch with their friends and family in certain destinations."

For sheer scenic beauty, Holden gave top marks to the Patagonia Mountains in the southern tip of Chile, where he hiked The W, a famous trail in Torres del Paine National Park, and New Zealand with its "mountains like Colorado and beaches like Hawaii, all in one very small, easy-going country."

In Cambodia, he was invited to join a family reunion of those who escaped the murderous Khmer Rouge in the 1970s and those who stayed behind but survived. Another highlight was Romania, where he visited Transylvania University in Brasov and talked with a graduate who was surprised to learn of Holden's alma mater of the same name.

Besides being reassured about attitudes toward Americans, Holden said he came away from his journey with a new sense of optimism about the world overall.

"I feel like we're not as bad off as some people think," he said. "The world is still a good place, filled with beautiful people and beautiful things that need to be explored and touched. It feels really good to be able to tell people about my positive experiences in the Middle East. The trip helped give me the mindset and confidence to not be afraid to try new things."

Back in Los Angeles, Holden is exploring work with several non-profits, including an orphanage in Mexico where he worked for three months after his world travels. "I want to work directly with, or have a direct effect on, children, and possibly involve my family and friends in a new organization. That's my goal down the road, and, hopefully, that road's not as long as it looks right now."



**Izzy Holden '02 does his best imitation of a giant Buddha he came across in Hong Kong.**

**Stacie L. Walker '97** and Christopher Clough, a daughter, Meryn Florence Clough, April 2, 2010



**Victoria Voss Schopfer '98** and Sean Schopfer, a son, Ethan Patrick Schopfer, November 5, 2009

**P. Mitchell Crump '99** and Shannon Bacher Crump '00, a daughter, Kendall Lee Crump, November 30, 2009

**Tosha Huffman Yunker '99** and Jacob J. Yunker '99, a daughter, Ellen "Ella" Grace Yunker, February 11, 2010

**Natalie Hurt Corrigan '00** and Jason Corrigan, a daughter, Alyssa Karen Corrigan, April 7, 2010

**Claudia Lee French '00** and Warren French, a daughter, Leia Evelyn French, April 27, 2010

**James L. Halfhill Jr. '00** and Danielle Engelkamp Halfhill '03, a son, James Lindsey "Tre" Halfhill III, August 3, 2009



**Adrienne Lima McClellan '01** and Christopher E.



**McClellan '01**, twins, William and Gillian McClellan, April 20, 2009





**Collier T. Mills '01** and **Katherine Thomas Mills '04**, a son, Collier Thomas Mills, January 22, 2010

**Andrea Crawford Spry '01** and **Kris Spry**, a son, Nathan Howard Spry, March 26, 2010



**Kim Lowman Sutton '01** and **Aaron M. Sutton '02**, a son, Joshua Clay Sutton, January 7, 2010

**Sally Francisco Billings '02** and **Nathan Billings**, a son, John Maxwell Billings, December 18, 2009

**R. Lance Garner '02** and **Avery Edwards Garner '02**, a son, Nathan Elijah Garner, November 22, 2009



**Lyndi Campbell Lowman '02** and **E. B. Lowman '02**, a daughter, Caroline DeCarlo Lowman, September 13, 2009

**Kara Guiliani Cecil '03** and **Keith D. Cecil '03**, a daughter, Kiersten Jane Cecil, April 9, 2010

**Stephen E. Kreyenbuhl '03** and **Sidney Allen Kreyenbuhl '04**, a daughter, Louisa Marie Kreyenbuhl, March 12, 2010

**Danielle Walls Sullivan '03** and **Rush Sullivan**, a son, William Rushing Sullivan, March 31, 2010

**Joshua S. Wiglesworth '03** and **Lesley Wellington Wiglesworth '04**, a daughter, Anna Cate Wiglesworth, April 18, 2010

## Obituaries

*Only alumni survivors are listed*

**Donald D. Braden '30**, Denver, brother of **Dale B. Reading '40**, died May 27, 2008.

**Anne Clay Hinkle Baldwin '36**, Paris, Ky., mother of **Anne Clay Thomas Baldwin '68**, died March 13, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and vice president of her junior and senior classes. She was also a member of Stagecrafters and the YWCA. She was a founding partner of Hinkle Contracting Company and taught Sunday school, played piano, and was president of the women's group at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

**Logan Gragg Jr. '37**, Lexington, brother of **Dee Gragg Gudgell '41** and father of **Wyatt L. Gragg '70**, died February 9, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Kappa Alpha

## DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT

Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend 2010 to six alumni who have distinguished themselves as Transylvanians through their professional lives, standards of excellence, and community service.



**H. Steven Banfield '90** was honored for his 20-year career as a recognized leader in the technology industry. Through executive positions at Microsoft, RealNetworks, and Sony, he has been responsible for the creation and marketing of consumer lifestyle products and services used by millions around the world. Among his achievements, he led the RealPlayer business at RealNetworks and was responsible for multimedia features in Windows 95 and Windows NT.



**Catherine Creech '84** was honored for her achievements in law in the public and private sectors. Currently a partner in the accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP's national tax department in Washington, D.C., she was formerly an adviser in the Office of Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. She is a trustee of the Southern Federal Tax Institute and a frequent speaker on tax and employee benefits to client groups and professional organizations.



**William B. Drake Jr. '78** was recognized for his accomplishments in higher education and the ministry. During his eight-year tenure as president of Midway College, enrollment has increased by 70 percent, the main campus has grown from 100 to 200 acres, Midway College Online was launched, and eight bachelor of arts programs were created. He led fund-raising efforts that totaled more than \$20 million. An ordained minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he has ministered at churches in Kentucky and Alabama.



**Franklin McGuire '45** was honored for his distinguished career in the ministry and in the preservation of church history. An ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister, he served churches for 39 years, in Kentucky at West Liberty, Hazard, Georgetown, Jeffersontown, South Elkhorn, and Lexington (Central Christian); in Carthage, Ill.; and in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was curator of Cane Ridge Preservation Project in Bourbon County, Ky., for 14 years. The project preserves the 1791 log church that was the site of the 1801 Cane Ridge revival.



**Charles P. Taylor Jr. '65** was recognized for his accomplishments in development work and music. He is director of Vanderbilt University's Regional Development Program and formerly held fund-raising management positions with the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the Arthritis Foundation in Tennessee. A talented singer/songwriter, he released his first CD in 2003, *Once Upon a Time*, which was included in that year's *Grammy Awards Guide*. His second CD, *For All I Am*, came out in 2008.



**Nancy Holt Weber '80** was honored for her achievements in higher education. She is vice president for continuing education and institutional advancement at the Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort, S.C. A marketing and branding plan she implemented has contributed to a 64 percent increase in enrollment, while continuing education division enrollment has jumped by 182 percent. She formerly worked in student life at Eastern Kentucky University, Transylvania, and the Savannah College of Art and Design.

# Awards 2010

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Five alumni received Distinguished Service Awards during Alumni Weekend 2010 for their outstanding service to Transylvania.



**Sue Almon Bryan '60** has completed two four-year terms on the Board of Visitors. She helped organize the 50th reunion of her class and hosted a hospitality suite to kick off this year's alumni festivities for her classmates. She served as class gift chair and reunion committee chair for her class's 40th and 45th reunions. She hosted a successful regional alumni gathering several years ago in Winter Park, Fla.



**Wandaleen Poynter Cole '67** served on the Alumni Executive Board's career development committee and chaired the nominations and awards committee before being elected president of the board in 2008. She served as gift chair for her class's 40th reunion. She and her husband, Em, hosted Transylvania receptions in their Louisville home in the 1970s and recently in Baltimore. In 1982 she represented the university at a college presidential inauguration.



**Don Nicholson '60** and **Sue McCullagh Nicholson '60** were members of the planning committee for their class's 50th reunion. They are remembered by many alumni for donating a Christmas cruise worth thousands of dollars in order to encourage classmates to make contributions to Transylvania.



**James Stephens '60** was co-chair of his class's 50th reunion. He served as class gift chair in 2005 and reunion committee chair in 2000. At the conclusion of Alumni Weekend 2010, he assisted with the alumni service in Old Morrison Chapel.

fraternity, Stagecrafters, and the YMCA. He earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville and served as a physician in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1941-45. He became clinical director and then superintendent of Eastern State Hospital, where he was recognized in the

*Congressional Record* for establishing comprehensive mental health care in the Appalachian region.

**Evelyn Pfanstiel Riley '40**, Lexington, died February 12, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Pi Kappa Delta sorority and served as president her senior year. She was an honors student and a member of the debate team. She received a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University and returned to Lexington in 1968 to teach at Julia R. Ewan Elementary School. She co-founded the Pfanstiel Riley Scholarship Endowment, which gives \$1,000 to a junior student at Transy.

**William W. Bryden '43**, Canton, Mich., died March 15, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a charter member of the Beta Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Throughout his life he was a professional musician, teacher, principal, and special education instructor.

**Nancy Hinkle Holland '43**, Lexington, died March 7, 2010. After attending Transylvania, she got her nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. She earned her M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1954. She was a faculty member at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, where she was a professor and director of pediatric nephrology.

## New playground dedicated to daughter's memory

**Chad Routt '00**, a claims representative for State Farm Insurance, and **Mary Katherine Fields Routt '01**, a reading intervention teacher for Fayette County Public Schools in Lexington, welcomed their second child, Sophie Caroline Routt, in July 2008.

At birth, Sophie suffered a severe brain injury. After spending a month in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Kentucky, she was able to come home briefly but died on October 6, 2008.

"She fought really hard and inspired all of us," said Mary Katherine. Out of the tragedy, something remarkable was born.

It began when a family friend, Krista Smith Stockton '01, decided to help the Routts find a way to honor Sophie's memory. Together, they rallied the community to raise money needed to build a new playground at Breckinridge Elementary School, where Mary Katherine was a teacher.

Breckinridge had been in need of a new playground for some time. The old playground was so outdated that some of the equipment had been condemned and was to be torn down. It also tend-

ed to collect water and turn to mud in the rain.

The school had been gathering donations for a new playground for years but had only raised \$11,000, about \$24,000 short of what was needed to complete the project. Stockton and the Routts launched a fund-raising effort that included cross-country phone calls and e-mails, raffle tickets, yard sales, a golf scramble, and other events. The city government and a local accounting firm also pitched in, and by the summer of 2009, an additional \$35,000 had been collected.

Mary Katherine called the project "a perfect distraction" for her grieving family. "Sophie changed everything for us," she said. "In two months, she made a huge impression on so many people."

The Sophie Routt Memorial Playground was dedicated in August 2009 with big sister Ella Routt, 4, cutting the ribbon. Now generations of children will enjoy swings, slides, and a jungle gym as Sophie's impact lives on.

Though Mary Katherine now teaches at Squires Elementary, she remains connected to Breckinridge. "My heart will always be here," she said at the dedication.

# Class reunions 2010



## **Robert Barr Society Reunion**

Front row, from left: Virginia Marsh Bell '44, Wayne Bell '40, Ruth Marling Lewis '50, Bill Bronson '50; second row: Jo Garver Wilkerson '54, Mary Margaret Aldridge Meyer '41, Dexter Meyer '41; third row: Clyde McKee '59, Carol Ann Barnes White '50, Gary White '48; back row: Bill Cuzner '55, Owen Hungerford '51, Clyde Arnold '50, Bill Walton '55.



## **Class of 1960 – 50th Reunion/Newest Robert Barr Society Members**

Front row, from left: Jean Stauffer Prehn, Bette Tichenor Blue, Peggy Starkey Cain, Barbara Williams Caswell, Janet McGinnis Richardson, Marie Myers Lancaster, Laura Skillman Mason, Marilyn Carr Felkner; second row: Charles Mathis, Nick Carter, Judy Hardesty Hardin, Sue Spradling Osborne, Hilda Hulett McKee, Betty Kidwell Lyons, Eleanor Webb McCallum, Sue Almon Bryan, Beverly Jouett Longo, Alpha Jo Scott Luallen, William Stroker; third row: Bill Martin, Sue McCullagh Nicholson, Don Nicholson, Jim Stephens, Charles Costabell, Carolyn Linberg Parsons, Dick Longo, Gunther Prehn, Tom Ripy.



**Class of 1965 –  
45th Reunion**

Front row, from left: *Bob Rosenthal, Tommy Johnson, Ann Orme Windley, Martha-Frances Herrin Burak, Sherry Ekin Clem, Bob Mulroy, Ken Voorhis*; second row: *Dave Windley, Irv Pope, Rodger Hammons, Lanny Judd, John Doshna*; back row: *Dan Riley, Doug Logan, Bob Ecroyd, Bob Taylor, Charlie Taylor, Clyde Simmons*.



**Class of 1970 – 40th Reunion**

Front row, from left: *Jana Meece Coode, Julie Davis McDonald, Mildred Finch, Pennie Franklin Redmond, Sue Duvall Sutherland*; second row: *Rick Jones, Dan Sutherland, Barry Bronson, Chris Dally, Ken Blum*; back row: *Anthony Rossano, Chip Wigginton, Josh Santana, Barry Dicken*.



**Class of 1975 – 35th Reunion**

Front row, from left: *Evie Smith, Ruth Sigler-Fons, Laura Sutton Candris, Ann Rosenstein Giles, Jill Brooks-Pellerin, Julie Oldfield Dicken, Judy Richmond Bramblet, Debbie Pollard Catron*; second row: *Diane Farmer Binzel, Anne Willmott Baldwin, Elizabeth Alverson Barr, Louise Farmer Uota, Marf Shopmyer, Alex Krislov, Gerry Meece Musterman, Carolyn Jones McKeehan, Jennifer Lail*; third row: *Bruce Coates, Greg Hardy, Charlie Newquist, Noah Powers, Charlie Wilson, Cary Barr, Tom Burchett, Rick Catron*; back row: *Moe Rawlings, Bob Stiskin, Bill Butz, Dave Marthey*.

**Class of 1980 – 30th Reunion**

Front row, from left: Hope Shaw Brovont, Bonny Hogancamp Huskey, Lib Wilson, Susan Schoff Altman, Libbi Justice Taylor, Leslie Jo Ratliff Ladau; second row: Beth Feamster, Jill McQuate Crouch, Susan Wesley Schafer, Lynn Oliver Frye, Nancy Holt Weber; back row: Eugene Johnson, Ron Taylor, Bob Rouse, Bob Truitt, Mike Delaney, Marc Mathews.



**Class of 1985 – 25th Reunion**

Front row, from left: Tracy Blackburn Clinkinbeard, Marlene Gartner, Jay Baughman, Debby Thomas Grimm, Pam Dingus Howarah; back row: Lowell Clark, Teresa Warren Walker, Sarah Allen McMurtry, Jayne Pitts-Hibberd, Kathryn Mitchell Hite, Rob Dennison.



**Class of 1990 – 20th Reunion**

Front row, from left: Stephanie Miller Broering, Edye Bryant, Stephanie Wilson Bishop, Joanne Sansone Coleman, Melisa Thomas Morris, Laura Harrison Klumb, Stephanie Brown Newton, Christina Scott; second row: Maire Cashman Patino, Angie Moore Smith, Jeff Hoehler, Robin Bowen, Cynthia Ganote, Rena Hallam, Elisa Pape Millett, Allison Melton, Dawn Smith Kelsey, Jane Brooks; third row: Kelly Yount, Phil Anderson, Chris Cook, Sharon Ruble Prevet, Tiffany Wheeler, Becky Ploetner Zaino, Melony Lane, Dawn Wilson, Kara Little Covert, Heather Liggett Jones, John O'Hara; back row: Brian Lane, Andrea Barton Lane, Tracy Stephens Dunn, Miranda Anderson Flanery, Russ Coy, Matt Hall, Steve Cuzner, Tim Newton, Steve Banfield, Dave Hoffman, Adrian Oliver.

# Class reunions 2010



## **Class of 2000 – 10th Reunion**

Front row, from left:  
*Ashleigh Walling, Anna Hope Curwood, Kristie Bulleit Niemeier, Nanci House, Alexandra Silver McConnell, Christie Herring Shrader*; back row: *Courtney Smith, Mindy Block Dicken, Evan Dicken, Chad Ahn, Ben Proctor, Casey Mudd.*



## **Class of 2005 – 5th Reunion**

Front row, from left: *Paige Harrison, Megan Watts Vanoli, Alicia Still, Joe Berry, Erin Jones, Adam Hutchinson, Katie Allan, Rachel Green Brown*; second row: *Amber Young Bathon, Emily Porter Phillips, John Bryden, Tommy Haggin, Meghan Kennedy Melloan, Tonya Jernigan*; third row: *Frank Phillips, Rebecca Moran, Brandon Johnson, Blake Wright, Jonathan Clark, Frank Lucio, Tom Claycomb, Kyle Melloan, Jen Wagenmaker, Mary Jo Kilzer Weaver*; fourth row: *Lauren Meade, Ashley Duncan, Karen Watkins*; fifth row: *Erin Wilson, Julena Troxler, Ryan Taylor, Elizabeth Wells, Keila Rickus, Julie Verax, Colene Elridge*; back row: *Jamie Wilhite, Melissa Carter, Alexis Yocum McDaniel, Amisha Patel, Jamie Hafer, Clint Morris, Clint Jones, Katie Nord, Darren Carrico, Austin McCubbin, Chris Cansler.*



Clockwise, from left, seniors Mr. Pioneer Thomas Baker and Miss Transylvania Anne Wilson are joined by President Charles L. Shearer and his wife, Susan, who were crowned honorary Mr. Pioneer and Mrs. Transylvania in recognition of Shearer's retirement from the presidency; the Cane Ridge Revival Band (alumni members Bill McDonald '67, far left; Ann Dickey Haynes '69, keyboard; Julie Davis McDonald '70, far right) entertains Saturday night during dessert and dancing at the Marriott Griffin Gate; Thomas Baker leads dancing at the Crimson Affair; physical education professor and retired men's head basketball coach Don Lane uses an old team halftime talk to motivate his Senior Sendoff audience. Photos by Joseph Rey Au

# Alumni Weekend 2010

**Coleman J. Moffett '44**, Lexington, died February 13, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of the football and basketball freshman teams. He attended the Temple University School of Dentistry and served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years, when he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

**Donald E. Ries '46**, Louisville, died June 11, 2009. He was a retired purchasing agent and outside sales representative for Fountain Truck Equipment. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of St. Andrew United Church of Christ.

**Martha Kalb Roush '46**, New Richmond, Ohio, mother of **Janet Roush Gemma '71** and grandmother of **Stella Gemma Loveland '02**, died March 15, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Lambda Omega sorority and the YWCA. She earned her master's degree in religious education from Lexington Theological Seminary and taught elementary school for 25 years.

**Ralph L. Versaw '46**, Lexington, husband of **Mary Harned Versaw '48** and father of **Janice Versaw Kummer '76** and **Barbara Versaw Smith '71**, died January 21, 2010. At Transylvania, he served as

president of the student body and the student council and was a member of Lampas, the swim team, a cappella choir, Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, and A.W. Fortune Circle. He was also a photographer for the yearbook. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was a homebuilder and served as president of the Lexington Homebuilders Association in 1961.

**Ruth Cloyd McKee '47**, Huntsville, Tex., sister of **Ann Cloyd Warner '47** and **Lois Cloyd Blinka '47**, died November 19, 2009. At Transylvania, she was a member of Lambda Delta sorority, where she served as secretary her junior year. She was a charter member of the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and served as a hospital volunteer for many years. She was an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

**Earl A. Roberts '48**, Versailles, Ky., husband of **Bonnie Lee Roberts '50**, died February 18, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and lettered in basketball and baseball. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from State Farm Insurance.

**Maxwell R. James '50**, Charlotte, N.C., died

February 26, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, serving as president in 1948-49. He lettered in basketball and baseball and was a member of Men's Lampas. He was voted Most Athletic by his classmates his senior year. He served in World War II in European combat and received a Purple Heart. He retired from A.O. Smith Corporation in Tipp City, Ohio, where he served on the city council, planning board, and the volunteer fire department.

**Ira J. Perry '51**, Midlothian, Va., died January 2, 2010. He retired from Phoenix Mutual Life.

**Doris Loyd Ledendecker '52**, Glasgow, Ky., died March 17, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, a cappella choir, and the YWCA. She received her master's degree from the University of Louisville and was an elementary school teacher for 26 years. She wrote class letters for the class of '52 and received Transylvania's Certificate of Appreciation Award in 2002.

**James T. Renfro '52**, Lexington, died December 18, 2009. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he served as treasurer in 1950, and the Geological Society.

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### 2011 alumni trips planned

**Reflections of Italy** 10-day tour departs **March 14, 2011**, and includes 14 meals (eight breakfasts, one lunch, five dinners). Highlights are: Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • Florence • Chianti Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Lugano • Switzerland • Como. Per person cost based on double occupancy of \$2,959 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington, Cincinnati, or Louisville. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but **before September 15, 2010**.

**Historic Reflections** 11-day luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina departs **May 15, 2011**, and includes all meals, entertainment, and use of facilities aboard the ship. Ports of call: Athens (Greece) • Ephesus (Turkey) • Santorini and Zakynthos (Greece) • Sicily's Taormina, Amalfi/Positano, Rome, Florence, Pisa (Italy) • Monte Carlo (Monaco) • Provence (France) • Barcelona (Spain). Special discounted price includes airfare from Cincinnati and several major U.S. cities and starts at \$3,699 per person if booked by **August 19, 2010**. Deposit of \$850 due at time of reservation.

**Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park** eight-day tour departs **September 10, 2011**, and includes nine meals (six breakfasts, three dinners). Highlights are: Waterton Lakes National Park • Glacier National Park • "Going to the Sun Road" • Banff • Columbia Icefields • Athabasca Falls • Jasper • Calgary. Per person cost based on double occupancy of \$2,499 includes roundtrip airfare from Lexington, Cincinnati, or Louisville. Deposit of \$250 due at time of reservation but **before April 10, 2011**.

Other trips in the works for 2011: **Trains of the Colorado Rockies** (late July/early August), and **Beijing City Stay** (mid/late October). Chemistry professor Jerry Seebach's **California Wine Country** trip has been postponed until June 2011. Check [www.transy.edu/alumni](http://www.transy.edu/alumni) for updates. For a trip brochure, contact Natasa Pajic '96 or Tracy Dunn '90 in the alumni office at (800) 487-2679.

### Executive Board officers, members elected

On April 10 during the 2010 Alumni Celebration Luncheon, the Alumni Association elected Melony J. Lane '90 as president and Candice Caine Zaluski '71 as president-elect of the Alumni Executive Board. The following were elected to three-year board terms: Clarissa Short Beiting '93, Robert Croft '02, Kay Taylor Gevedon '64, Mark D. Goss '82, James M. Groves '56, Mamata Majmundar '95, Betsy J. Newman '06, Charles E. Newquist '75, and Christopher H. Reitz '03.

### Keep 'Bumpers' title with strong finish

Transylvania supporters living in Kentucky are gearing up for a third consecutive victory in the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities' Battle of the Bumpers.

The Battle of the Bumpers is an annual competition among the state's 20 independent colleges and universities to put the most campus license plates on Kentucky highways, and in turn raise the most money for student scholarships—each Transy license plate generates \$10 for the general scholarship fund. The Crimson faithful came through big in 2009, buying or renewing 735 license plates and widening Transy's lead over second-place Centre College and third-place Georgetown College.

The 2010 contest began January 1 and ends December 31. For more information and for contact information for your county clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System website at <http://mvl.ky.gov/MVLWeb/>.

### Save the date—Alumni Weekend 2011 Sweet Home Transylvania

Mark your calendar and join classmates and Transy friends in Lexington April 29-May 1 for Alumni Weekend 2011. The following classes will celebrate special reunions: Robert Barr Society (classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956), 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006. If you are a member of one of those classes, please make sure the alumni office has your current mailing and e-mail addresses. To help plan your class reunion, contact Natasa Pajic '96, director of alumni programs, at [npajic@transy.edu](mailto:npajic@transy.edu).

### Ways to stay connected

There are many ways to stay connected to your alma mater. First, inform the alumni office when you change your e-mail or street address and your phone number. Contact Elaine Valentine at [alumni@transy.edu](mailto:alumni@transy.edu) with changes or to verify information. Join the alumni on-line community at [www.alumni.transy.edu](http://www.alumni.transy.edu) to register for alumni events and browse the alumni directory for the latest news on classmates. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/TransylvaniaUniversityAlumni). For professional networking, join the Transylvania University Alumni group on LinkedIn. To conveniently donate to your alma mater, visit [www.transy.edu/giving](http://www.transy.edu/giving) to participate in Giving Electronically Monthly (GEM).

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He lettered in basketball. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, after which he became a credit manager for Genesco.

**John Mitchell Bailey III '54**, Shelbyville, Ky., died February 21, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and played baseball. He received his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He was a retired teacher and coach at Shelby County High School.

**Theophilus M. Carroll '54**, Waukegan, Ill., father of **Theophilus D. Carroll '77** and brother of **E. Tipton Carroll Jr. '58**, died February 1, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Legion of Merit. He went on to pastor for more than 55 years at several churches around the country.

**Dolly Hays Todd '59**, Winder, Ga., died March 30, 2010. She was a member of the Georgia Bar Association and practiced law in Columbus, Ga., for more than 15 years.

**Anna Ruth Clark '61**, Lexington, died January 12, 2010.

**Darrell D. Wheeler '62**, West Liberty, Ky., died January 21, 2010. At Transylvania, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and played intramural sports. He was a Transylvania Merit Scholar and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, after which he became a professor emeritus at the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Evelyn "Zane" Riddle Doshna '67**, Oakland, Fla., wife of **John Doshna Jr. '65**, died February 7, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Pi Kappa Delta sorority and played on the soccer team.

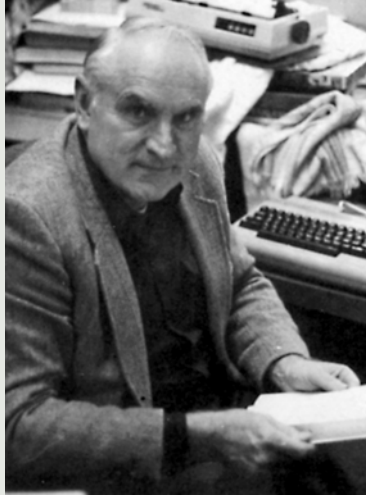
**Judith Meier Murphey '67**, Macon, Ga., wife of **Lee B. Murphey '67**, died February 24, 2010. At Transylvania, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and worked in several offices on campus. She retired in 2008 after more than 30 years as an interior designer.

**David S. Hartman '69**, Ringwood, N.J., husband of **Karen Trueblood Hartman '69**, died June 30, 2009. He was an officer in the U.S. Army before a lifetime career in human resources.

**Ralph M. Wenzel Jr. '69**, League City, Tex., died December 25, 2009. *Information in the obituary for Ralph M. Wenzel '69 in the spring issue of Transylvania magazine was mistakenly about his father, also named Ralph Wenzel.*

**Michael D. McCaslin '72**, Pendleton, Ind., died February 18, 2010. At Transylvania, he

## J. Hill Hamon, former biology professor, dies



Former Transylvania biology professor **J. Hill Hamon** died May 8, 2010. He was 78 years old.

Hamon, who retired in 1996 after 28 years at Transy, was known as a passionate and witty lecturer who instilled an excitement for the sciences that affected biology and non-biology majors alike.

"His lectures were very informative," **J. B. Embry '72**, a Lexington dentist, said. "He went into the subject matter quite deeply. In his own way he could keep your attention up and active. He had a very nice way of delivering information with a good bit of humor involved."

When Hamon came to Transylvania, he embraced the idea of lifelong learning and became a model of expanding inter-

est and knowledge. He audited approximately 50 courses while he was a faculty member and was able to discuss and debate thoroughly a wide variety of topics ranging from literature to philosophy to history. He was an accomplished classical pianist and even taught a photography course.

"If he lived to be 200 years old, he would not be finished learning," psychology professor **Mike Nichols '68** said. "He was truly a Renaissance man, and he stayed active and creative in retirement. He was a pilot, biologist, professor, author, concert pianist, photographer, paper maker, printer, miniature book artisan, and so much more. But his greatest talent was making, keeping, and supporting friends. I'll miss him a lot."

Hamon was known throughout the area not only for his teaching, but for his typesetting and letterpress printing, a nearly extinct craft that he kept as a hobby for years before his passing. He was profiled in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in 1984 for his hand-printed miniature books that could fit in the palm of a person's hand, and he hand-made a book chronicling the history of Pleasant Grove Christian Church in 1994 on his press, which was built in 1889. Even typesetting, though, was not immune to Hamon's humor.

"He gave a piano recital here at Transy, and he printed the program," Nichols said. "He printed a card that was inserted that said, 'The Yamaha Piano Company is pleased to announce that Dr. Hamon will be playing a Steinway.'"

"He's going to be missed by a lot of people," Embry said. "He's an irreplaceable individual; no one will ever come around like him."

Hamon, who lived in Frankfort, Ky., received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, a master's degree from the University of Kentucky, and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. His first faculty position was at Indiana State University before he came to Transylvania in 1968.

was a member of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, where he served as vice president. He was athletic trainer for the men's basketball team under head coach Lee Rose and a member of the golf team, lettering in 1970-71, coached by Roland Wierwille. The Pioneer Hall of Fame honored him in 2009, creating the Michael D. McCaslin Award for those who make extraordinary contributions to Transy and the athletics program.

**William Heyburn III '74**, Louisville, died December 6, 2009.

**Steven A Buren '86**, Louisville, died March 25, 2010. He was a landscape designer and avid traveler.

**Patrick S. Lord '01**, San Francisco, died March 26, 2010. He was a visual merchandising manager for the West Elm Company in California.

■ **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.**